

FIRESIDE SPARKS.

It's tileish music furnished by the hat band:

Behind a man's back is before his face, isn't it?

What makes a pair of shoes? Why, two, of course.

Firemen as well as other people, like to talk of their old flames.

What is worse than smut in wheat? Smut in a newspaper.

"Ah," said a deaf man who had a scolding wife, "man wants but little hear below."

A free breakfast table—Morning rations in the police court.

Kick your corn through a window glass and the pane is gone forever.

German statistics show that seventy-two per cent of women miss railroad trains.

Authors are spoken of as living in attics because so few of them are able to live on their first story.

"FRUIT Jars," he said, as he looked at a sign, and then continued: "yes, it does unless it is real ripe."

Says a French critic, "I like a girl before she becomes womanish, and a woman before she gets girlish."

A PHYSICIAN has discovered yellow-fever germs in ice. The safest way is to boil your ice before using it. This kills the germs.

One of the first requisitions received from a newly appointed railway station agent was, "Send me a gallon of red oil for the danger lanterns."

Mark Twain says there is something very fascinating about science—it gives you such wholesale returns of conjecture for such trifling incidents of fact:

It is a current bard who sings, "I sat alone with my conscience." Two to one, puts in the *Albany Journal*, he never had less fun in all his born days.

A poor young man remarks that the only advice he gets from capitalists is "to live within his income," whereas, the difficulty he experiences is to live without an income.

There is probably nothing so exhilarating in the experience of the amateur gardener as when he steps upon the hoe and the responsive handle immediately arises to implant a fervent kiss between his eyes.

Almost every man wastes part of his life in attempts to display qualities which he does not possess, and to gain applause which he cannot but keep.

A Galveston man who had a mule for sale, hearing that a friend in Houston wanted to buy a mule, telegraphed him: "Dear friend, if you are looking for a No. 1 mule don't forget me."

Two friends meeting, the following colloquy ensued: "Where have you been?" "To my tailor, and I had hard work to make him accept a little money." "You astonish me! Why!" "Because he wanted more!"

Heavy merchant to young man: "You are now in my employ some six weeks; your conduct, your acquirements are admirable; but what I admire most is the punctuality with which you come half an hour too late every day."

A lecturer once prefaced his discourse upon the rhinoceros with "I must beg you to give me your undivided attention. Indeed, it is absolutely impossible that you can form a true idea of the hideous animal of which we are about to speak unless you keep your eyes fixed on me."

Two noted lawyers, when driving out one afternoon, met a countryman with a three-horse team, the leader being fat and sleek and the other two in very poor condition, and asked: "Why is one of your horses so much fatter and sleeker than the others?" The countryman, who evidently knew his questioners, gravely replied: "It's 'cause the leader's a lawyer and the other two are his clients."