

## Sawdust and Chips.

A "quaint" American hotel says, "The wife came down to breakfast at the sound of the song."

The wife of a roofer being asked if she was not afraid to have her husband exposed to such danger, trustfully replied: "Oh! he's insured."

As a stout old lady got out of a crowded coach the other day, she exclaimed: "Well, that's a relief, anyhow!" To which the driver eyed her ample proportions, replied: "So the horses think, mum."

"Well, I always make it a rule to tell my wife everything that happens," said Brownwig. "Oh, my dear fellow, that's nothing!" said Smithwig. "I tell my wife lots of things that never happen at all."

A French lady, on her arrival in this country, was careful to eat only such dishes as she was acquainted with; and being pressed to partake of a dish new to her, she politely replied: "No, I thank you; I eat only my acquaintance."

Two ministerial candidates for a vacant pulpit, named Adam and Low, having to preach on the same Sunday, Low, who preached in the morning, took for his text, "Adam, where art thou?" In the evening Adam gave his return shot, by selecting for his text, "Lo, here am I."

A political orator, speaking of a certain general whom he always admired, said he was always, on the field of battle, where the bullets were the thickest. "Where was that?" asked one of the auditors. "In the ammunition-wagon," responded another.

The other day an Irishman with a very heavy trunk got into an omnibus, and sat himself down, and held the box on his knees. The conductor wanted to take it from him; but says paddy, "Sure, the poor creatures of horses have enough to drag along without that, and I'll carry it myself."

"Mister, will you lend me your newspaper? He only wants to send it to his uncle in the country." "Oh! certainly; and ask your father if he will just lend me the roof of his house. I only want the the shingles to make the kettle boil."

A ten year old, boasting to a schoolmate of his father's accomplishments, put it thus:—"My father can do almost anything. He's a notary public, and he's a 'pothecary, and can pull teeth, and he's a horse doctor, and he can mend wagons and things, and can play the fiddle, and he's a jackass at all trades."

A minister examined his schoolboys thus:—"What is the meaning of the word 'repentant'?" "Please, sir, don't know." "Now, if I had stolen a loaf of bread, what should I be?" "Please, sir, locked up." "Well, should I feel sorry?" "Yes." "Well, why should I feel sorry?" "Please, sir, cos you was cotched."

A self-possessed young man called at a house in Atlanta, Ga., a few mornings ago and asked to see his wife. "She is not here," replied the mistress of the house. "There is none here but the members of my family." "Well," replied he, "its one of them I want to see. I married your eldest daughter last night."

A traveller coming from the depot yesterday stopped for a moment to examine a coat hanging in front of a clothing store. The proprietor rushed out and asked: "Wouldn't you try on some coats?" "I dunno but what I would," responded the traveller, consulting his time-killer, and he went in and began work. No matter how often he found his fit, he called for more coats, and after he had tried on about thirty, he looked at his watch, again resumed his own garment, and walked off, saying: "I won't charge a cent for what I've done; hang a man who won't oblige another when he can do it! If I'm ever around this way agin, and you've got any more coats to try on, I'll do all I can to help you!"

Mr. Brandytoddy's three reasons for not drinking are very characteristic of that gentleman: "Take something to drink!" "No, thank you," replied Mr. B. "No! why not?" inquired his friend, in great amazement. "In the first place," returned Mr. Brandytoddy, "I am secretary to a temperance society that is to meet to-day, and I must show my temperance character. In the second place, this is the anniversary of my father's death, and out of respect for him I have promised never to drink on this day. And, in the third place, I have just taken something."

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