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Fun and Fancy.

"It seems to me," moaned he, as he fled toward the front gate, with the old man behind him, "that there are more than three feet in a yard."

"Do you believe in spirits?" "No, I can't say as I do, but I've seen things I couldn't account for."

"I was never actually buried alive," said an old clerk, recounting his experiences, "but I once worked a week in a store where they did not advertise."

"I've hit upon a great scheme," said a western editor; "I nearly doubled our circulation yesterday."

A Texas widow dressed in deep mourning after the death of her husband, an old friend of the family, a minister, meeting the widow, said solemnly: "You have no idea how I regret to see you wearing the sad habiliments of woe."

A critic dropped into a studio in Paris one day recently, stepped before a portrait of a lady in an essex, and remarked: "It is very nicely painted; but why did you take such an exaggerated model?"

M. A. R. asks whether, in speaking or writing to a wife, her husband's title, if he has one, should be given her, as "Mrs. Jones, or No."; the wife is simply Mrs. Smith.

"The most truckman and forwarding agent in New York," is Albert H. Tryon, 276 Fulton street; owned a mare and for eighteen months stiff and sore, then her weight on hind legs when leaning half an hour was wringing wet from chest to hoof, trouble caused by hard riding over cobble stones.

Perhaps you are weak and weary, all run down, get tired with slight exertion, feel faint and dizzy, or dull and languid, then you need a good tonic.

Household Hints.

ASSORTED CAKES.—One cup butter, two cups sugar, four cups flour, or if it is four eggs, two teaspoons yeast powder.

ANOTHER.—One cup butter, four cups sugar, two cups milk, three eggs, six cups flour, one pound raisins, one teaspoon soda, spices to taste.

KATIE HUBBARD'S RYE BREAKFAST CAKES.—One and one half cups sweet milk, one-half cup molasses, two cups rye meal; mix very soft. One teaspoonful soda salt. Bake at once in a tin.

Mrs. SCHMERZ' CAKES.—One egg, one cupful sour cream, one and one-third cups white sugar, a little salt; one and one-half cups flour, one small teaspoonful cream tartar, one-half teaspoonful soda; flavor with nutmeg.

VALETTES.—The above receipt with the addition of citron, currants, raisins or coconut is very nice. Can be baked in fancy shapes, or in loaf or sheet. It is also nice for Washington pie. Try it, and you will call it delicious.

FRUIT CAKES.—Two cups butter, one cup molasses, one and one-half cups flour, one cup milk, one teaspoon soda, two eggs, one pound raisins, one pound currants or citron, one teaspoon each kind of spice. Flour to make a stiff batter.

THREE SPONGE CAKES.—Eight eggs, two cups sugar, juice and rind of a lemon. Beat the whites of the eggs to a froth, then put sugar to it and beat; add the yolks well beaten, and a tablespoonful each of two cups of flour. This makes two loaves. Bake about three-fourths of an hour.

SPONGE CAKES.—One cup flour, one cup sugar, two eggs, one teaspoon yeast powder sifted into the flour, one-third cup boiling water. Mix flour, sugar and yeast powder together, beat yolks and whites of eggs separately, then mix together and stir into the flour; then add the hot water. Flavor with lemon if desired.

CURRENT JELLY FOR MEATS.—Boil the currants and strain off the juice; add a little white sugar, and boil for five or ten minutes, add one-third weight of it of sugar, and boil for five minutes longer. Strain off the juice, and add a little of the spread on hot beef steak or served with roast pork, veal or lamb, is very nice. Thin slices laid over puddings with sweet frosting are very ornamental.

An Oratorical "Son of Toll."

"Feller-citizens," said he, "I'm a hard faced son of-a-bitch. I'm a bricklayer by trade, and not a bit ashamed of it. No sir, I wasn't born with a silver spoon in my mouth or cradled in a lap of luxury."

"You'd better have let out the job," remarked a voice in the rear of the hall. He scorned to notice the interruption, but proceeded.

"Yes, feller-citizens, I'm proud of having risen by honest industry, proud of appearing to solicit your assistance as true representatives of labor; as one who has contributed to build up this community by the sweat of his brow and the work of his hands."

"Pass on this way," said an excited listener, evidently belonging to the 'old' dog class; "let me gaze on the face of this fellow who has made out my way to prosperity."

The tools were handed to him and he scrutinized them with deep interest. "You say you work as a bricklayer?" said he, turning sharply to the orator.

"And with them tools!" "Yes, sir; those are the very tools I bought when I started as a journeyman. To them I owe all of my prosperity."

"You are right, but you do not use them," said the orator, looking at the tools. "I use them all the time."

Wanted something better. A stylish young lady entered a book store and asked to see a copy of a book. She was about to step on the letter—she had a letter with a deep black border—when she paused.

"I think," she said, "I will take one of a deeper color. This doesn't seem to match the envelope."

More Quickened Conscience.

A fair to exhibiting Detroit went house to supper the other night to find that the wife had cut out the house only a moment before she had been inquired where she had been.

"Richard," she answered in a very sober way, "I have been to consult a fortune teller."

"What!" she exclaimed, turning pale and staggering back against the wall. "Yes, I have been to consult a fortune teller," she went on, as the tears came to her eyes.

"What time, am. Fortune-tellers are humbugs—windlers—liars!" "Richard, this fortune teller told me—"

"I won't hear it—I want none of their humbug," he interrupted. "Richard, she has told me you are a fortune teller, and I'll make her take it back or go to prison."

"Richard, won't you let me say that the said you were gradually killing yourself by too close attention to business?"

"I don't care! I want my supper—I have no time for foolishness!" "Richard, she says that you are—"

"I tell you I won't hear any of her humbug! She has told me that you are a fortune teller, and I'll make her take it back or go to prison."

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