

Preparations For Their Deaths.
They were blasting rocks near a river and dynamite had been placed in different localities.
The family of a colored fisherman were curiously inspecting the work, though they had been warned away on numerous occasions.
One day the old woman, pipe in mouth, was standing with her two children near a barrel of dynamite, when suddenly there was a terrific explosion and the family went up with it.
The head of the family witnessed the tragedy from a distance. The next morning he approached the mayor of the town and said:
"If you please, sah, I want to know what cemetery lots is sellin' fer in de collud buryn' ground?"
"Have you recovered 'em—the bodies?" asked the mayor sympathetically.
"No, sah, not yet," was the reply, "but I'm expectin' 'em ter come down mos' any minute!"—Atlanta Constitution.

The Apex Had It.
There is a certain representative in the house from a western state whose secretary is a young lady. She is pretty, and she is as bright as the sun in good looking, being also the possessor of a pair of beautiful eyes.
The other day she called on a cabinet official to ask a favor for a constituent. The grave and dignified head of the department looked at her and said:
"My dear young lady, I am afraid I cannot do what you ask, although your big brown eyes."
"Then the eyes have it," quick as a flash the young lady said. And she got what she requested.—Washington Star.

A Careful Distinction.
A journalist is a man who when he gets a position begins to clamor for an assistant. A newspaper man is one who catches up with the old ends of his job on Sunday.—Minneapolis Journal.

Preventable Diseases.
Hear what a great scientist writes: "More than half a million people die every year from diseases that are called preventable or fifth or germ diseases. They are so called because they could be prevented. They are derived from filth and dirt and are caused by germs."
"The big sanitation of the great cities of America causes pollution of the water, soil and air of the land. People drink polluted water, breathe polluted air and live on polluted soil. As a consequence they are poisoned. The instinctive remedy appears to be alcohol. Sewer gas and the general products of the putrefaction of dead organic matter poison the blood, depress the spirits, weaken the appetite and digestion, and the people drink alcohol."
"I believe the great cause of learning to drink is sickness and poor sanitation and that is what makes prohibitory laws difficult or impossible. The way to secure prohibition is to banish disease and disease infection from the earth. The disease poisons are the constituents of King Alcohol. If they are banished, he will abdicate without waiting to be prohibited."

How It Was.
Giston—Where did you get that \$51 I thought you were dead broke.
Tiller—I was, but I met Ricker and borrowed it of him.
Giston—Why, I didn't know that Ricker was acquainted with you.
Tiller—Well, I'll tell you how it is. I'm acquainted with him, but I suspect he isn't acquainted with me. If he was, I am inclined to think I shouldn't have got the five.—Boston Transcript.

Biblical Confirmation.
Parson—What do you gather from the lesson of the five wise and the five foolish virgins?
Student—That at least one-half the women are foolish.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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ONLY BREAKING-GROUND.
Yet Horace Greeley Made Sir William Russell Understand John Brown.
A tall, lean, careworn old man, with white face and unkempt gray hair tumbled any way on his head, keen eyes and mobile lips, dressed in an ill fitting seedy suit of black, a twisted neckcloth with the ends hanging anyhow over a crumpled shirt, called on me early in the day at the Clarendon and plunged in medias res by asking me whether I had "grasped all the facts of the great victory achieved in Mr. Lincoln's election—that is, sir, if the president knows how to use it. There is the victory! What are the fruits of it to be?" I candidly confessed that I was like a man groping his way through a wood in the dark. "There is no darkness, sir! It is all light to those who open their eyes and wish to see." Then and there he bound me to come over and breakfast with him next morning. "I will let you see the light and know the truth! I shall have papers ready for you. You can give me a couple of hours, I suppose!"
I kept my tryst, found my way to his room by the aid of his "help." Opening his door, I beheld piles of newspapers, books and pamphlets on the chairs, on the floor, on the table at which he sat, with proofs laid out, something like a shipwrecked mariner on a reef drying his clothes in the sun, but the confusion of the scene and the want of comfort in the look of the place and of the man were speedily forgotten. After a few words of courteous welcome Horace Greeley proceeded to expound his doctrines concerning "chattel slavery," which, he was careful to remind me, had first been introduced by Englishmen into America. He spoke with earnestness which commanded attention, now and then reading a passage from a book or a pamphlet, occasionally digressing to leave rhetorical bricks against Mr. Buchanan and southerners whose names I was not familiar with.
An hour passed, and still he went on. I was hungry, and heard no clink of cups and saucers. After another hour I looked at my watch. "Bear with me a little longer! I wish you to understand clearly the villainous machinations by which these scoundrels mastered the people, blinded them, destroyed their moral sense, degraded the legislature and corrupted the administration of the law," etc. For another hour and ten minutes I sat, and still the flood poured on. Mr. Greeley had forgotten all about breakfast. I had not. Besides, I had engagements to keep. As he was rising to the height of his great argument, with many apologies for the interruption, I said I must go. "But you will come back again! I have some more important matters to explain to you, and I was only just breaking ground." I never saw Horace Greeley again. I went to Washington next day. I was moved by his sincerity and enthusiasm. He made me understand John Brown.—"Recollections of the Civil War," by Sir William Howard Russell, LL.D., in North American Review.

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