

## Little Parables.

## THE OX IN THE BEER SALOON.

An Ox, who has read about the Dog in the Manger and formed the idea of Turning the Tables upon All Creation, proceeded to a Beer Saloon and unconsciously behind the Counter. Presently the Proprietor entered the Saloon and, thinking that he had 'em again, prepared to take something to steady his Nerves, when the Ox refused to allow him to imbibe.

"Selfish creature!" said the Proprietor bitterly; "you will neither drink yourself nor allow any one else to take a Drink!" and seizing a Bungstarter he was about to wreak his Vengeance upon the Intruder when the Ox, bellowing, "Nay, then, I will give you a Horn!" employed him as the instrument to excavate a Trapdoor through the Ceiling.

## MORAL.

Thus we See, among other Things, the Innate Absurdity of endeavoring to Tackle a Strong Bull movement, Single-handed.

## THE PUNISHMENT OF D-OCLES.

D-ocles, the tall Sycophant of Syracuse, having stoned Dionysius' dog for biting him, the tyrant bade him too sumptuous repast. But overhead was a hair suspended from a sword, and D-ocles, being afraid to stir lest the hair should fall in his soup, the banquet was a tantalizing torment to him. "You do not seem to have much appetite to-day," said the tyrant, jeeringly; "suppose you try a hair of the dog that bit you?" From this incident arose the custom of taking sherry and bitters before dinner.

## PYGMALION AND THE STATUE.

Pygmalion, a statuary of Cyprus, who hated women, and resolved never to marry, fell earnestly in love with his own marble statue of the goddess Venus, which at his passionate prayer was vivified, whereupon he proposed marriage to it. But the beautiful creation, justly indignant, refused to have anything to do with a man who, while he was about it, might just as well have chiselled her out a spring bonnet and a summer silk dress, but was too mean to do it, and married his wealthy grandfather, whom she induced to disinherit the unfortunate artist.—New York World.

## A Vegetarian Banquet in London.

Nearly a hundred persons employed by the Marylebone Vestry were entertained to a vegetarian supper recently, at the Walmer Castle Coffee Tavern, Seymour place, Marylebone road, by Dr. and Mrs. Norman Kerr. The rector of the parish and Dr. Richardson were among those present. The object in view was to give practical illustration of the economy with which life could be maintained on vegetable diet. The supper consisted of three courses, accompanied by brown bread and a cup of cocoa for each guest. A "hotch-potch" soup was first served. It was composed of potatoes, turnips, carrots, leeks, celery, green peas, parsley, and butter. It was palatable, and it is claimed for it that it is nutritious. The next dish was a pie made of haricot beans, flour, onions, and butter; and then followed the sweets, a hot mess of rhubarb, rice, and sugar. The cost of the meal was less than £15s., being at the rate of 3d. each person.

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