Sawdust and Chips.

"Portor always makes me fat," said a tip pler. "I have seen the time when it made you 'lean,'" said a wag.

Josh Billings says : "I have often been told that the best way is to take a bull by the horns; but I think, in many instances, I should prefer the tail hold."

A beautiful Indiana school girl, thirteen years old and six feet one inch high, is causing a general rupture among the suspenders of the short hoys who try to kiss her.

A New Jerseyman having heard that Columbus was in Ohio, immediately started west to interview the "old gentleman" about the voyage which resulted in the discovery of America.

Josh Billings says: Yu cant find contentment laid down in the map; it is an imaginary place not settled yet; and those that reach it soonest throw away their compass and go it

Horses are so plentiful in Australia that they are sold at the pound at prices ranging from sixpence to a shilling, and local papers think they would fetch more if put up in pound cans for the Paris market.

A Dutchman, getting excited over an account of an elopement of a married woman, gave his opinion thus: "If my wife runs avay mit anoder man's vife, I shake him out of his breeches if she be mine fadder!"

-An assessor in San Bernardine lately asked a woman how many chickens she had, and, doubting her word, proceeded to count them. She took him to the bee hive, kicked it over, and invited him to count the bees.

A Troy dentist the other day became emotionally insane while repairing a front tooth for a pretty woman, and kissed her. She told her husband, and he went round the next day and borrowed \$500 of the dentist on long time.

A certain newly elected Dutch justice of the peace, being called upon to perform the marriage ceremony, was somewhat troubled as to the mode of procedure. He at last began: "Shtand up! You, Jacob Myer, do solemnly shwear dat you vill take disvomans to be your wife, to the best of your knowledge and belief, so help you God."

"It is my candid opinion, Judge, that you are an old fool," said a Sacramento lawyer to the Court. The Judge allowed his middle beaming eye to rest upon the lawyer for a moment, and then, in a voice husky with suppressed emotion and tobacco juice, said, "And it's my candid opinion that you are fined one hundred dollars."

It is told of a young gentleman, whom a maiden liked but father didn't, that at a reasonable hour the old gent mildly intimated that the time for retiring had arrived. "I think you are correct, my dear sir," answered nineteenth century, modestly; "we have been waiting over an hour for you to put yourself in your little bed." The father retired thoughtfully.

A young lady in New York lost a thousand dollar ring. A young gentleman found it. On elaiming the privilege of putting it on her finger himself, the young lady assented, and held forth the fourth finger of her left hand, the "engagement ring finger." The young man - was caught, but didn't flinch his doom, as the young lady's papa is worth two millions.

An impulsive young man sent his girl the piece of sheet music entitled, "I will meet you at the beautiful gate." Her father saw the piece when she opened the package; and, after daubing a bucketful of tar over his gate, quickly remarked to his daughter, "He can wait for you if he wants to, but you won't either of you swing on that gate if tar will keep you off."

"What do you call that?" indignantly asked a customer at a cheap restaurant, indicating an object that had been discovered in his plate of hash. "Wristband, with sleevebutton attached, sir," said the waiter, briskly. . Well, do you consider that a proper thing for a man to find in his hash?" demanded the customer in wrath. "Good heavens, sir!" cried the waiter, "would you expect to find a ten dollar silk umbrella in a fifteen cent plate of hash ?"

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A school-board authority while lately examining the young chi dren, asked them the following questions:-" Are there any mountains in Palestine?"-"Yes," replied the children .- "How are they situated ?" inquired the examiner .- "Some are in clusters, and there are some isolated ones," they answered. -"What do you mean by the word isolated?" asked the examiner .- "Why, covered with ice, of course!" quickly replied one of the children.

An Irishman in Lawrence recently bought out a place of business, the seller-a German -telling him it was a good stand. The buyer found that he was imposed upon. There was

literally no trade at all. Meeting the German the other day, he said to him with considerable show of indignation :--- "An" what did yez go fur to desave me in that place, for sure its meself hasn't sold a cent's worth for three weeks." "Vell, vot vash I deceive you for? Mein Gott, I no deceive you." "Bogorry, ye did then. Didn't ye tell me it was a good stand?" "Vell, dat vas right. It vas a good stand. I stands around all day doing noting, ven I vas there. Yah, yah, it vas a good stand."

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