A RAINY DAY.

HIE rain is falling, falling In a manner quite appalling,
It is beating at the window and driving through the door; While folks are homeward faring, Through pool and puddle tearing Asking in voice despairing, "When will it cease to pour?"

The bairns are mostly crying, Or into mischief flying, Or flattening each little nose against the window pane. The boys, they come in wading, Each living room invading, And couch and table lading, with sopping clothes again.

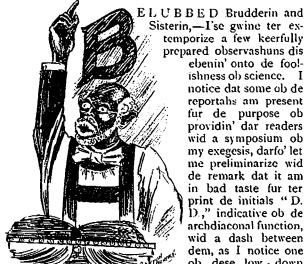
Outside two boys are jeering, Irreverently sneering, At Brown, Esquire, who's battling with the wind and with the rain, Alas : imprudent fellow He's brought his new umbrella, Which inside out will never a credit be again.

A soaking cat is mewing, With a dripping dog pursuing; A streaming horse with buggy, is waiting full of woe; While the Doctor, rain defiant Flies to see a croupy client, Or at a bronchial bedside does his learned visage show.

And still the waters rushing Are pipe and sewer flushing And slush and slime and mud and dirt are bearing right away. Yet oh! dear Mother Nature We're half di posed to hate you. Though we own your good intentions this dismal, dreary day. ELIZABETH CLANTON.

DE FOOLISHNESS OB SCIENCE.

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ebenin' onto de foo!ishness ob science. I notice dat some ob de reportahs am present fur de purpose ob providin' dar readers wid a symposium ob my exegesis, darfo' let me preliminarize wid de remark dat it am in bad taste fur ter print de initials "D. D.," indicative ob de archdiaconal function, wid a dash between dem, as I notice one

ob dese low down

ebenin' papers done de udder mawnin. Verily, my fellow-sinnahs, de spirit ob ribaldry an' disrespect fur dem wich am chosen to set in de high places am abroad in de land, an' de smart Aleck worketh his jaw again de honorable ob de airth. 'Scuse me, brudderin, I meant ter observe "Selah," wich am de mo' sanctimonious ejaculation.

In dese latter days dar am a number ob pussons what sets derselves up to be scientists, wastin' dar valuable time in scrutinizin' de emotions ob de heabenly bodies or studyin' de anatomy ob de catfish; organizin' expeditions to de Norf Pole, wich dey ain't got no particular use fur



PARADOXICAL.

ETHEL-" How old would you take me to be?" MAUD-"I am sure you must be younger than you look."

of dey found it, seein' it am altogedder too altitudinous fur a telegraph pole, let alone a fish pole. Dey 'lows dat dey knows all about eberything from de stars in dar racecourses to de moral an' intellectual development ob de pismire wich crawls up de pants ob de picknicker in High Park. Dey kin understand de inscriptions onto an Egyptian sarcophagus an' de writins ob Castiron Hopkins in de Umpire on de question ob Im; crial Federation-leastways dey say dey kin, an' dar ain't no way ob provin' dat dey ain't gibin' de deluded public a stiff. Dat's just whar dey's got de cinch onto us. Dey's got to hustle an get a libin' outen de science business, an' 'core dey ain't gwine ter gib de snap away.

How does dey know dat it am jest 1.964,712,605 1/2 miles frum de airth to de sun? Did any ob dem eber go up dar in a balloon an' take a tape measure so's dey could verify de equation? De preposterousness ob de suggestion precludes de necessity ob a categorical response. No sah! Dey doan' know nuffin erbout it. If you ax one ob dem dar scientists on dat pint, reckon he'll dun tole you dat de astronomical verifications ob de telescope show de refractions from perihelion, an' by comparin' de pint ob greatest declination wid de multiple ob de radius, an' addin' de plenitude ob de focus, ercordin to de table ob logarithms, you arrive at de result. And yet, my brudderin, dars thousands of pussons wich 'low dey's a heap too smart ter belieb de beautiful an' soul-edifyin' parable ob Jonah an' de whale dat will swaller dis heah scientific nonsense jest like er chicken would a grasshopper.

Dey tells us dat de airth revolves onto its axis-turns clar ober once ebery twenty-four hours. Now dey mout confuse de mind oh de simple an' disingenuous wid de