

again, as though she never would stop, and the general was about to lay his hat on his denuded head and bolt, when the facetious lady placed her hand upon his arm and detained him.

As may be expected, Uncle Toby now laughed with the widow, and they soon grew so merry over the affair, that the maid-servant peeped through the key-hole at the noise, and saw the old couple dancing a jig, and bobbing their bald pate at each other like a pair of Chinese Mandarins.

WEIGHING THE BABY.

When weighing the baby, not yet a month old, The first tender darling, more precious than gold.

How often foud parents a glaring mistake Are known to record as a parent could make! Oh, oh, the first baby! Who ever did spy Such soft rosy cheeks, and a forehead so high?

Do weigh him! I know he will weigh more than eight.

Was ever before such a dear little nose? Did ever the sunlight kiss such tiny toes? Oh, my! Did you ever! Such soft pearly ears! And the blue, sparkling eyes, filled with bright crystal tears!

There! Carefully lay him within the tin tray, Did ever that balance so precious gem weigh? Half breathless, they listen to hear the sad fate— No record is truer—"He weighs only eight."

Al, what a sad error, all errors above, To weigh in a balance a bundle of love, With dimples and tear-drops of dear baby boys, And reckon their value in avoidupoise!

Now bring the true balance, and weigh again fair; Weigh love and thos'niles and the bonny brown hair; As gold, silver, rubies are weighed by fair men, The light boy of seven will weigh nearly ten.

How stupid to weigh love like gewgaws and toys, With dumb pigs and poultry by avoidupoise, While pearls of the ocean, and silver and gold, By Troy are computed, when purchased and sold!

Should babies at first be like Anak so tall To easily span this terrestrial ball, We'd balance each darling by smiles and a tear; It's love and sweet kisses that make baby dear.

Sawdust and Chips.

Punch tells of a light-hearted sea captain who, when he had the misfortune to run his vessel on the Isle of Wight, poking his first officer in the ribs, cheerily observed, "We have struck it."

"How fast they build houses now!" said II; "they began that building last week, and now they are putting in the lights." "Yes," answered his friend, "and next week they will put in the liver."

Old Gent—"You don't mean to tell me, waiter, that you can't give me a toothpick?" Waiter—"Well, sir, we used to keep 'em, but the gents almost invariably took 'em away when they'd done with 'em."

A miller, who attempted to be witty at the expense of a youth of a weak intellect, accosted him with, "John, people say you are a fool." On this, John replied, "I don't know that I am, Sir; I know some things, sir, and some things I don't know, sir." "Well, John, what do you know?" "I know that millers always have fat hogs, sir." "And what don't you know?" "I don't know whose corn they eat, sir."

A sentry challenged an Irishman for intruding on the encampment grounds. "Who are you?" said Pat. "I'm the officer of the day," was the reply. "Then, by the powers what are you doing here at night, at all, at all!"

The lady who tapped her husband gently with a fan at a party, the other night and said, "Love, it's growing late; I think we had better go home," is the same one who, after getting home, shook the rolling-pin under his nose and said, "You infernal old scoundrel, you, if you ever look at that, calico-faced nickerel eye'd thing that you looked at to-night, I'll bust your head wide open."

"Now, Johnny," said a venerable lady to six-year-old nephew, who was persistently denying an offence of which she accused him, "I know you are not telling the truth; I see it in your eye." Pulling down the lower lid of the organ that had so nearly betrayed his want of veracity, Johnny exultingly replied, "You can't tell anything about it, aunt; that eye was always a little streaked."

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