

Flashes of Fun.

On his metal—A newly shod horse. In high spirits—a summer thermometer. An engaging smile—A lover's grin at his fiancée. The refined lard manufacturer has a trying time of it. It is a wise child that resembles its richest relatives. The chiroprapist gets ahead by working away at the foot. There is only one season in the year for the kangaroo—spring. The question of the (twilight) hour—Are you sure the dog is tied? The longer a man lives the more he knows about what he doesn't know. The oyster is like a man in one respect. He is of little use until you get his out of his bed. A girl may be like sugar for two seasons. She may be sweet, and she may be full of grit. The susceptible youth is like the mosquito. There is little hope for him after he gets mashed. Self possession in a young woman is well enough for a while but she shouldn't keep it up too long. "Order is heaven's first law," says Pope, and the restaurant keeper thinks it ought to be the customer's too. The insane men who handle firearms never seem to miss aim. This may be because they are "cracked" shots. When does a lady treat a man like a telescope? When she draws him out, looks him through and then shuts him up. An exchange answers the question, as to whether a christian man can do business successfully, by saying that he can if he advertises. Another cure for consumption has been discovered. As the discovery was made in Vienna, the consumption meant is perhaps that of beer. Patient (dissatisfied with dietary restrictions)—Say, Doc, I'm blamed if I'm going to starve to death just for the sake of living a little longer. The only reason the world tolerates a fiddler is because a cat has to be killed to furnish the strings. A cat, dead or alive, is bound to make a noise. Paradoxical as it may appear, it is nevertheless a fact that, however dangerous the profession of a bank burglar may be, he is, unquestionably, a safe man. If, through the success of the agitation for the women's rights, women ever come to sit in the jury box, infants will probably get to be criers in the court. A young man is apt to stammer and stutter when he declares his passion. Some time the pitying girl helps him out, and some time it is her pitiless father. It is said that in Portland, Me., there is a man with a false nose, a glass eye, but three fingers and one thumb, one ear, false teeth, false hair and cork leg. He was formerly a base ball umpire. A Vassar graduate out in the country went into the stable of a farm house. "Dear me, how close the poor cows are crowded together," she remarked. "Yes, ma'am, but we have to do it." "Why so?" "To get condensed milk." "No, Bobby," said his mother, "one piece of pie is quite enough for you!" "It's funny," responded Bobby, "with an injured air. "You say you are anxious that I should learn to eat properly, and yet you won't give me a chance to practice." "I tell you, this fishing is no child's play," remarked Blobson, as he tipped up the bottle of bait, and impaled about a pint of it. "Fish have a secret or two, and don't you forget it." "That may be," responded Dumpsey, "but if I am not mistaken we shall worm it out of them." Daughter—"There is only one thing more astonishing than the readiness with which Ned gave up tobacco when we became engaged." Mother—"What is that astonishing thing?" "The rapidity with which he took it up again as soon as we were married." "Siftings." "Well," said the proprietor, "I do not think you could, but when I first went to work I got only \$1.50 a week." The Arab sized the speaker up from head to foot, and then giving his head a toss and edging to the door he said: "Well! perhaps that was all you was worth."—Boston Globe. "Tompkinson," said a somewhat rapid traveling man to a friend, whose tastes and habits were much like his own, "I'm very much worried." "I wouldn't cultivate it, my dear fellow. But what's the trouble?" "Debts. I'm overwhelmed with them. I can't turn a corner without running into a creditor. There's the hatter, and the tailor, and the gen's furnisher, and the florist, and the livery man—in fact I don't see but one way out the difficulty." "What is that?" "I've a good notion to commit suicide." "And add the undertaker to the list! My dear fellow, at least be reasonable."—Merchant Traveler.

"You have been brought up well, I can tell by your deportment," said a kind hearted lady, casting a sympathetic glance at a tramp who was stowing away his dinner at a lively rate. "Yes, madam," was the polite reply. "It hurts me very much to think of the past and then look at my present condition. If it is not too much trouble, may I have a napkin and a piece of pie? I will not require a finger-bowl, for my left hand is wood and my right hand has the fingers cut off." The position of a judge is an exceedingly trying one. First Omaha Man—"What's the matter; not out of business again, are you?" Second Omaha Man—"Yes, my last venture busted the first week." "That's queer. I thought you started a little factory to darn stockings for young men, old bachelors and others with no women folks to look after them. That ought to pay." "Pay! I got more orders than I could fill; hired a whole lot of nice girls who knew how to darn stockings, and they did their work beautifully—but then the enterprise busted." "Why, what happened?" "Girls all left." "Dissatisfied?" "No, the whole crowd of customers hunted 'em up Sunday and married them."—Omaha World. Some few days ago placard appeared in the window of a large hardware store on Washington street, not far from the Globe office, which bore upon its snow-white surface, in black letters, the legend, "Boy wanted." In answer to this call for help a veritable street Arab went into the store, and going to the junior member of the firm said: "I came in to see about the job." "Well, said the proprietor, looking the little ragamuffin over from head to foot, "you know we don't pay very much here, and besides that, if you came to work in a nice store like this you would have to dress better." "Oh, yes, I know that," responded the gamin, "but how much do yer pay per week?" "Two dollars a week" returned the proprietor. "I couldn't think of workin' for that," said the gamin, "for I can make more every week now."

TO THE FARMERS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Without co-operation we can have no organization, without organization we can have no system, without system we can do nothing. This is the bed-rock idea upon which rests our farmers' clubs and other organizations. It was this that brought into being our splendid convention on the 26th of January last, where was organized our North Carolina Farmers' Association. It was the design and purpose of that convention to make this Association a permanent institution. Not permanent, but that it should grow and strengthen and develop until it should embrace in its membership all the farmers of our State. Never before in all the history of this country, have the farmers felt so strongly the imperative necessity for organization. In the Northern and North-western States their organization is moving steadily onward; throughout the South the movement is not only hopeful and significant, but wonderful, and promises at no distant day to enlist the sympathy and active co-operation and support of all the intelligent and progressive farmers of the South. Recently a convention of representative farmers of Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas was held at Waco, Texas, to institute and prosecute such measures as would aid and advance the movement. On the 16th of August a convention of the farmers of the ten cotton States is called to meet in Atlanta, Ga., to consider the causes of the depression existing in the great industry of agriculture in the South, and if possible to find and apply the remedy. At this convention, steps will be taken, most probably, for the call and organization of a National Farmers' Association. On the second Wednesday in January next, our State Association will meet in the city of Greensboro, N. C. The gratifying and rapid progress made in our State, in organizing farmers' clubs and the organization of granges, inspires the belief that the farmers of the Old North State are being aroused as never before, and that they will be fully prepared to fall into line with their brother farmers and with their best endeavor and truest loyalty, strive to advance this the greatest of all our great industries. We, the Executive Committee of the North Carolina Farmers' Association, appeal to the farmers of our State to organize. Establish neighborhood or township clubs; from these, organize county clubs, and thus be in a position to be properly represented in our State Association, and other representative bodies of our farmers. We respectfully but earnestly suggest that meetings of farmers be called and held in every neighborhood as soon as the busy season in our crops shall have passed. Prepare for it now. Begin to agitate it. Write to the PROGRESSIVE FARMER, Raleigh, N. C., the official organ of our State Association, for the form of Constitution and By-Laws, which will be mailed to applicants free of charge. It is necessary that the Secretary of our State Association should have and keep a complete directory of the farmers' clubs throughout the State. We therefore ask that every club in the State (whether it be county or township club) send at once to our Secretary, Mr. B.

F. HESTER, OXFORD, N. C., the name and postoffice address of each, the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer together with the number of members in the club, and the date of its organization. We trust that each member of a club receiving this address will be sure to call the attention of his club to this very important matter. On behalf of the Farmers' State Association, we respectfully ask the various papers of the State to give this address a place in their columns. D. R. PARKER, A. M. MOLVER, D. McN. McKoy, Ex. Com. L. L. POLK, C. McDONALD.

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