

Poverty is like a love affair—a good joke after it is over.

Teacher: What is velocity?—Boy: Velocity is what a man puts down a hot plate with.

The sting of the honey-bee is recommended as a sure cure for rheumatism. There can be no doubt of its efficacy. No sooner is the remedy applied than the sufferer skips out, and the rheumatism skips just as fast as he does.

Little Margery, playing with her kitten, got a rather severe scratch from the animal. Her lip trembled for an instant, and then she assumed the commanding attitude and expression that her mother had assumed under somewhat similar circumstances toward her, and extending her hand said sternly: "Titty, dive me dat pin!"

Teacher: Now remember, Robert, that a horse's front legs, as you call them, are his fore legs. Will you try to?—Bobby: Yessin.—Teacher: That's a good boy. Now, before I dismiss you, tell me again how many legs a horse has?—Bobby (promptly): Six legs.—Teacher: Six? How do you make that out, Robert?—Bobby: The two legs what's his hind legs and the fore legs what's his front legs is six legs.—*Et.*

WHAT A WOMAN CAN DO.

There are lots of things a woman can do that a man cannot. She can come to a conclusion without the slightest trouble of reasoning on it, and no sane man can do that.

Six of them can talk at once and get along first rate, and no two men can do that.

She can safely stick fifty pins in her dress while he is getting one under his thumb nail.

She is as cool as a cucumber in half a dozen tight dresses and skirts, while a man will sweat and fume and growl in one loose shirt.

She can talk as sweet as peaches and cream to the woman she hates, while two men would be punching each other's heads before they had exchanged ten words.

She can throw a stone with a curve that would be a fortune to a base-ball pitcher.

She can say "No," and stick to it for a time. She may also say "No" in such a low voice that it means "Yes."

She can sharpen a lead pencil if you give her plenty of time and plenty of pencils.

She can dance all night in a pair of shoes two sizes too small for her, and enjoy every minute of the time.

She can appreciate a kiss from her husband seventy-five years after the marriage ceremony is performed.

She can go to church and afterwards tell you what every woman in the congregation had on, and in some rare instances can give you a faint idea of what the text was.

She can walk half the night with a colicky baby in her arms without once expressing the desire of murdering the infant.

She can—but what's the use? A woman can do anything or everything, and do it well.

She can do more in a minute than a man can do in an hour, and do it better.

She can drive a man crazy for twenty-four hours, and then bring him to paradise in two seconds by simply tickling him under the chin, and there does not live that mortal son of Adam's misery who can do it.—*Et.*



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AUSTRALIA.—We quote from our correspondent's letter under date of November 29th, 1888.

The prospects of a good harvest in the colonies of Victoria, New South Wales, and South Australia were excellent, but a change gradually set in and we are now experiencing the greatest disasters among stock and crops imaginable, brought about by a drought, which has now lasted longer than any we have ever had the misfortune to experience in the history of the colonies. Sheep and cattle are dying by thousands—many farmers having killed 3,000 sheep to save the balance of their flocks, and the crops are in most parts total failures, and the little that will be fit for cutting will yield but a small return indeed.

Our markets have rushed up to enormous figures—hay (made from wheat or oats cut green), \$50 per ton; oats, \$1 per bushel; flour, \$5 per 100 lbs.; beef and pork, 25 cents per lb.; butter, 50 cents per lb.

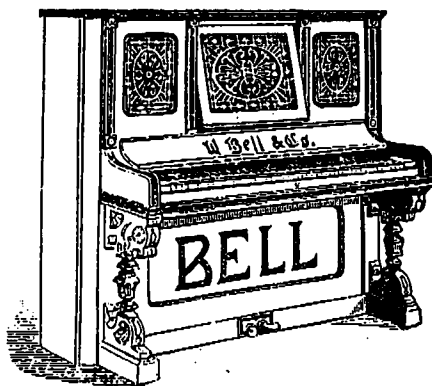
We have not space to comment upon this deplorable state of affairs further than that Canadian farmers need fear no competition from Australia during the next eighteen months.

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NEW ZEALAND.—Our correspondent's letter, dated Nov. 29th, 1888, states that the prospects for harvesting a heavy crop continue good, and that their surplus will all be required by their Australian neighbors. The farmers are jubilant over the prospects and the prices they are likely to obtain.

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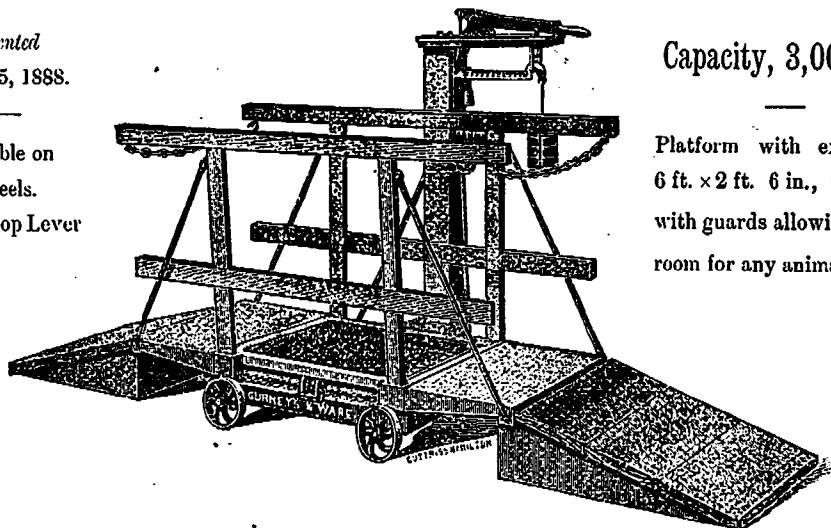
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