A Pennsylvania Dutchman, who married his second wife indecently soon after the funeral of the first, was visited by a two hours' serenade in token of disapproval. He expostulated pathetically thus:—"I say, poys, you ought to be ashamed of yourselfs to pe making all dis noise ven dere was a funeral here so

While a rather affected young lady was confiding to her admirer how ethereal her appetite was, and the sensitive delicateness of her own organization, the too matter-of-fact help bawled out: "Say! will ye have yer biled pork and beans now, or wait till yer feller's gone?" The "feller" has been gone ever since.

In Chicago, some boys surreptitiously pinned to the coat of a pedestrian a yellow card bearing the inscription: "Small-pox here; are you vaccinated?" The Times says, "the gentleman met with a perfect ovation wherever he went, but he had pretty much the entire walk to himself."

The women of Damascus, Illinois, take part in the discussions of the Farmer Club meeting. A recent conundrum was, "Shall we dress for comfort or for show?" It was, of course, decided to dress for comfort, and then they all went away, and at the next meeting each appeared with a "three-decker" headdress and a "Dolly Varden" suit.

"A friend of mine, a veteran commanding-officer of a cavalry regiment," writes Mr. Frank Buckland, the distinguished pisciculturist, "told me that he once found a moorhen's nest with eggs. Upon cracking one of the eggs he discovered that the young bird was alive, and upon the point of hatching. He put it on the ground, and it immediately ran away. 'What I want to know, Buckland,' said my friend, the colonel, 'is how it happened that that young bird did not know I was its mother?'"

Since her reconstruction, Paris—always a city of municipal elegancies—has introduced a new and improved method of lighting her streets. We quote from a letter to the Philadelphia Press the following: "One novelty since the war is the use of a new electric gas for lighting the streets and public buildings. The whole circle of the Boulevards, on the Louvre side of the Seine, is not merely lighted but illuminated in this manner. I do not know how this gas is produced, but it has all the brilliancy of a Bude light, and the cost is inconsiderable. In a short time, no doubt, every street in Paris will be lighted in this manner, with very little expense. There cannot be an explosion, it is stated, and as for an escape of gas that does not matter, as this is inodorous. It would be worth while for the ruling powers to send a Commissioner or two over to Paris to inquire into this new system of street illuminations. For domestic use—that is, in dwelling houses—the intensity of the light may be objectionable. In the open air, however, this is an advantage.

A girl of sharp wits in a Western city discovered recently that her lover was about to take another girl to a ball. She thereupon bribed his backman to permit her to take the reins at the proper moment, and instead of driving the pair to the ball-room, she took them several miles out of town to a dense wood, where she left them exposed to a pelting rain storm-the young lady in a low-necked muslin dress and kid slippers, and her escort in full party toggery and thin boots. Their situation was not comfortable, but they found shelter in a neighbouring farm-house, where there happened to be an accommodating minister, and the two, being lovingly disposed by reason of their misadventures, were married. The other young woman now sits in sackcloth and ashes, sadly brooding over her misadventure.

A strange affair is reported from Nottingham. On the evening of the 16th ultimo a young gentleman named Clement James Beecher, of Loudon, who is living with the Rev. J. H. Stocks, at Colwick Rectory, near Nottingham, reading for the university, was walking in a somewhat lonely spot near the Trent, when a man stepped from behind a tree, and saying, "I have got you now," raised his arm to strike. Mr. Beecher received the blow on his left arm, and with his right struck the man in the face. The man then exclaimed, "By G-d, it's the wrong man," and ran away. On Mr. Beecher reaching home, he discovered that he had been stabbed, there being a clean incised wound, about an inch in length, on his arm. This was the story told by Mr. Beecher, and an under-gardener at Colwick Hall, named Munk, was arrested on suspicion of being the offender, but on his being brought before the magistrates, Mr. Patchitt, the magistrates' clerk, asked Mr. Beecher if he could explain how it was that, while the cloth of the coat and the shirt

sleeve had been cut through, there was no corresponding hole in the lining of the coat sleeve. The witness said he had no explanation to offer-he had only spoken the truth. He had not wounded himself. He had no desire to leave the rectory. Mr. Patchitt said the wound could not possibly have been inflicted in the manner described by Mr. Beecher, and it was for the magistrates to decide whether he should be proceeded against for wounding himself, which was a misdemeanor, or for preferring a charge against an innocent person. Munk was then discharged, and the case against Mr. Beecher was adjourned, bail being accepted for his appearance.

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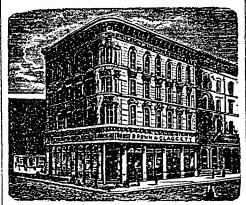
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