JEST AND JOLLITY.

You never can tell the size of a woman's charity by the number of mince pies she gives away.

A DRUCKEN man sees every thing double but his money. It is only the double.

DIVINE & BIBLE is the name of a firm engaged in the whisky business at Jericho Springs, Mo. They do not represent the spirit of the Scriptures.

It is said that the grip microbe clings tenaciously to paper money. People should, therefore, handle it with the greatest caution, particularly \$1,000 bills.

A THEATER at Red Horse, A. T., displays the sign: "Please don't shoot the actors till aftur the show, when you can meet them in Left-armed Jake's place and settle it."

THE oyster patti is not so named because the oyster has a lovely voice, which he has not, but because the depths at which he is found seem to show that he is a great diva.

A SCOTCHMAN has invented a process by which oil can be poured upon a troubled sea so as to still the waves. The next thing we shall hear of will be oiled routes for ocean steamships.

A COLORED woman known only as "Old Aunty" died recently in the South aged 104 years. Her last name, it is strongly suspected, was Diluvian. Aunty Diluvian, it is well known, was very old.

A RESIDENT in Manitoba says that during a recent cold spell the people of that Arctic region had to blow their fires from morning till night with a bellows in order to keep the blaze from freezing.

IF you want to find out how little a man knows about himself and family give him an insurance "application" to fill out. If you want to see how little he knows about any thing puthim in the witness box.

THEY had a big banquet up at Spokane Falls the other night. The reporter who attended it concluded with the can-



did admission that "it is not distinctly remembered by anybody present who made the last speech."

"AND how do you feel, my dear, this morning?" asked a sympathizing physician of a lady prostrated by the grip. "I feel as if a freight train had run over me," was the reply. "Do you ache in your bones?" "Ache in my bones? Yes, I do, and I think the number of bones in the human body has been greatly underestimated."

Doxn:--Schlaumeyer calls at an inquiry office and says: "Can you tell me if Lippman, senior, of Hamburg, is solvent? I have a bill on him." "The man is good for any amount; the only pity is that he is blind." Schlaumeyer drops into a chair as if shot. "Blind!" he exclaims. "Then I'm done; the bill is made payable at sight."

Ar a negro ball in North Carolina Wallis Glass, a dancer, found fault with the music, saying with an inelegance which his fervor excuses that he "couldn't keep time with it nohow." The aggrieved musician thereupon shot Wallis dead, thus proving that a man who can't play the banjo may have a good touch when it comes to the trigger.

"THAT is very nice butter, Johnny," said a Punxsutawney (Pa.) groceryman as he took the roll out of the basket and laid it on the counter. "Tell your mother to send all of her butter here, and we will pay her a good price for it." "Yes," said the little fellow, candidly, "I s'pose you would. The only reason you got this was 'cause the cat fell inter the cream crock and got drowned, and ma'anı didn't want ter sell it to 'er reg'lar customers."

A SINGULABIllustration of the adaptability of the electric light in an emergency was recently afforded. In consequence of a serious strike among the gas employes in Manchester and the total failure of the gas supply the Lancashire & Yorkshire Railway Company decided to light their Victoria station, which is the largest in Manchester, with the electric light, and within six hours of the time the order was given the most important platforms were lighted, and the whole station was brilliantly illuminated with about 250 incandescent and a few arc lamps within thirty-six hours, and yet the current had to be concompany is so well pleased that steps and settle their accounts. are being taken to have the electric light fixed permanently.

In the first eight months of last year MORTGAGE SALE OF LAND. medicines, and the other two building to rent. Also three rooms to They will be shown you with pleas-Great Britain exported to the United States 53 Str 000 nounds of mode rent in White building on Main st. ure by polite and attentive salesmen. mineral waters of celebrity. States 52,842,000 pounds of wool of all deceased, registered in Book of Mortgages kinds, against 42,703,000 pounds in the same part of 1888. The courts of Alsace lately sentenced Oxford, the tract of land described in said OFFICE.—Three Doors Above Elmhurst Mills! Osboin House. FOR RENT.-A nice up-stairs room, Corn' Meal can be found on sale at 3 doors from Osborn House, ready C. J. Ward's and J. T. Sizemore's. John A. Williams 216 young Alsatians to terms of impris- mortgage, and situated in Fishing Creek onment of six months each for seeking township, adjoining the lands of Reuben to emigrate secretly to America, their Overton, Moses C. Dean and others, and Parties wishing fine Jersey milk and furnished. -SOLE AGENCY,-Also a nice up-stairs room with butter will be supplied promptly by containing 50 acres. desire to leave the country being con-HARRIET HOBGOOD, comfortable stove up in it, in White leaving their orders at C. J. Ward's trued as an attempt to evade military Ex'x of Henry Hobgood, dec'd. OXFORD, N. C. building, facing on Main street. THOS. E. HICKS. store. January 29, 1890.