

Vas Bender Henshepecked?

ANY shentleman dot vill go round pehind your face, und in front of your back apout sonetings, vas a shvindler. I heard dot Brown says veek pevore next apout me I vas a henshepecked huspand. Dot vas a lie! Do proof of de eating vas in de puddings: I am married twenty year already, und I vas yet not pald-headed. I don't vas oondcr some pottygoats goferments; shtill I tinks it vas petter if a feller vill insult mit his vife und got her advices apout sonetings or oder.

Dem American vomans don't know sonetings nefer about his huspand's peeness, und when dem hart times come, und not so much money comes in de house, dot make not some tiffence mit her. Shtill she moost have vone of dot pull-pack-in-de-front hoop-skirt-pettygoats, mit every kind trimmings. Pooty soon dot huspant gets pankerupted all to pieces. Dey send for de doctor; und when de doctor comes de man dies. Den dot vomans vas oplied to marry mit anoder mans vot she don't may be like mit four or six shildrens, on account of his first vife already, und posscably vone or two mudders-in-law,—vone second-handed, und de oder a shtep-mudder-out-law. Den she says mit herself, "I efen vish dot I vas dead a little."

Now if a Chermans goes dead, dot don't make a pit of tiffence. Nopody could hardly know it except maype himself. His vife goes mit de peeness on shust like notings has happened to somepody.

American vomans und Cherman vomans vas a tiffent kind of peobles. For in-shtinct, last year dot same feller, Mr. Brown, goes mit me in de putcher peeness togeder. He vas American man,—so vas his vife. Vell, many time when efery peobles has got de panic pooty bad, dot vomans comes to her huspant und says she moost have money. Den she goes out riding mit a carriages.

Vonce on a time, Brown says to me, "Bender, I wouldn't be henshepecked." So he vent off und got himself tight—shust pecause his vife tells him, bleaso don't do dot. Den he sits down on his pack mit de floor, und if I am not dere dot time he never would got home.

Vell, dot night, me und my vife, ve had a little talk apout sonetings; und de next tay I says to Brown, "Look here vonst! My vife she makes sausages, und vorks in dot shtore; also my taughter she vorks py the shtore und makes head-skees, und your vife vas going out riding all de times mit de horses-car, und a patent-tied-pack-cardinal shtriped shtockings. Now your vife moost go vork in de shtote und cut beefshteaks, und make sauerkraut, or else ve divide not equally any more dot profits."

Vell, Brown goes home und he tells his vife apout dot. Den she comes pooty quick mit Brown around, und ve had a misundershtanding apout sonetings, in which eferypody took a part, including my leetle dog Kaiser. Pooty soon up comes a policesmans und arrests us for

breeches of promise to keep de pieces, und assaulding de battery; or sometings. Den de firm of Bender & Brown vas proke up. I go apout my peeness, und Brown goes mit his peeness. My vife she helps in de shtore. His vife goes riding mit de horses-car, und efery nights she vas by de theater.

Vot's de gounsequences? Along comes dot Centennial panic. Dot knocks Brown more higher as two kites, py Chimminy! My income vas shtill more as my outcome. But Brown, he goes 'round dot shtreets mit his hands out of his pockets, und he don't got a cent to his back.

A Word for the Boy.

The natural history of a boy is an interesting study. It is hard for the old folks to look at things from his standpoint, because their memories are short. However, he will grow old soon enough, and the era of mud pies and marbles will fade only too quickly.

Only a boy, with his noise and fun,
The veriest mystery under the sun;
As brimful of mischief and wit and gloo
As ever a human frame could be,
And as hard to manage as—Ah! Ah, mo!
'Tis hard to tell,
Yet we love him well.

We can't see why it should be fun for him to put a bit of orange peel on the sidewalk and then watch until the unwary traveler lies on his back, spluttering all the oaths which the living and dead languages afford, or to tie a string from the door to the lamppost just opposite, high enough to knock off everybody's hat who hurries along, or to slip out the tailboard of a lemon cart and then start the horse on a run, while the dismayed vendor gnashes his teeth and expresses the wish that the cholera would come quickly and make short work of the little rascals. No, we can't see the sport in all that; but twenty years ago we did. We can't remember that we ever stopped up the chimney and filled the house with smoke, or put particles of gunpowder in the middle of the old gentleman's cigar and then watched for the explosion, looking so meek and absorbed in our geography lesson that the victim of our mischief thought there must be a mistake somewhere, and that if he thrashed us he would do injustice to an innocent student. Well, that is probably what we did, never theless, and that is just what other boys are doing nowadays.

Only a boy, who will be a man
If nature goes on with her first great plan;
If water, or fire, or some fatal snare
Conspire not to rob us of this our heir.
Our blessing, our trouble, our rest, our care,
Our torment, our joy.
"Only a boy."

Dr. Laurent, of Rouen, France, considers boiled milk less healthy for young infants than milk which has not been boiled. Although boiling destroys microbes, it also destroys constituents of the milk which act as ferments and render it more digestible, especially in the case of babies.

Using the Eyes on FineWork.

MR. BRUNDELE CARTER, in his "Good and Bad Eyesight," an excellent little book, takes the ground that the habitual exercise of the eye upon fine work, instead of being injurious to the visual organs, tends to develop and preserve them. On this point he says:—

"The man who would preserve the full integrity of his functions to a ripe old age must avoid excesses of every description, and must endeavor to employ the higher faculties of his mind somewhat more energetically than is now always customary. A time comes to every one when the physical powers begin to decay, and then, unless the brain has been kept active and recipient by exercise, there is nothing left to live, and the man perishes. We say that he died of gout, or of over-eating, or of heart disease, or of kidney disease, or of the failure of the particular organ which was the first to exhibit symptoms of the approaching end. In reality he has died of stupidity, artificially produced by neglect of the talents with which he was endowed. That which is true of the organism as a whole is true also of its parts, and the eyes, among others, are best treated by an amount of systematic use which preserves the tone of their muscles and the regularity of their blood supply. The acuteness of sight, moreover, is in a great degree dependent upon the mental attention habitually paid to visual impressions, and I have often observed this acuteness to be below the natural average in agricultural laborers, who, if able in some sense to read, were not in the habit of reading, and who were not accustomed to look carefully at any small objects. I have even had reason to think that the wives of such men were indebted to their household needle-work for the maintenance of a higher standard of vision than that of their husbands, and I have no doubt that idleness of the eyes, if I may use the expression, is in every way hurtful to them, and that proper and varied employment is eminently conducive to their preservation in beauty and efficiency."

Ink-Erasing Fluids.

A newly patented composition for the removal and erasure of writing-inks or writing-fluids from paper, cloth and all other substances, which writing fluids and inks may come in contact with without injury to the paper or other substance, consists of the following ingredients, viz: Four quarts of water, four ounces of citric acid, twelve to sixteen ounces of strong solution of borax and three-quarters of a pound of chloride of lime. In preparing the composition two quarts of water which had been previously boiled and cooled are taken. Four ounces of citric acid are added, and, after the acid has been dissolved, six to eight ounces of a strong strained solution of borax are added, after which the whole may be put in a bottle or suitable receptacle.