

## Random Readings.

**A QUEER PATIENT.**—A physician was called in a few months ago, not many miles from Halifax, to administer to the sufferings of a patient. After feeling his pulse, examining his tongue, &c., the Doctor prepared to give him a dose of medicine, which the patient refused to take. The physician then proposed bleeding him; to which the *sick man* replied, that he could not consent to that neither,—for said he,

"I am already as *weak* as a *horse*, and have got no more *appetite* than a *dog*."

**A GREEN SALT.**—A Yankee captain once sung out in a squall to a raw hand, newly shipped on board his craft, "Let go that jib there! let go that jib!" "I ain't touching it," said the downeaster.

Height of inquisitiveness—to climb the house top and look down the chimney, to see what one's neighbour has for dinner.

### MODERN FRIENDSHIP.

When fortune smiles and looks serene,

'Tis—"Sir, how do you do?"

Your family are well, I hope,

Can I serve them or you?"

But turn the scale—let fortune frown,

And ill and woes fly t'ye—

'Tis then—"I'm sorry for your loss,

But times are hard—good bye t'ye!"

**A FIX.**—Making love to a pretty girl, having nothing to say, and a flea in your boot,

**SPINNING AND REELING.**—In the sts.

of Leicester one day, Dean Swift was ac-

costed by a drunken weaver, who stag-

gering against his reverence, said, "I've

been spinning it out." "Yes," said the

Dean, "I see you have, and you are

reeling it home."

**A RECRUITING SERGEANT** lately ac-

costed an honest bind in Northumber-

land, saying, "Come, my lad! you'll

fight for your Queen, won't you?"—

"Fight for t' Queen?" answered Andrew;

"why, hez she fâ'n pot wi' ony body?"

**A NEW BARRISTER.**—The hesitation

**Secondly.**—A farmer should take a newspaper for the sake of his children. If he would not have them grow up in ignorance of what is passing at home and abroad—if he would prepare them for a proper discharge of their duties as citizens, he owes to them to give them the benefit of this regular instructor, coming into the family without bustle or pretence, and performing its office without delay. There is a vast amount of intelligence condensed in the narrow limits of a well conducted paper. Much of this can be obtained in no other way, and