

THE CALLIOPH.

consult his friends upon an intended publication for a hundred and fifty years and then live to see its success afterwards; but at present a man waits and doubts, and hesitates, and consults his brother, and his uncle, and particular friends, till, one day, he finds he is sixty years of age; and that he has lost so much time in consulting his first cousin and particular friends, that he has no more time to follow their advice."

Varieties.

An old miser owning a farm, found it impossible to do his work without assistance, and accordingly offered any man food for performing the requisite labor. A half starved man hearing of the terms, accepted them. Before going into the fields in the morning, he invited his servant to breakfast; after finishing the morning meal, the old skinflint thought it would be a saving of time if they should place the dinner upon the table after the breakfast. This was readily agreed to by the unsatisfied stranger, and the dinner was soon dispatched. "Suppose, now," said the frugal farmer, "we take supper; it will save time and trouble, you know." "Just as you like," said the eager eater, and at it they went "Now we will go to work," said the delighted employer. "Thank you," said the labourer, "I never work after supper."

"Dejeuners a la fouchette" are common enough, but "guerre a la fouchette" as the Zouaves call their favorite bayonet practice, is as novel as it must be disagreeable to the man at the wrong end of the musket.

A man in Lowell, in attempting to hang himself, forgot to put the rope round his neck, and jumped off the barrel into a mud-hole. He did not discover his mistake until he attempted to kick.

"Sir, your journal of yesterday contained false information." "Impossible, sir!—but tell me, what do you allude to?" "You said that Mr. M. had been tried." "True." "Condemned." "Very true." "Hung." "Most true." "Now, sir, I am the gentleman himself." "Impossible!" "I assure you it is a fact; and now I hope that you will contradict what you have alleged." "By no means, sir." "Now!—what do you mean? you are deranged!" "I may be so, sir; but I will not do it." "I will complain to a magistrate." "As you please; but I never retract. The most that I can do for you is, to announce that the rope broke, and that you are now in perfect health. I have my principles, sir; it is said of me I never deceive."

Sir William B——, being at a parish meeting, made proposals which an influential farmer objected to, and so effectually, that they were not carried. Highly enraged—"Sir," says he to the farmer, "you may be a judge of a plough, but you know nothing of the subjects in which you have interfered. I think I ought to be well informed upon them, I have been at both the universities, and at two colleges in each." "Well, Sir," replied the farmer, "and what of that? I had a calf that sucked two cows, and the observation I made was, that *the more he sucked the greater calf he grew.*"

A grocer wishing to be a little odd in regard to a sign, caused two letters, T.T., to be painted on his shutter, the one green and the other black. Not long after, some person observing it, inquired what it meant. "Why, you goose," said the trader, "it's green tea and black tea!"

"How old are you, Pat?" said a clerk of indictment to a convict, at an assizes in the south of Ireland, "Faith, sir, I believe I'm pretty well as owld as ever I'll be," said Pat; and, in good truth, he was hanged on the Monday following.