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HYMN.

ELI SHEPPERD.

I acknowledge I did wrong—
Stayed in the wilderness mos' too long;
But I'll sign my hand ter de Gospel plow,
An' I'll take my start ter Glory now.
Plow dis furrough ter Heaven's do'—
Ain't gwine loose dis plow no mo'.

I acknowledge I did wrong,
But now I'm gwine whar I belong;
Fer I'll lay my hand on de Christian hoe
An' I ain't gwine let no meanness grow.
Hoe dis row to heaven's do'—
Ain't gwine loose dis hoe no mo'.

I acknowledge I did wrong—
Onet I wuz singin' a banjo song;
But I'll fill my hand wid de Gospel seed,
An' I'll sow so thick I'll choke de weed.
Drap dem seeds fer Heaven's do'—
Ain't gwine cease dem seeds ter sow.

I acknowledge I did wrong—
Stayed in de sinner rear mos' too long,
But I'll take my fork in harves' time,
An' I'll fling my sins afur behime.
I'll fork an' pitch ter Heaven's do'—
When I git dar I'll work no mo.'

"THE POSADAS."

A PECULIAR CUSTOM OF MEXICO.

We are under obligations to Judge Walter Clark for a late copy of *The Two Republics*, a daily paper published at the city of Mexico. It is printed in English and is very interesting. In general appearance it resembles papers of the same size (six column folio) published in the United States. Among other items it contains a description of "Posadas," a peculiar custom of old Spanish rule which has remained in the country. The "Posadas" (inns) commemorate the nine days journey of the Blessed Virgin and St. Joseph from Nazareth to Bethlehem on the eve of the birth of Christ, when the mother of Jesus tried to find an inn in which shelter could be obtained.

When rightly celebrated the entire house is illuminated with candles, tapers, etc. The family and invited friends commence to march in procession from some given room, and they walk through the corridors and hallways, holding lighted a tapers and singing litanies. Figures are carried representing St. Joseph and the Virgin Mary, and even sometimes a donkey is pressed into service to represent the faithful beast of burden which carried the Holy Family in some of its journeyings.

As the procession passes from door to door, the travellers knock, and having been refused admittance, at several of the rooms they are at last allowed to enter a room where they are greeted with singing. The Holy figures are then put away in a corner of the room for the next day, and the fun of the evening commences—the breaking of the "pinata."

The "pinata" is an earthern jar handsomely decorated and covered with bright ornaments It is filled with candy and toothsome delicacies and is suspended from the ceiling in the centre of the room. The children, armed with sticks are allowed to try to break it. Once broken the contents fall to the children, after which gifts and refreshments are handed around. There is now less style and elegance in the matter of gifts than in the olden days when two thousand dollars would be spent on a "posada" and gifts of gold and silver would be distributed.

The "posadas" of Christmas eve are slightly different from those of the previous nights. A room is selected generally to represent the stable in Bethlehem and the guests are expected to be present there about the supposed time of Christ's birth. Previous to this hour supper is served at which fish and salads and "revotillo" predominate. The latter is a spicy thirst provoking dish. Wine in plenitude follows the supper. The young people then are expected to choose partners, for the dance. During the nine days balls will be held nightly at the places where "posadas" are set up.

CAUGHT HIM.

A burglar entered a house at Waterford, Ireland, and after purloining everything he could find he prepared to remove a large photographic camera that was standing on a table. In some way he touched off a magnesium flash light attachment that was part of the machine, and fled precipitately when the thing flared up. The next day it was found that the camera had taken the photograph of the burglar. The negative was placed in the hands of the police, and by its aid they quickly nabbed their man. It showed the burglar with a jimmy in one hand and a box containing jewelry under his arm, while he carried a sack over his shoulder with valuable pieces of plate, books, etc., and was gazing at the flash light in open mouthed amazement.

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Speak not of a dead man at the table.

NO ANCELS.

Col. Bob. Ingersoll insists that there are no angels. He is mistaken. They have appeared on earth many a time and oft. A New York paper gives an account of one of which was observed on an elevated car in that city only last week. A newsboy slipped into a seat at one of the stations and fell asleep. His feet were bare and his hat had fallen off. Presently a charming creature entered the car and sat opposite him. A few moments later she leaned over and placed her muff under the little fellow's dirty cheek. An old gentleman in the next seat smiled at the act, and without saying anything held out a quarter with a nod toward the boy; the girl hesitated a moment and then reached for it. The next man just as silently offered a dime, a woman across the aisle held out some pennies, and before she knew it the girl with flaming cheeks had taken money from every passenger in that end of the car. She quietly slid the amount into the sleeping lad's pocket, gently removed her muff from under his head without rousing him and got off at twenty-third street, including all of the passengers in a pretty little inclination of the head that seemed full of thanks and a common secret. Now how could Mr. Ingersoll have convinced that boy when he awoke that there were no angels?

HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

Do not try to keep your house warm by getting a new mortgage on it.

Avoid waste. Keep your match stuls until some leisure day when you and your boy may whittle them into toothpicks.

Keep your woodpile indoors. Woodpiles are frequently warped by the night air if left outdoors.

A good way to cool champagne is to place it in the coal chute on a snowy night and leave the coal hole open. If no one falls on it and breaks it it will be nicely frapped before morning.

A nice, harmless home game for these winter evenings is progressive guessing, in which you and your wife and invited friends try to guess how many pounds there are in the last ton of coal you received.

If you wish to retain your equanimity always go down your front steps on your feet. A habit some men have of sliding down the steps on cold winter mornings is, to say the least, not dignified.

Young and timid wives will be pleased to know that Mr. Edison is perfecting a trigger attachment for flats and houses, by pulling which the cook may be discharged without any unpleasantness.

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THEY WERE SPARED.

When Mr. Cole, a well known circus proprietor in the south, sold his stock in New Orleans, three dun ring horses that he had owned for years went with the others by mistake. Mr. Cole at once bought them back, saying that he would never consent to have the horses become the property of any one who would make them work, and he had decided to put them to a painless death. He proposed bleeding them to death, but W. B. Leonard, a liveryman, suggested that the use of chloroform would be a better and less painful mode. This was finally decided upon, and a reliable man procured, who was to have performed the operation.

They were all collected in the circus tent. There was Cole, Leonard, the riders and the clowns, the ringmaster, the tumblers and the leapers and the three pet duns. Calling the little mare by name, he told her to kiss them all good-by. The intelligent animal, stretching forward her head, kissed each one. This was more than they could stand, and the sacrifice was put off. Cole had no place to take them to, so Mr. Leonard promised to find some one who would assume charge of them, under a guarantee never to work them, but to keep them in good order until death should claim them for the grave.—St. Louis *Republic*.

A Western man came to see Longfellow's house, which had been General Washington's headquarters during the War of Independence, and when he was taking leave of the venerable poet, who had most courteously shown him over the place, shook hands and said: "Well, good-by, General; I am proud to see you looking so hale at your advanced age."

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The dog gnaws the bone because he cannot swallow it.

CHARACTER IN WALKING

Negroes all toe out; Indians all toe in.

Women, if healthy, toe out; most men toe in a little, at least with the right foot. Notice yourselves and see.

The passionate and strong wear the inner or outer rim of the heel off, but men more frequently the outer and women the inner.

A man going placidly along, his nose a little elevated, alert, with his hat tipped straight back, is generally found to be observant; if a woman, self conscious and proud.

An observant, keenly watchful man, if thoughtful and imaginative, often goes gazing at the ground before him, with a slow, listless pace, seeing only the fragile castles of fancy.

If we see a man walking, and notice furtive side glances, if his walk is shuffling or sly, we will find a deceitful wretch; or if better educated, a somewhat cunning man, or better still, a man secretive and observant. If in a woman, the base is vanity or love of praise.

The "bearing of a prince" means nothing more, physically, than a finely formed athletic man using all his locomotive muscles naturally, but the "regal carriage of a queen" means little more than the eloquent curves of back, neck and beautiful poise of the head.

SUPERSTITIONS.

If the broom falls across the doorway a stranger is announced.

The hearth has from antiquity been the most sacred corner of the house.

Hindoos and Mohammedans cannot die in bed, and the dying Brahmins must be carried to the banks of the sacred Ganges.

The ancients dropped a looking-glass into the water, and divined the fate of a sick person by the reflection of his countenance.

The bridal bed must, in many parts of Germany, be made out of the wood of living trees, dead wood being ominous of evil influences.

Sometimes a door will silently open of itself without any visible cause. The Vosgiens consider this an omen of death to someone in the house.

The Devonshire maiden still stands before the mirror, with a candle in her hand eating an apple, and beholds therein the face of her future spouse.

It is held in Devonshire to be disastrous to anyone sleeping on a feather bed that has been "turned" on Sunday, and housewives carefully refrain from doing so.

As to the deathbed, there is a superstition in Yorkshire that no one can die comfortably in bed, and dying persons have been dragged out and laid on the floor to insure them an easy death.

HUMAN AND DIVINE LOVE

After all the thousand daily distractions and perplexities and wearing frets of the house mother are summoned up, it is no small satisfaction to her to know that she is the dispensing centre of happiness to so many dependent ones. True, all over the house resounds unceasingly the cry, "where's mother?" but what a blessed thing to be a mother! How quickly, when a little head is laid upon the lap, and bright eyes look up into hers, does she forget all her weariness and sleepless nights of care, or not forgetting, accept them cheerfully for their sweet sakes. She who does not feel this, to whom it is all drudgery and no delight, has our sincerest pity; for nothing else, surely, could lighten the inevitably wearing duties of her position. And how mercifully it is ordained that the sickliest and most helpless child, with all its diseased irritation, should often be loved in proportion to the anxiety it calls forth. And yet when we have measured the height and depth of this beautiful self forgetting devotion, how immeasurably does it fall short of the forbearance, all forgiving love and sleepless watchfulness of "Our Father!"

HATCHED ON AN ENGINE.

A young man in Meadville, Pa. thought he would like to be a locomotive fireman. He made his application to the New York Pennsylvania and Ohio road and was sent out to learn the ropes. Thinking he might get hungry before his return he put a dozen raw eggs in a tin pail which he placed in the tank box. The trip was such an eventful and busy one that the eggs were forgotten, and as it was the last "run" of the would be fireman, who became disgusted with the life he wanted to lead, the pail and its contents were left in the tank box. Three weeks later, when the engineer went to the box for some tools, he discovered a new dinner pail, which he appropriated. Taking his find to the engine he removed the cover, and lo and behold! there lay nine lovely young chickens, only three of the eggs having failed to hatch in their patentless incubator. In proof of the story he exhibits the fowls in his henery.—Phildelphia *Times*.

The dainties of the great are the tears of the poor.

ENGLISH APPLE LORE.

In England and in Scotland the apple is a very popular divining medium in love matters.

In Lincolnshire a very common remedy for weak eyes is a poultice made of rotten apples.

It used to be the custom in Devonshire and the other western fruit producing counties of England to perform a sacrifice to the apple tree on twelfth night.

Horace mentions the use of apple pips in love affairs. A lover would take a pip between the finger and thumb and shoot it up to the ceiling, and, if it struck it, his or her wish would be accomplished.

Gay mentions the very common amusement of paring an apple without breaking the peel and then throwing the strip over the left shoulder, to see the initial letter of the lover's name formed by the shape the paring takes upon the ground.

A DEATH BED SALUTE.

It was the custom among the Romans to give the dying a last kiss, in order, as they thought, to catch the parting breath. Spenser, in his pastoral elegy on the death of Sir Philip Sidney, mentions it as a circumstance which renders the loss of his illustrious friend more to be lamented, that no one was nigh to close his eyelids "and kiss his lips." A little after he notices the "dearest love" of the deceased weeping over him.

When Lord Nelson was dying on board his flagship he took leave of his faithful friend Hardy by kissing him. "Kiss me, Hardy," he said, and these were the last words he uttered. And so, too, Sir Walter Scott, when dying, kissed Lockhart, saying, "Be good, my dear, be good."

CULINARY MAXIMS.

Living is the best revenge.

Another's bread costs dear.

All griefs with bread are less.

Flies trouble not the boiling pot.

A little with quiet is the only diet.

Every day brings its bread with it.

A little kitchen maketh a large house.

He that eats the hard shall eat the ripe.

All things require skill, but an appetite.

Cincinnati ladies just now have a craze for the divided skirt—"leglets" they are called.

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JAMES W. LANCASTER.

B. B. B.

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