

HUMOROUS.

A red-headed man recently attended a masquerade wrapped in a head to his heels in a brown cloth, with his head bare.

They had been at a masquerade, where she had recognized him at once. "Was it the loud beating of my heart, my darling that told you I was near?" "Oh, no," she replied. "I recognized your crooked legs."

"Is your wife a Democrat or a Republican?" asked one Rockland citizen of another in a store this morning. "She's neither," was the prompt response, and then glancing cautiously around and sinking his voice to a hoarse whisper he explained: "She's a Home Ruler."

A story is told of Sheridan, himself an Irishman, that one day when coming back from shooting with an empty bag, he did not like to go home completely empty, and seeing a number of ducks in a pond, and a man or farmer leaning on a rail watching them, Sheridan said: "What will you take for a shot at the ducks?" "Well," he said, "I will take half a sovereign."

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A sad misfortune lately befell a well-known lawyer. It is related of him that as he was riding in a railway carriage, from a single glance at the countenance of a lady at his side, he imagined he knew her, and ventured to say that the day was pleasant. She only answered "Yes." "Why do you wear a veil?" "Lest I attract gentlemen." "It is the province of gentlemen to admire," replied the gallant man of law. "Not when they are married," said the lady. "But I am not married." "Indeed?" "Oh, no! I am a bachelor." The lady quietly removed her veil, disclosing to the astonished lawyer the face of his mother-in-law!

Didn't Respond Right. A colored man was busily engaged in sawing some wood for a Galveston gentleman. The "man and brother" had a large Masonic breast-pin on his shirt bosom.

"Do you colored Masons and white Masons affiliate?" "What's that?" "Don't you affiliate with a cuss?" "What's the matter?" "Dunno, boss, but I tried it. Dar is a barkeeper in dis town what toted dis berry same emblem. I was in distress; he'd had a dram all dis mornin'. I cum in and gabe dis distress signal."

"Did he respond?" "Did he respond right. He made a motion at the dash with one hand and reached under de bar. I made de sign once moah and he fetched me behind de shoulders wid de bung-starter, jess as I was gettin' out de doah."

Queer Conundrums. One day some of us got to talking about that witty old cynic, Dean Swift, when one of the company took advantage of the opening and gave this *jeu de mot* of his: "Why," asked the Dean, "is it right, by the *lex talionis*, to pick an artist's pocket?" It was given up, of course, and the answer was, "Because he has pictures." A silence fell about the table until, one by one, we saw it. Then one thoughtful man observed: "It was impossible to give the answer, because the Dean had contrived to reserve the answer to himself. I could not, for instance, say it is right for me to pick an artist's pocket because he has picked yours." Here is another conundrum, founded upon a pun, which only the propounder can solve. An old man and a young man were standing by a meadow. "Why," asked the young man, "is this clover older than you?" "It is not," replied the other. "It is, though," returned the young man, "because it is pasturage."

Thereupon an abstract-looking person who had not followed the line of remark, and had not understood the illustration, started as with this irrelevant inquiry: "Why cannot a pantomimist tickle nine Esquimaux? Give it up! Why, it's because he can gesture!"

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