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LONG AGO. I am sitting in the twilight, Thinking of the "Long Ago;" And sweetest thoughts of by-gone days Steal o'er me, as in days of yore.

How to Make a Man Mad. There never have been more than three men who have cared a snap what the papers said about them.

We recall to mind a New Hampshire man who said he hadn't the least interest in any thing of the sort.

And when he heard that a certain weekly had spoken of him as a prominent citizen, he drove seventeen miles in a pouring rain and over a muddy road to get a copy of that paper.

He wanted to see the market reports in it. We have had that little transaction in mind for some time, and it suggested to us a racket which we have worked with great success.

We select as a victim some man, ambitious of fame, but who never has had the privilege of gazing upon his name in print more than two or three times in his life.

Did you see that item about you the other day? Great skid, wasn't it? Immediately his face lights up.

He is breathlessly eager for an answer. The reply, deliberately: "What paper? Well, we don't exactly remember. Think it was one of the city papers, but wouldn't be certain. Possibly it was a Western exchange."

He looks gloomy, but hope springs eternal in the human breast. "You think it was a city paper," he asks.

"Yes." "How long ago did it appear?" "Don't know exactly. Saw it only two or three days ago, but it might have been an old paper."

"Well, what did it say?" he asks in desperation. "Oh, it was a very pleasant little item."

"Yes, but what did it say?" "Oh, we don't remember. Just remember seeing it." "Why didn't you save it for me?"

"Why, thought of course you'd see it." "Well, I'll go and look over the file of the city papers and see if I can find it."

"Dear boy," we say, "you'll find it much easier to find a needle in a bottle of hay. Think of the interminable task of examining the files of seven or eight dailies for a month back."

The utter hopelessness of his ever seeing that paragraph dawns upon him. His face assumes a look of abject misery, despair, and baffled curiosity.

When we meet him three days later he is just getting over the feeling of gloom, and settling down to solid hatred of us for not saving the item for him.

Kissing Dogs. We fear the article we published in regard to girls who kiss dogs has been taken wrong by some.

Up to Snuff. A young man with a nose like a razor and an eye which would have raised a blister on sheet iron halted a pedestrian on Gratiot avenue.

Mormon Women's Ways. A correspondent of the New York World writes from Salt Lake City, where he was sent to picture the pleasures and conveniences of polygamy.

'He Set Right Dar.' "Yes, sah, Kurnel Bonso Smith an dead—dead as a herrin," sah.

Democratic Platform. We congratulate the people of North Carolina on the era of peace, prosperity and good government which has been unbroken since the incoming of a Democratic State administration.

SMALL BITES. In charity it may be better to give than receive; but in kissing it is about equal.

A ship is always called "she," though we have often heard of mail steamers.

Hanging is capital punishment, especially when you are hanging on some good-looking girl's arm.

A reverend gentleman is lecturing on "Wine, Water, Women, Wit, Wisdom," and it's enough to 'W up with laughter.

"Well, I'll be bound," as the man remarked when he heard quoted the lines, "Chains of gold are fetters still."

It does aggravate a man to think that while his wife isn't afraid to tackle him and nearly yank his head off, she is badly terrorized by a cow that can chase her out of the yard at any time.

It is estimated by the census of 1880, that there is an average of five and a quarter persons to each family.

An exchange unfeelingly adds: "In many of them the husband is the quarter."

The reporter of a Boston paper went to see the panorama of "Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress." The man at the door refused to admit him without paying.

Send Mr. Bunyan out here; he will let me in.

"A Newspaper under the vest makes a capital chest protector." Care should be taken, however, to select a paper on which there is nothing due.

Dew creates dampness, and the wearer might catch cold therefrom.

A Gentleman somewhat advanced in life, and who never was remarkable for good looks, asked his grandchild what he thought of him.

Still in Doubt. When a grocer in Port Huron, Michigan, was said last winter to have experienced religion, the statement was carried to a prominent deacon, who inquired:

Perfectly Satisfaction. A farmer's wife bustled into a store in a town up the Hudson a few days ago, and went for the proprietor with:

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The Happy Past. A seedy-looking fellow dropped into the city editor's room and failing to borrow a half-dollar he begged to narrate his experience.

I used to be an officer of State, I did. I was sheriff, and member of the Legislature, and constable, and clerk of the courts, and judge, and a candidate time and again, and had a high old frolic, I did.

"I don't believe it," said the city editor.

"Why don't you?" "Because I have a letter here which says you are a thief and a liar, and a scoundrel and a villain, and a traducer and a perjurer, and a defaulter and a plotter, and a low-down brawler and a lover of all that is vile and wicked and dishonest and abhorrent to decent people, and a—"

"Aha! stranger, go on and read that all over again, and read it loud. It sounds like old times. It brings back the days when I ran for office. It reads like an editorial in the opposition paper, and brings again to my memory that blessed period when I felt like I was somebody and life was worth living.

Oh, glorious hours of my past, will ye ever come back to me?" and the tears rolled down his cheeks as the city editor pronounced again the magic words and then gave him a quarter to sober up on.

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"My wife's mother," responded McGinnis, "his visited me only once in the last five or six years. The last time she came to see me was when I was first married, five years ago."

"Lucky man! When is she going to visit you again?" "How can I tell! She has not got through with her first visit yet—but I can't see where the luck comes in."

"I am too old a soldier to fear an enemy lead by deserters." Alfred M. Scales, August, 9 1882.

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And whereas it is seriously suggested that a vigorous effort will soon be made to compel the State, by judicial proceedings, to pay the fraudulent and unlawful special tax bonds, amounting to \$22,000,000, issued under legislation passed by the Republican Legislature in 1868 and 1867; therefore,

Resolved, further, That the Democratic party will resist such recovery and the payment of such bonds by every lawful means.

Resolved, That the course of the Democratic party since its accession to power in North Carolina in furtherance of popular education is a sufficient guarantee that we earnestly favor the education of all classes of our people, and that we will advocate any legislation looking to an increase of the fund for that purpose that will not materially increase the present burdens of our people.

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Mose Schaumburg advertised that he would be glad to see all his old customers in his new store on Austin Avenue. The consequence of the careless worded advertisement is, that not a single (or married) lady has called in to buy anything yet.

Even those who are upwards of seventy-five refuse to trade at his store. There is reason to fear there will be a falling off in Mose's cash balance this year.—Times-Siftings.

A Lady who was preparing bathing suits for a trip East for the Summer wrote to an eastern fashion paper to know what style of bathing suits would be for children, say from five to six years old.

She received a reply that this year the bathing suits for boys were very simple, consisting of a wad of cotton in each ear. The lady will add to this suit a red yarn string around her boy's neck and let him go loose.

"How is the soil of Kansas?" asked one of the group, as the traveler paused.

"Richest in the world, sir," was the reply. "I know a New York statesman who went to Kansas 7 years ago, with only \$15 in cash, and he is now worth \$20,000."

"What? What did he raise principally?" "I believe it was a check, sir; but they couldn't exactly prove it on him. Think of a soil that will raise a bank-check for \$190 to \$19,000, and in a backward season at that!"

A woman of Stockton Cal., believing that she was about to die, confessed to her husband that she did not love him, but had centered her affections on a neighbor. She declared that she could not die unloved and so the husband freely forgave her.

But he granted the favor only in view of her speedy death, and, when she unexpectedly recovered, he began a suit for divorce. Her defense was that he condoned her fault by the forgiveness, and a peculiar question of law is raised.—N. Y. Herald.

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