

TIT-BITS.

"'Tis but a faded flower," sang Mrs. Jones at luncheon, when Jones complained that the biscuits were stale.

Boston girl—Are you a pessimist or an optimist?  
New Yorker—Noither, I am an auctioneer.

He had an idea, but it was too heavy for him to carry around, so he entered the sanctum of the funny man and inquired—

"By the way, did you ever notice how polite a tree is?"

"No," answered the funny man; "I don't remember ever having had the experience."

"Well, I'm surprised. Didn't you ever see a tree bow?"

"Yes," responded the funny man, "and I have often seen a tree leave." Then he unchained the dog.

"I say, my friend, where have you been for a week back?" "I haven't been anywhere," was the reply, "and I haven't got a week back."

An Irishman having been told that the price of bread had been lowered, exclaimed, "That is the first time I ever rejoiced at the fall of my best friend!"

"It is a Mississippi man who puts it thus: "At the earnest solicitation of those to whom I owe money, I have consented to become a candidate for the county treasuryship."

There are several stories related by the court chaplain respecting the eccentricities of the Duke of Cambridge, who would give vent quite loudly to the thoughts current in his mind during divino service. When the clergyman said, "Let us pray," the duke added, audibly—

"With all my heart."

On another occasion, as we have heard, he said—

"Why the devil should we?"

Once, as the unfortunate curate was reading the story of Zaccheus, "Behold, the half of my goods I give the poor," the duke astonished the congregation by saying aloud—

"No, no! I can't do that; that's too much for any man—no objection to a tenth."

In answer to "Thou shalt not steal," the duke remarked—

"No, I never did steal anything except some apples when I was quite a little boy."

Once the duke objected to the prayer for rain on account of the wind—

"No use praying for rain in a northeast wind."

The court chaplain informs us that the curate of Kew got so nervous at the continued interruptions of his royal highness that he resigned his appointment. Kew-nious, if true!

An envelope is like a woman. It can't go anywhere without address.

An Irishman, writing a sketch of his life, says that he ran away early from his father because he discovered he was only his uncle.

The duke is going into the dictionary, but there's very little of the dictionary in the duke.

"We want a circus, and we want it bad," sighs a Western paper. We would suggest that the editor call the owner of the opposition sheet a horse thief.

The most modest man ever heard of was in a rowboat in a storm. He got swamped and drowned because he refused to hug the shore.—*Agent's Herald.*

Standing before a clergyman who was about to marry him, a rustic was asked, "Wilt thou have this woman," etc. The man started in surprise, and replied: "Ay, surely! Whoy, I kummed a puppus!"

Nothing so helps a paper as the imparting of useful information. "How shall I keep the flies out of the sugar-bowl?" asks a correspondent. "Fill the sugar-bowl with salt," promptly responds a friend.

Lecture upon the rhinoceros. Professor, "I must beg you to give me your undivided attention. It is absolutely impossible that you can form a true idea of this hideous animal unless you keep your eyes fixed upon me."

A New Hampshire chap, who wanted to break off the engagement to another fellow of the girl he loved, didn't try to persuade either that the other was false, but just contrived to get them both to join the same church choir, and in less than a week they didn't speak..

"Ah, John!" she said, just before marriage, "I fear I'm not worthy of you. You are such a good man." "Never mind, Martha, I'll change all that after the wedding."—*Tid-Bits.*

Wife (looking over the paper) I see the Cotopaxi is experiencing some internal disorders.

Husband (indifferently)—I'm glad of it. Now that we have American opera, we are perfectly independent of these foreign artists.

A London Physician, of large practice, was busily writing in his study when a visitor entered. The doctor went on with his work, more pausing to point over his shoulder and remark briefly, "Take a chair, sir." The visitor drew himself up indignantly. "Are you aware, sir, that I am Lord Fitz Herbert?" "Take two chairs, sir!" cried the physician, working away harder than ever.

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