

GERMAN EMPIRE.

The Grand Lodge of Hanover was formally instituted on the 15th of November. The Lodges of Bremen and Braunschweig were, on account of certain hindrances, not present. For the purpose of instituting the Grand Lodge, and installing the Grand Officers, the Most Worthy Grand Sire of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire had arrived from Berlin, and at 6 p.m., he opened the Grand Lodge in due form. After the ceremonies had taken place the Gr. officers were elected

as follows :

M.W.G.M.—Ludwig Elsasser.
R.W.D.G.M.—C. Tippenhauer.
R.W.G.T.—G. Bermann.
G.G.—B. von Uslar.
G. Marshall—G. Heeger.

After the installation of the officers, some resolutions were proposed and passed of which we will give particulars in our next number. Another forward step has been made. May the labors of the new Grand Lodge be crowned by the richest blessings.—*Hertz und Hand.*

RECESS.

We are told that "a little nonsense now and then, is relished by the wisest men." Let us give evidence of our wisdom by trying to relish a little of this sort of thing :

—Gravity is no more evidence of wisdom than a paper collar of a shirt.

—"Artaxerxes," said Mr. Marrowfat, solemnly, "Never get married, my boy. Little do you know what an awful responsibility it is to upholster a wife."

—A St. Thomas school boy had just got his face fixed to sing "Let us love one another," when a snow ball hit him in the mouth and so confused him that he yelled—"Bill Sykes, just do that again and I'll chaw your ear off."

—A colored gentleman went to consult one of the most "high-toned" lawyers in London, and after stating his case, said : "Now I knows you's a lawyer ; but I wish you would please, sar, jiss tell me the truff 'bout dat matter."

—When a Chicago woman answered the door-bell and was informed that her husband had been drowned, she sank down and whispered : "And the bill for \$50 worth of false hair is to come up at four o'clock—ooh—hoooh !"

—"O ! your nose is as cold as ice," a Toronto father thought he heard his daughter exclaim the other evening as he was reading in the next room. He walked in for an explanation, but the young fellow was at one end of the sofa and the girl at the other, while both looked so innocent and unconscious that the old gentleman concluded his ears had deceived him, and so retired from the scene without a word.

—A little Danbury boy doesn't think his aunt is as pious as she pretends to be, when she puts so much starch in his Sunday shirt that he can't jump over a single post on his way to church.

—A man in St. Marys promised his wife on her death-bed never to marry again, and now he offers a reward for some one who will convince him that a lie is justifiable when told to soothe the last moments of the departing.

—"Wife," said the victim of a jealous rib one day, "I intend to go to camp-meeting Tuesday evening to see the camp break up." "I think you won't," replied she. "I'll go if I see fit." "You'll see fits if you go." He did not go—probably on account of the rain."

—Girls should be warned of the danger they run in marrying railroad brakemen. An enthusiastic member of that fraternity, on being awakened the other night from a dream of an impending crash by a train, found himself sitting up in bed, holding his wife by the ears, having nearly twisted her head off in his frantic efforts to "down brakes."

—It was my custom in my youth (says a celebrated Persian writer) to rise from my sleep to watch, pray and read the Koran. One night as I was thus engaged, my father, a man of practical virtue, awoke. "Behold," said I to him, "thy other children are lost in irreligious slumbers, while I alone wake to praise God." "Son of my soul," said he, "it were better for thee to be engaged in irreligious sleep than to awake to find fault with thy brethren."