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*Sir John to Forepaugh.—THE RURAL VOTER LIKES TO BE HUMBUGGED, DOESN'T HE?*

innocent wid all their larnin. Fur instance wan av them towld us that the focus av magnetism was just two hundred miles from Rat Portage! The idea av any man givin himself away like that! An' he wondred why Dr. Bell hadn't hit the spot before now! Arrah! doesn't he know that Dr. Bell's a daycent married man, and has got more to do than to be huntin' up another man's focus av magnetism, even though that man may be an English scientist. Herself must be spindin' the summer in the North-West, while the ould gintlemen's in Montreal. Myself larn't a grate dale however, I larn't it was no sign av poverty at all at all to be in debt, that it was more desirable to have a national debt than not, an' that the national debt was a moighty good investment fur pable's money, an' that the richer the nation grew the more it got into debt! How the devil a cent more av that mortgage will meself be after payin'. Sure an' wasn't I a goose, thinkin that if I cud get the mortgage paid off, the interest would be in me own pocket handy whin the carner grocery bill cum in, but that's the beauty av being scientific.

Prof. Ramsey Wright read a paper on catfish. Sure thin, they're just beautiful, whin they're skinned an' dipped in the yolk of eggs and rowled in bread crumbs an' fried in a bit o' good butter, an' sarved up wid a snifter av Worsted sauce. Musha, but the Professor

has moighty good taste, an' may he eat many's the good meal av seacats.

Dr. Taylor described the method av measuring the human living body, but he forgot to tell us whether that was before or after it had been arranged and suited to modern ideas of beauty by tight lacin' an' pinnin' up wid whalebone an' steel.

Myself is under the impression, that Mither Ravenstein, when he towld thim to encourage the youngsters to think for thimselves instead av acceptin' the definitions av the test book, forgot that thinkin' fur wan's self is rather a dangerous practice, all very well far geography maybe, but supposin' some av thim byes war to become clergymen now, the habit av thinkin' far themselves instead av "acceptin' the definitions" as laid down in the forty-nine articles, or the Westminster confession and catechism might be apt to get them into throuble. Shtick to the good ould definitions, an' nivir mind thinkin'; thinkin's a bother, an' always drives ye further than ye bargin' fur.

The gratest trate of the whole to meself was a sight av Lieutenant Greely. Musha! I couldn't tak me hat aff, fur it was aff already, but meself riz up to me feet, and bowed low with rinerinos whin he cam in. Its the tears that wouldn't keep back whin I thought av him away there among the ice fields an' the shuow, wid his crew dyin' off wan be wan,

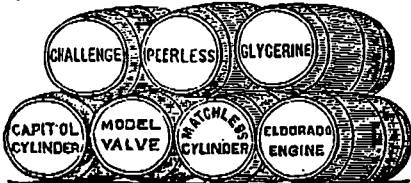
afraid to luk aich other in the oyes fur fear they wud bethray the one question ever uppermost in their moinds, shall we or shall we not? What a poor trifling wuruld this must appear to a man who has been fur weeks in the ice-bound valley of the shadow—hopin' against hope, lyin' down an' risin' up, conscious of the one grim presence continually with them. Musha! but the ould life must feel warm an' kindly now—although you couldn't make me believe that he cud ever be the same ould two an' sixpence again, after sich an ordeal. Excuse want of space, compilling me to stop short.

Yours scientifically,  
BARNEY O'HEA.

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