Our Sphinx.

ANSWERS TO SPHINX.
October 11.

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Mrs. Tailor [illegible] Brown, Mrs. McLaren, "[illegible] the man; it mann has some sense [illegible] body's milk ye got last time; [illegible] ye's half an' half."
New Reading.—"Dennis, my boy," said a schoolmaster to his Hibernian pupil, "I fear I shall make nothing of you. Take an application." "Ah! sure enough sir," said the quick-witted lad, "I'll myself there being twelve months to reckon for it! Don't you think now, sir, the reckon that 'Ap' drink and apple,' at all, at all?"
"Mamma," said a little girl, "what are they going to do with Sir Robert the next time he goes to Abyssinia?" "Teach the natives how to make them behave themselves, I guess, my child," replied the old lady. "But, mamma, does that mean that the Queen can make every one a lord." "Ah, what a rum she calls that ere to make him of the lords that ever was, still he'd be one-sort!"
A Knowing Trick.—Sir Isidore Isaacs, a wealthy resident of a city, who is the father of a numerous family, one day met one of his cousins' sons in a very shabby coat. He replied that he had never done so. "Then next time his confessor that he had committed the sin several times. "Why," said the priest, "you told me last time that you had never done it." "Holy father," replied the innkeeper, "I did not know the trick then."
Impropriety.—"Madam," said a polite traveller to an eccentric old lady, "if I can do it to help myself to this milk, is there any impropriety in it?" "I do not know what you mean; but if you mean to insinuate that there is anything nasty in this milk, I'll give you to understand you've struck the wrong house. There ain't the first hair in it, for as soon as Dorothy told me the cat was drowned in the milk, I went and strained it right over."
Josh Billings visits a skating pond.—Having heard so much said about skatin' parks, and the grate amount of health and manuel they impart to the present generation and a slide advanced on foot, I bawt a ticket, and went within the fenses. I found the ice in a slippery condition, covering fire ackers of artificial water, which is owned by a stock kompany, friz to order. Upon one side of the pond was erected a little grocery buildin', where the wimmin sot on benches, while the fellers, kivered with skates, strapped the bottoms to their pheet. It was an exciting skene. I was afraid to holler bully, or lay down and roll over. But I kept on and shed with glory. Health was restored on many a knobby brow. As the female angels put out on the pond, side by side with the male angels, it was the most powerful scene I ever stood behind. The long red tapes from their nox swam in the breeze, and other things (too much to mention) fluttered in the breeze. I don't think I was ever more crazy in all life on ice. I felt like a casual hoss turned suddenly out to grass.

A Curious Invention.

I have just seen a ballot box (though not on exhibition) little more than a cubic foot in bulk, which is a great curiosity, and an exceedingly ingenious piece of mechanism. It is a neat, handsome piece of cabinet work, and is the invention of a gentleman who has devoted years of thought and labor to its production. The machine is called "The Nation," and it has just been patented at Ottawa. Though simple in its operation, it is a truly secret voting machine, for the voter secretly records his vote, without the use of pen, ink, or paper, by the action of this little piece of mechanism, much more rapidly than can possibly be done under the present system. It affords an unerring check upon the returning officer. It successfully solves the difficult problem of compulsory voting, for if the elector be compelled to attend the poll, he must vote for one of the candidates. If he does not it is instantly made known by the instrument. It can make no bad votes, as it is impossible for it, or any one else by its means, to commit a fraud. On the close of the polls, by unlocking the side doors, it instantly shows the state of the poll, giving the exact number of votes registered for each candidate. It is operated by a small ivory ball enclosed in the machine, and which cannot be taken therefrom. No other ball can possibly work the instrument; in fact the hand of man has no power over any part of the machinery excepting to place the ball in the proper receptacle. I have never seen anything more ingenious or more perfect in its operation. It is probable it will soon come into general use at all Parliamentary elections.—*Cor. Globe.*

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