

## BROKEN STOWAGE.

A man recently drank a pint of yeast in mistake for buttermilk. He rose three hours earlier than usual the next morning.

"Is this free translation?" asked the girl in the bookstore. "No miss," replied the clerk; "it costs fifty cents."

"Why, Clara, dear, what has happened? It is not a month since your marriage, and I find you in tears already!" "Ah, Hilda, darling! George is running for Congress, you know, and I've only just learned from the opposition paper what a really dreadful man I've married!"

Dealer—Here's a cyclometer I can recommend. It is positively accurate; not at all like some cyclometers which register two miles, perhaps, where you have ridden only one. Young Lady—You haven't any of that kind, have you?

"Yes!" thundered the preacher from the pulpit, "the hairs of our head are all numbered." "I wonder where the back numbers go to?" said the bald-headed man in the front pew, rubbing his shining scalp. "Do as I do; get a reprint," said the man behind him, and he took off his wig and fanned the flies away with it.

She—There's a blunder! Six months are supposed to elapse between the first and second acts. He—Well? She—They have the same cook.

"Begorra," said an Irishman yesterday as he gazed over the public square, "sure this must be a healthy town!" "Why so?" asked a bystander. "Faith, sor, because there isn't a soign of a grave in the cimetry beyant."

Civil—Service—The kind you get when the tip is big enough.

"Say, Mistah Johnsing, I've done turned over a new leaf." "No! Den pay me dat haf dollar you borrowed las' yeah." "Sh—h—h! I hain't de same man I wuz!"

Mike—Oi say, if a man is born in France, he's a Frinchman. Pat—Sure an' ifa cat had kittens in an oven, would you call them biscuits?

A revenue officer charged Noah with brewing beer aboard the ark, because he saw the kangaroo going on board with hops.

Gas sometimes escapes, but the consumer never does.

Lawyer—Witness, I believe you are the biggest liar in the country. Judge—Sir, you forgot that I am here.

William Jr.—Paw, what does "pat. applied for" mean. William, Sr.—For a position on the police force, I suppose.

Mistress (reprovingly)—Bridget, breakfast is very late this morning. I noticed last night you had company in the kitchen, and it was nearly twelve o'clock when you went to bed. Bridget—Yis, mum; I knowed you was awake, fur I heard ye movin' around; an' I said to myself y'd nade slape this mornin' an' I wouldn't distoorb ye wit an early breakfast, mum.

Mr. Dyer—Where is the bargain counter? The Floor walker—There are several. What are you looking for? "I'm looking for my wilc."

Poet—Let me tell you, sir, that poem cost me a week's hard labor. Editor (who has read it)—Is that all? If I'd have had the passing of the sentence, you'd have got a month.

Visitor—I am grieved to hear of your mistress's illness. Nothing serious—no great cause for alarm, I trust? The New French Maid—No, monsier, nozzing beeg, nozzing grande. Something—what you call leetle, petite. What zey call ze leetle—small—small-pox.

"I hear that you are in business for yourself now." "I thought I was; but from the little I get out of it, it appears that I am in business for other people."

Cannibal King—You haven't succeeded in fattening the captive? The Chief Cook—He's losing flesh all the time. I think he's worrying about something.

"How came you here?" said the visitor to a prisoner in the penitentiary. "I was brought here by my convictions," was the firmly spoken reply.

"What on earth induced you, John? You gave that waiter five dollars for a tip, and he was the worst I ever—" "That's just it, my dear. I wanted to enable him to retire."

Old Gentleman to railway porter,—Porter, the rain is dripping in from the lamphole all over my trousers. Porter (reassuringly)—No, Sir; it's quite water-tight, I assure you. Its only the oil leaking a bit.

Little Boreham (relating his Alpine Adventures)—There I stood, the terrible abyss yawning at my feet— That brute Brown— Was it yawning when you got there, or did it start after you arrived?