

Miscellaneous.



THE PRESENT TIMES.

Of all the ages ever known,
The present is the oddest;
For all the men are honest grown,
And all the women modest.

No lawyers are now fond of fees,
No clergy of their dues;
No doctors but resemble these,
At church no empty pews.

Our rulers (Heaven defend us all!)
I'll nothing say about them;
For they are great and I am small,
So let's jog on without them.

Our gentry are a virtuous race,
Despising early pleasure;
Our youth are sober, temperate, chaste,
And quite averse from pleasure.

The ladies seem so plain indeed,
You'd think them quakers all;
Witness their dresses on their heads,
So comely and so small.

No races now to drain the purse,
No bets on cards are laid;
And as for dice so long our curse,
They all are burnt, 'tis said.

No drunken sot neglects his spouse,
For bowls of brimming sappy;
Nor taverns tempt him from his house,
Where all are bless'd and happy.

No gentlemen now take a freak,
To crowd the roads on Sunday;
So horses laboring through the week,
Obtain a rest for one day.

Happy's the nation thus endow'd,
So void of wants and crimes;
Where all are rich and none are proud,
Oh! these are glorious times.

I see you all with wondering stare,
Think this is mighty high, Sir;
But pray forgive us if we dare
To say 'tis all a lie, Sir.

If you think thus, pray do not frown,
But take another light on't;
Just turn the picture up-side down,
And this will be the right on't.

Surgical.—A successful case of transfusion of blood recently occurred at Shrewsbury, in England. A poor woman in consequence of miscarriage, had, from a violent hemorrhage, become quite exhausted; her pulse had been imperceptible for about an hour and a half; her extremities cold, and perspiration clammy; added to which symptoms, her stomach was so irritable, as to reject all kinds of nourishment, and every cordial stimulant that was offered. At this critical moment, it occurred to Mr. Clement, the surgical gentleman called in, that the only chance was to attempt the operation above alluded to; and having procured a healthy stout man, who was willing to aid the operation, by allowing the requisite quantity of blood to be taken from him, Mr. Clement opened a vein in the arm of each, and by means of a patent syringe and tubes, injected about fifteen ounces of blood. In the course of a few hours she was perceptibly better, and has since continued improving, giving every assurance of ultimate recovery.

Horses.—It may be generally remarked that men who drive fast have swift horses; not that they drive fast because they have swift horses but because fast driving makes horses swift. A horse may commonly be trained to a dull and heavy, or to an airy and fleet gait. Nature unquestionable does much, but education does far more towards producing the great difference in the speed of horses, than

most men are willing to allow. Horses are more frequently injured by driving them beyond their *habitual* pace, than beyond their *native* power. The best direction for the education of horses, is, "drive fast and stop often."

A rich farmer's son, who had been bred at the University, coming home to visit his father and mother, they being at supper on a couple of fowls, he told them that by logic and arithmetic, he could prove those two fowls to be three. Well, let us hear, said the old man. Why, this, said the scholar, is one; and this, continued he, is two; two and one you know, make three. Since you have made it out so well, answered the old man, your mother shall have the first fowl, I will have the second, and the third you may keep to yourself for your great learning.

Some months ago the Rev. Jas. Armstrong preached at Harmony, (Indiana,) when a doctor of that place, a professed deist or infidel, called on his associate to accompany him while he 'attacked the Methodist,' as he said. At first he asked Mr. Armstrong 'if he followed preaching to save souls;' he answered in the affirmative. He then asked Armstrong, 'if he ever saw a soul?' 'No.' 'If he ever heard a soul?' 'No.' 'If he ever tasted a soul?' 'No.' 'If he ever smelt a soul?' 'No.' 'If he ever felt a soul?' 'Yes, thank God,' said Armstrong. 'Well,' said the doctor, 'there are four of the five senses against one that there is a soul. Mr. Armstrong then asked the gentleman if he was a doctor of medicine? And he was also answered in the affirmative. He then asked the doctor 'if he ever saw a pain?' 'No.' 'If he ever heard a pain?' 'No.' 'If he ever tasted a pain?' 'No.' 'If he ever smelt a pain?' 'No.' 'If he ever felt a pain?' 'Yes.' Mr. Armstrong then said, 'there are also four senses against one to evidence that there is a pain, and yet sir, you know that there is a pain, and I know that there is a soul;' the doctor appeared confounded and walked off.

Trouble.—Some persons complain of their share of trouble; but the cares of life are the ballast of our barques. They are heavy and unprofitable; but they keep our vessel from oversetting, foundering, and losing even the precious articles on board. Some ships are so buoyant and crank, that you must almost sink them with ballast to prevent their being top-heavy. Some turn on their beam ends, fill, and sink, as soon as circumstances remove this ballast, though the owners have been anxiously seeking this removal as a blessed desideratum. How often do we see the careless overturned!

Advertisement Extraordinary. A German who lately lost his horse, published the following notice:—"Rund away, or sdolen, or was sdrayed, mine large plack horse, about 13 hands hic. He has four plack legs, two pehind and two pefore; he is plack all over his pody, put he has got sun vite spots pon his pack, where de

skin vas rub off, but I greesed em and de vite spots is all plack again. He trods and kanters, and sometimes he valks; and ven he valks all his legs and feet goes on von after anoder. He has two ears pon his head, poth alike, put von is placker dan toder and a small pit longer. He has two eyes, von is put out, and toder is pon de side of his head; and ven you go to toder side, he vont see you. Ven he eats good deal he has pig pelp; he has long tail that hangs pehind, put I cut it short toder day, and now it is not so long vat it was. He is shoed all round, put his pehind shoes comed off, and now he has got on shoes only pefore. He holds up his head and looks gaily; and ven he has been frightened he jumps apout like every ting in de vorld. He vill ride mit a saddle, or a chaise, or a kart; or he vill go py himself vidout nopody on his pack put a pag, and a poy on de top of it. He is not very old; and ven he valks or runs his head goes first, and his tail stays pehind; only ven he gets mad, and turns round, den him tail come first. Vooever vill pring him pack shall pay five tollars reward; and if he pring pack de tief dat sdole him, he shall pay twenty tollars, and ax no questions.—*New-York paper.*

A candidate for medical honors, having thrown himself almost into a fever from his incapacity for answering the questions, was asked by one of the Professors—"How would ye sweat a patient for the rheumatism?" He replied,—"I would send him here to be examined."

Praying.—The chaplain's boy of a man of war, being sent out of his own ship, of an errand to another, the two boys were conferring notes upon their manner of living. How often, said one, do you go to prayers now? Why, answered the other, in case of a storm or the apprehension of any danger from the enemy: Ay, said the first, there's some sense in that; but my master makes us go to prayers when there is no more occasion for it, than for my leaping overboard.

A Dutchman and his wife travelling together, they sat down by the road, exceedingly fatigued. The wife sighed, 'I wish I was in heaven.' The husband replied, 'I wish I was at the tavern.' 'Oh, you old rogue,' says she, 'you always want to get the best place.'

Cure for Corns.—Take some chalk, bruise it and make it into paste with water, and apply it to those troublesome things in the form of a plaster, and it will immediately stop the pain.

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