

A Western paper announces the illness of its editor, piously adding: "All good-paying subscribers are requested to mention him in their prayers. The others need not, as the prayers of the wicked avail nothing."

A correspondent asks: "Can a boy leave his father when he is eighteen years old?" If a father is eighteen years old a son is justified in leaving him, because he ought by that time to be able to take care of himself.

A Brooklyn man who had used all the arguments that his ingenuity could devise to dissuade his son from getting married, finally hit upon an expedient that had the desired effect. He secured his appointment as clerk in a divorce court.

In a certain room there were eleven women sitting down. A lady passed the house with a new spring bonnet on. Find the number who got up and rushed to the window. [There's where you're fooled. One of 'em was too lame to get out of her chair.

A gentleman having an appointment with another, who very seldom kept his time, to his great surprise, found him waiting, and thus addressed him:—Why, I see you are here first at last; you were always behind before, but I am happy to find that you have become early of late.

The English Chief Justice Mansfield on one occasion interrupted Sergeant Davy of the King's bench in the course of an argument, with which he was not disposed to agree: "If this be law, sir, I must burn all my books." "I hope," retorted Davy, "that your lordship will read them first."

Memoranda picked up on Washington street: "Send wife \$10, and tell her to make it go as far as possible; write—doctor says she must stay in the country through September; explain how terribly sick it is here, &c.; meet N. at two o'clock to go to Nantasket; pay billiard and liquor bills, \$16; draw \$75 from bank."

An Irish girl, who had applied for a position in which she was required to do general housework, was asked by the mistress if she ever made fires. "Shure, that's a strange question for a married woman to be axin' me," responded Bridget. "Begorra, mum, I never did make fires, but I've no objection to be afther tacin, yer husband."

Not long ago a colored sportsman at Washington hired a spirited pacer for an afternoon's ride. He had not gone far, when he was unhorsed without ceremony. A friend witnessing the catastrophe inquired: "What did you come down so quick, for?" "What did I come down so quick for? Did you see anything up dar in de air for me to hold on to?"

To make Argonaut soup, take a pint of water and wash it clean. Then boil it until it is brown on both sides. Pour in one bean. When the bean begins to worry, prepare it to simmer. If the soup will not simmer it is too rich, and you must pour in more water. Dry the water with a towel before you put it in. The dryer the water the sooner it will brown. Serve hot.

"Is the Turkish civil service system," asked a traveller in the Orient of a pasha, "is the Turkish civil service like ours? Are there retiring allowances and pensions, for instance?" "My illustrious friend, and joy of my liver," replied the pasha, "Allah is great, and the pub. func. who stands in need of a retiring allowance when his term of office expires is an ass! I have spoken."

A little girl of eight years was overheard saying to her brother, "After her divorce, mamma is going to marry the gentleman who gives us candy." The little boy began weeping. "What is the matter, Tommy?" asked a friend of the family, thinking the child's heart was touched by the prospect of these domestic infelicities and the loss of his own father. "Boo-hoo, boo-hoo!" says Tommy; "he won't give us any more candy then."

During the shower yesterday a citizen carrying a very wet umbrella entered a hotel to pay a call to some one up stairs. After placing his umbrella where it might drain, he wrote upon a piece of paper and pinned to it the sentence, "N. B. This umbrella belongs to a man who strikes a 250-pound blow—back in fifteen minutes." He went his way up stairs, and after an absence of fifteen minutes returned to find his umbrella gone, and in its place a note reading, "P. S. Umbrella taken by a man who walks ten miles an hour—won't be back at all."

LITERARY LINKLETS.

"Honour to the men who bring honor to us—glory to the country, dignity to character, wisdom to thought, knowledge of things, precision to principles, sweetness to feeling, happiness to the fireside—Authors."

Mr. G. Barnett Smith is preparing a "Life of Channing."

Florence Maryatt lately appeared as Lady Jane in "Patience."

"For the Major" is the name of Constance F. Woolson's new story.

A Hindustani translation of the "Arabian Nights" has just appeared.

Mr. W. D. Howells will be the guest of the artist Vedder while in Rome.

The lectures of Mr. Robert G. Ingersoll have been translated into Japanese.

"Heart and Science" is the remarkable title of Mr. Wilkie Collins' new novel.

The first (new) edition of "Leaves of Grass" was disposed of before publication.

"Notes on Men and Books," by the late James T. Fields, is announced for the fall.

John Stuart Blackie has resigned the professorship of Greek at the University of Edinburgh.

Professor W. W. Skeat, of Cambridge, has nearly completed his edition of Guest's "English Rhythms."

Mr. J. R. Lowell is engaged in writing a volume on Hawthorne for the "American Men of Letters" series.

Mr. R. H. Shepherd is preparing "The Life, Letters, and Uncollected Writings of W. Makepeace Thackeray."

Sampson, Low & Co., London, will publish, next autumn, "Lives of Illustrious Shoemakers," by Rev. W. E. Winks.

At the sale of the effects of the late Dante G. Rossetti the presentation copy of Swinburne's "Atlanta in Calydon" brought £31.

Dr. Edward Emerson, son of Ralph Waldo, is soon to give up the practice of his profession and give his whole time to literature.

Mr. Thomas Hughes, who suffered great losses by the failure of his Rugby colony, has accepted an English county court judgeship.

The literary Princess Beatrice has set to music two of Lord Beaconsfield's poems. "The Blue-eyed Maiden" and "The Green Cavalier."

A cheap edition of the Koran is being printed at Constantinople in the printing establishment founded by Osman Bey, who intends to issue at a low price the best religious, scientific, and historical productions in the Arabic and Turkish languages.

"Emerson's was an Asiatic mind, drawing its sustenance partly from the hard soil of our New England; partly, too, from the air that has known Himalaya and the Ganges. So impressed with this character of his mind was Mr. Burlingame, as I saw him, after his return from his mission, that he said to me in a freshest of hyperbole, which was the overflow of a channel with a thread of truth running in it, 'There are twenty thousand Ralph Waldo Emersons in China.' (From "Tributes to Emerson.")

The appearance of the new edition of Walt Whitman's works is calling forth many reviews which are interesting from the fact of the widely different views they exhibit from different men of ability. While we claim freedom of opinion for everyone we consider that a poet who can call forth such laudations as Walt Whitman has from men like Dante G. Rossetti, John Burroughs, Ralph Waldo Emerson, W. D. O'Connor, R. M. Bucke and Frank Walters, is a poet whose reputation can be little hurt by the opinion of those who have never appreciated his works sufficient to feel a deeper, more noble, more philanthropic spirit in them than that of the celebration of sexual things, with no spiritual or intellectual element.