

Sparkles.

"LIBERAL education" often costs a young man's father a great deal of money.

THE quickest way to be robbed of your good name: Engrave it on your umbrella.

THREE essentials to a false story teller—a good memory, a bold face and fools for an audience.

THERE is usually a grammatical difference between criminals and judges in regard to the length of sentences.

THREE things that are seen in a peacock—the garb of an angel, the walk of a thief and the voice of a devil.

A SMALL boy, required to write a sentence containing the word "hominy," produced the following: "Hominy marbles have you?"

CHICAGO Man: Were the delegates un-instructed? Was on Man I instructed? Well, I should say so. They were the most ignorant persons I ever saw.

STRANGER: Boy, can you direct me to the nearest bank? Boy: I kin for 25 cents. Stranger: 25 cents! Isn't that high pay? Boy: Yes, sir; but it's bank directors that gits high pay.

He was mumbling about tough steak and cold coffee, and making himself generally disagreeable. "Don't growl so over your breakfast, John," said his wife, "nobody is going to take it away from you."

DUMPSY: Why, man, you're as glum as the grave! Lumpsey: Well, I ought to be. Dumpsey: Family affliction? Lumpsey: Yes. Dumpsey: Death? Lumpsey: No; we're packing for the seashore.

THE Indian who was so much pleased with the first locomotive he had ever seen that he tried to lasso it, afterward told another Indian that he was never so carried away with anything before in all his life.

AN itinerant musician from the Land O' Cakes struck town this afternoon with a set of bagpipes, and is making more money than all the Italians put together. He stays only about half a minute in a place, being liberally feed to move on.

PRINCIPAL Deacon: Now, Brudder Johnsing, does yo' b'lieve in open or close communion, sah? Candidate (diplomatically, not knowing deacon's view): Well, some likes it open, an' some closed; but fo' me I says leave it ajar.

A CHURCH in a country town had been erected, and a dinner was given, at the conclusion of which the health of the builder was proposed. Thereupon he rather enigmatically replied that he was "more fitted for the scaffold than for public speaking."

A MAN claims to have picked up a live turtle with the inscription "Adam, year 2," engraved on its back. That might easily happen. It doesn't take a boy much longer to carve "Adam, year 2" on a turtle's back than it does to put on the legend "G. W. 1776."

"DOCTOR, I hear that brigshy has started a new paper," "So I am told, but I haven't seen a copy." "He told me the other day that it would be bold and aggressive. I wonder if it's that kind of a sheet?" "I guess it is. I sewed up a scalp wound for him this morning."

"ARE you going to have your son stay on the farm, or will he follow one of the professions, Mr. Hayman?" "I reckon he'll foller a profession." "Does that seem to be his natural bent?" "Wall, you'd think so if you'd see him foller the district school ma'am around."

SHE had promised to be a sister to him. He thanked her coldly, but said that he already had five sisters. "Why, Mr. Simpson," said the girl, "I thought you were an only child." "I am," he responded; "I mean that I have five sisters such as you offer to be," and he tottered to the door.

"EDWARD, why do I hear that you have disobeyed your grandmother, who told you just now not to jump down these steps?" "Grandma didn't tell me not to, papa. She only came to the door and said, 'I wouldn't jump down these steps, boys, and I shouldn't think she would, an old lady like her.'"

THEY were young lovers, and as they strolled through the public park, the future looked very bright and pleasant to them. "That is a dogwood-tree, my love," he said, touching it lightly with his stick. "How do you know that is a dogwood tree, George dear?" "I can tell by its bark, my darling," and then a policeman ordered them off the grass, and they were very, very happy.

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Yours truly,
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