BITS OF HUMOUR.

"A little nonsense now and then, Is relished by the wisest men.

People get wisdom by experience. A man never wakes up his second baby to see it laugh.

"Don't you think you could learn to love me?" he said, looking at her wist-

fully.
"I'm sure I couldn't," she answered,
decidedly. "I'm a perfect dunce.
When I was at school I never could
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When Mrs. S. C. Hall was at least seventy years old, she met at a reception a young clergyman who was apparently delighted to see her. "Mrs. Hall," said he, "I remember reading your books when I was a child, and that I was especially charmed by the Irish stories." "Then sir," flashed Mrs. Hall, "if you read my books when you were a child, you ought to know better than say so!"

A good story of Irish repartee comes from an Englishman who, under the guidance of a native Irishman, had recently been admiring the scenery on the other side of St. George's Channel. The visitor and his guide were in a hilly district in the south of Ireland, and the guide, pointing to a high hill, said that it was known locally by the name of "The Devil's Table." Another and less lofty hill hard by was known, he said, as "The Devil's Chair." "Indeed, remarked the Englishman, "the Devil seems to have a good deal of property in these parts." "Yes, sir," rejoined the Irishman, "but he is an absentee landlord, and he lives in England."

FULLY QUALLIFED.

An Episcopal clergyman passing his vacation in Indiana struck an old farmer, who declared he was a "Piscopal." "To what parish do you belong?" asked the clergyman. "Don't know nawthin' bout enny parish," was the answer. "Well, then," continued the clergyman, "what diocese do you belong to?" "They ain't nawthin' like that 'round here," said the farmer. "Who confirmed you, then?" was the next question. "Nobody," farmer. "Who confirmed you, then?" was the next question. "Nobody, answered the farmer. "Then how are you an Episcopalian?" asked the clergyman. "Well," was the reply, "you see, it's this way. Last winter I went down to Arkansas visitin, and while I was there I went to church, and it was called 'Piscopal, and I he'rd them say 'that they left undone the things what they'd oughter done, and they had done some things what they'd oughten done," and I says to myself, says I, 'That's my fix, exac'ly,' and ever since I considered myself a 'Piscopalian." The clergyman shook the old fellow's hand, and laughingly said: "Now I understand, my friend, why the membership of our church is so large."

Father O'Halloran had a telephone

"NOW I HEAR YOU.

THE BRITISH EMPIRE. Roughly speaking, the British empire extends over one continent, one hundred pennsulas, five hundred promontcries, one thousand lakes, two thousand rivers, and ten thousand islands. The Assyrian empire was not so populous, the Roman empire was not so populous, the Persian empire was not so powerful, is the way the Briton sings.

Here of two or three private soldiers and Dr. Home, under a murderous fire from the mutineers. Unfortunately they lost their way and were exposed to a cross fire, several carriers and wounded soldiers being killed. Shelter was not so powerful, is the way the Briton sings. Briton sings

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Mrs. A.—"Certainly. I cured my boy of smoking that way."

And perfection, which, without such helps, are never able to make their appearance."

THE GENERAL.

Sir George Brown, who commanded he light division of the British army in the Crimea, used to ride in front of his troops straight at the foe without an indication that he was in danger The gallant bearing of their command er had an animating effect on the soldiers who always spoke of him as " the general" not knowing him by any other name. This ignorance once cost Sir George \$5.

During the worst of that terrible winter Sir George went to Lord Raglan, the commander-in-chief, to urge the expediency of his showing himself

more frequently in the camps.
"What good will it do?" retorted Lord Raglan.

"Oh, 'twill cheer the men up. Why, sir, numbers of my men don't know your name," answered Sir George. "But they don't know your name, George!"

"Every man in the light division knows my name."

"I'll bet you a pound the first man we ask does not.' "Done," said Sir George; and they

rode to the light division camp. "Come here, my man; who am I?"

The soldier halted at three paces, straight as a ramrod. "You're the general, sir!" "But what is my name?"

"You're the general, sir;" and nothing more could be elicited from him. Sir George paid on the spot.

Doctors' Daring Deeds.

In the Crimea, after our repulse in the first attack upon the Redan, a British surgeon was seen close under the walls of the redoubt, and only partially protected from the hail of the Russian bullets by a small rock, attending to a wounded man as calmly as though he had been in the hospital ward. Wounded himself, he yet forgot self in his care for his maimed comrade. To go a little farther back, to the time of our war with the Afghans, in 1840-1, when our army was utterly destroyed in the fatal Khyber Pass, only one man escaping. He was a surgeon, who had fough his way out, and although hotly pursued, just managed to reach Jellahabad, exhausted, wounded, and almost dying.

In one of our recent wars with the hill tribes in Northern Burmah, an army surgeon was awarded the Victoria In the Crimea, after our repulse in

Father O'Halloran had a telephone put into the parsonage in connection with the church, the parochial school, etc. Patrick McFee, his reverence's handy man, was instructed in the use of the instrument, and it was only the next day when Pat, dusting out the church, heard the clatter of the telephone bell. Taking down the receiver, he was pleased to hear Father O'Halloran's familiar voice asking him something or other about his work. Pat, in essaying to answer, remembered that his reverence was a long way off, and Pat consequently hollered into the transmitter at the top of his voice. "I don't understand you, Patrick," said the telephone. Pat tried again, who hat lough may find a way out, and although hotly pursued, just managed to reach Jellahabad, exhausted, wounded, and almost dying. In one of our recent wars with the hill tribes in Northern Burmah, an army surgeon was awarded the Victoria Cross for conspicuous bravery. He was suddenly set upon by several of the enemy. Drawing his sword, he stood over the wounded man, killed three of his assailants and beat the others off, and then returned to his former duties. For a non-combatant it was a brave act, and he deserved his it was a brave act, and he deserved his army surgeon was awarded the Victoria MRS. C. F. SMITH, Box 405, Whitby Cross for conspicuous bravery. He he was suddenly set upon by several E. W. TRUMP, ST. THOMAS, ONT.

said the telephone. Pat tried again, with no better success. On his third trial, he came near splitting the telephone; but again came Father O'Halloran's voice, "I can't hear what you're saying, Patrick." Pat had by this time lost something of his patience, and as he stood gathering breath for a fourth blast he couldn't refrain from soliloquizing in a low tone, "Ah! may the divil fly wid the ould fool." But Pat dropped the telephone like a hot potato and fell to his knees in dismay, when he heard Father O'Halloran's voice once again, "Now I hear you perfectly, Patrick."

THE PRIMERY WAS A trick."

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During the terrible time of the Indian Mutny, when prodigies of valour were performed by handfuls of British soldiers against thousands of inveterate and fanatical enemies, army surgeons in numer ous instances showed conspicuous bravey. At the relief of Lucknow a number of wounded were placed under the care of Dr. Home, with orders to remove to a place of safety. ing the wounded, tried their best to escape, but were prevented by the firmness of two or three private soldiers tried to storm the building. Dr. Home had to act as commanding officer as well as looking to the wounded.

Only a few British were opposed to about 800 of the enemy, but pluck and determination gained the day. The enemy never obtained a footing. For some time the fate of the besieged was doubtful, and during the whole of the time Dr. Home seemed to bear a charmed life, directing the soldiers' movements and nullifying all the efforts of the enemy. It was only when the ammunition was almost expended that they heard the British cheer, and knew that they were relieved by the comrades. Dr. Home, for this and other meritorious acts, rethis and other merical the Victoria Cross.

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"A union of hearts and a union of hands,
A union none can sever;
A union of homes and a union of Lands,
And the flag, British Union, forever."

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Entry may be made personally at the local office for the District in which the land to be taken is situate, or if the homesteader desires he may, on application to the Minister of the Interior, Ottawa, or the Commissioner of Dominion Lands, Winnipeg, receive authority for some one to make the entry for him. A fee of \$10 is charged for an ordinary homestead entry; but for lands which have been occupied an additional fee of \$10 is chargeable to meet inspection and cancellation charges.

HOMESTEAD DUTIES.

Under the present law homestead duties must be performed in the following way, namely, by three years' cultivation and residence, during which the settler may not be absent more than six months in any one year without for

APPLICATION FOR PATENT

May be made at the end of three years, before the local agent, or the homestead in spector. Before making application for patent the settler must give six months' notice in writing to the Commissioner of Dominion Lands of his intention to do so. When, for convenience of the settler, application for patent is made before a homestead inspector, a fee of \$5 is chargeable.

INFORMATION.

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