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And the gambolling pranks of the playful beifer.  
Of the flocks that graze, and the "dainty bass,"  
And the "perfect days" and the "vernal rays,"  
And every phrase used by bards since Chaucer,  
And just then the cold snap came on, and while  
chopping his morning kindling wood his  
left ear was frozen, and swelled up as large  
as an old-fashioned saucer.—*Pitt. Riv.*

**VALUE OF SMALL THINGS.**

Husband—"What are you going to take that scrap of lace along for?"  
Wife—"Scrap, indeed! That's my handkerchief."  
"Oh, that's it."  
"Yes, and by the way, I forgot to give you yours. It's up stairs on the—"  
"Never mind, dear, I've got a postage stamp."—*Omaha World.*

**OF COURSE THEY ARE.**

"Misers are very discerning men," said the Stamp Editor.  
"How do you make that out?" asked the Horse Editor.  
"They are so penny-traitive."—*Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.*

**AMY DISMISSES HER BEAU.**

"Algernon Fitzpercry does not call upon you as frequently as formerly, I believe," remarked the High School girl to her friend.  
"No, Mildred," replied Amy, "in fact, I gave him his walking papers."  
"You mean, dear, you presented him with his pedestrianizing documents."—*Pittsburgh Chronicle.*

STIGGINS was passing a watchmaker's establishment, and looking in the window he noticed a very pretty girl at the counter.  
"Ha!" he soliloquized, "I'll go in and take a look at her under some pretext or other."  
He entered, and was waited on by the young lady's father.  
"What can I do for you?"  
"I want to get a key for my watch," he stammered, feasting his eyes on the young lady.  
"Let me see your watch," said the watchmaker.  
As if in a dream he took out his watch. The watchmaker examined it, and said, with surprise:  
"Why, your watch is a stemwinder."  
He doesn't remember how he got out, but he does remember that the young lady laughed.—*Texas Siftings.*

"I don't mind giving up my neckties before they're half worn out," said a society young man yesterday, "because they look pretty in crazy quilts. But I'm going to draw the line on my married lady friends hereafter."  
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