

Sawdust and Chips.

They debate strange questions down east. The last was—"What is the difference between the Bridge of Sighs, and the size of a bridge?" The next is to be—"The difference between a fac-simile and a sick family."

"Jim, did you ever double the Cape of Good Hope?"—"I expect I have." "When?" "Last night, when I put my arm around the cape that belongs to the dress of the young lady that I have good hopes of making Mrs. Dusenberry."

An emute is daily expected at Munich, the price of beer having increased. The correspondent of the Times quotes a sarcastic expression of a German who declared "That every Bavarian gets up in the morning as a beer cask, and goes to bed a cask of beer!"

At a public garden in the suburbs of London, a waiter, observing one of his master's customers bolting before his bill was paid, roared out to a brother attendant: "Run, run, Bob, there's two teas and a glass of brandy and water escaped over the fence—catch 'em."

A Glasgow youth walking with his sweetheart along Queen street of that city, stopped at the door of a pastry cook's shop, and addressing his lady-love, said, "Now, my dear, what will you take?" She, expecting to be treated to some of the good things of the shop, modestly replied, "I will take anything you like." "Then says he, 'we will take a walk,' and marched the past the shop."

Soon after the Copernican system of astronomy began to be generally understood, an old farmer went to his parson with the following inquiry:—"Dr. T., do you believe in the new story they tell about the earth moving round the sun?" "Yes, certainly." "Do you think it is according to the Scriptures?" If it's true, how could Joshua command the sun stand still, did he?"—"Yes." "Well, it stood still, did it not?"—"Yes." "Very well. Did you ever hear that he set it a going again?"

Which is the deepest, the longest, the broadest, and the smallest grave in Esther church-yard?—That in which Miles Button lies buried; for it contains Miles below the sod, Miles in length, and Miles in breadth—and yet it is only a Button-hole.

During the late sessions at N—, a man was brought up by a farmer, and accused of stealing some ducks. The farmer said he should know them anywhere, and went on to describe their peculiarity. "Why," said the counsel for the prisoner, "they can't be such a very rare breed—I have some like them in my yard." "That's very likely, sir," said the farmer: "these are not the only ducks of the sort I have had stolen lately."

A celebrated divine, who had prided himself upon his originality, and who would reject his best thought if he imagined it was traceable to any previous author, was startled one day by a friend coolly telling him that every word of his favorite discourse was stolen from a book he had at home. The astonished writer, staggered by his friend's earnestness, begged for a sight of this volume. He was, however, released from his misery by the other smilingly announcing the work in question to be "Johnson's Dictionary," where, continued his tormentor, "I undertake to find every word of your discourse."

A beggar some time ago, applied for alms at the door of a partizan of the Anti-begging Society. After in vain detailing his manifold sorrows, the inexorable gentleman peremptorily dismissed him with "Go away; go—we canna gie ye naething." "You might, at least," said the mendicant, with an air of great dignity and archness, "have refused me grammatically."

Mrs. Partington hearing that a young man had set up for himself, "Poor fellow," said she, "has he no friend that will set up for him part of the time?" and she sighed to be young again.

Strange, Moore, and Wright, three notorious punsters, met and dined together one day. After dinner Moore said, "There is only one fool amongst us three, and that's strange." "Oh! (cried Wright) there's one more." "Ah! (said Strange) that's right."

"Hallo, steward," exclaimed a passenger in an American steamboat, "after having retired to his bed, 'hallo, steward?" "Here, massa." "Bring me the way-bill." "What for, massa?" "I want to see if these bugs put down their names for this berth before I did. If not, I want 'em turned out."

A man in Ohio, well mounted, urging forward a drove of fat hogs towards Detroit, met a charming lot of little girls, as they were returning from school, when one of them, as they passed the "swinish multitude," made a very pretty courtesy. "What, my little gal," said the man, "do you curchey to a whole drove of hogs?" "No, sir," said she with a most provoking smile, "only to the one on horseback!"

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Ottawa, March 1, 1873. 48-11

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Department of Secretary of State,
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Ottawa, 11th June, 1873.



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The signatures of two solvent and responsible persons, residents of the Dominion, willing to become sureties for the due fulfilment of the contract, must be attached to each Tender.

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By order,
F. BRAUN,
Secretary

Department of Public Works,
Ottawa, 7th June, 1873.

NOTICE.

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