

TIT-BITS.

Hard luck—A big ice-crop.
 A tight place—The ballet girl's dressing room.
 A last farewell—A shoemaker giving up his business.
 The saloons are never closed so tight as some men get.
 The blacksmith secures prosperity by being always on the strike.
 Capital punishment—Making the bad boys sit with the good girls.
 Orthography for Americans—Dyspopsia with three letters: "P-I-E."
 "God bless our boarding-house," has never been worked in worsted.
 An hour glass is made smallest in the middle. It shows the waste of time.
 "You hired me," said the laboring man. "and now I want you to higher my wages."
 There is no immortality for Spring chickens. They have their necks twisted on earth.
 There are two reasons why we don't trust a man. One because we don't know him, and the other because we do.
 Although your doctor may say you owe your life to him, he will not take it in settlement of his bill.
 Baseball is taking the place of bull fighting in Cuba. Thus does civilization advance step by step.
 A hen can only lay on a nest, but a ship can lay both on and off.
 The Boston Herald heads the market specials, "Some Movement in Flannels." We should say so. They are coming off with a rush.
 The proper question to ask a young woman who is about to elope is, "Does your mother know your route?"
 It is not in good taste for a young physician when writing to a patient to sign himself, "Yours, till death."
 Miss Brown, who is no longer young, was chiding Miss Moire for her foolishness in carrying a parasol, which Miss Brown said was useless and a piece of affectation. "I never carry a parasol," she said. "No," replied Miss Moire, "people on the shady side of life have no use for them."
 Pat was no such Donkey.—"If you only had a tricycle, Pat," said a cyclist to an Irish laborer, "you could ride to and from your employment." "Ride?" said Pat, with a contemptuous look at the combination of man and wheels. "Do you think I came from the old country to drive a donkey-cart, and be my own horse?"—*Boston Record.*
 Wales' sister, the Crown Princess of Germany, learned from the late Mrs. Bancroft, when her husband was United States Minister at Berlin, some American culinary curiosities in the way of pumpkin pie and doughnuts, which she delights to display on her table. It is remarked that Bismarck is shy of the hospitalities of the Crown Princess.
 The belle of the South to-day, according to a correspondent, is Miss Gordon, the daughter of Gen. Gordon. She is described as a dream of feminine loveliness, and for an idea of her appearance the reader is referred to the description of Lady Brankmarer, by "The Duchess," and is advised to help out his imagination with Tenney-or's "Clara Vere de Vere."
 An Austrian District Court recently published a curious list of twenty-seven persons whose whereabouts are "unknown," and for whom it appointed a guardian. The list included twelve counts, four countesses, three barons and three baronesses of well-known noble Austrian families, and, what is most singular, some army officers in active service, whose whereabouts the Court alleges it does not know.
 This story is told of a Boston doctor. In a crowded church the deacon with the contribution box made his difficult way up the aisle and held that receptacle for the cash of the charitable suggestively before the young man. "I am very sorry, sir," the doctor said, to the infinite scandal and astonishment of all about him, "but the woman with a pink feather in her bonnet has taken my purse, and I can't have her arrested until after service, so you'll have to wait."
 Sir John Lubbock the other day declared at the Mansion House that an epitaph in a Norfolk, Eng., churchyard expressed the feelings of the great majority of English shopkeepers:
 Here lies a poor woman who always wore tired,
 For she lived in a world were too much were required.
 Weep not for me, friends," she said, "for I'm going
 Where there'll neither be work, nor reading, nor sewing.
 Then weep not for me, friends, if death us do sever,
 For I'm going to do nothing for ever and ever."
 In the Eastern carpet mills the dyers are on strike and refuse to give in. Their motto is, "We dye, but never surrender."
 There is mourning in Bokhara. The Ameer is dead and 280 widows survive him, and jaw each other about who looks best in black.
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