

Wit and Humour.

WHY should artists not be trusted? Because they are designing mer.

PARSON: "Rather drowsy weather, this, Farmer Jones." "Ay, parson, so it be, 'minds one o' sermon time, don't it?"

THE man whose wife woke him up in church by sticking a pin in him says he doesn't like such pointed suggestions.

"CAN February March?" asked the punster, with a sickly smile. "Perhaps not," replied the quiet man, "but April May."

THE man who went to the country "for rest and change," says the waiters got most of his change and the landlord got the rest.

A GERMAN physician defines the main difference in the effects of whiskey and beer to be: "Viskey makes you kill somebody else; mit peer you only kills yourself."

"MA, what is this coal pool I read about in the papers?" asked little Johnny. "I'm sure I don't know," was the reply, "unless it is where the miners go in swimming."

CURRAN one day when the judge was shaking his head said, addressing the jury: "Gentlemen, don't be convinced by the learned judge shaking his head, for there's nothing in it."

A PERSON disputing with Peter Pindar, said in a great heat, that he did not like to be thought a scoundrel. "I wish," replied Pindar, "that you had so great a dislike to being a scoundrel."

A STICK that burns—Caustic; a stick that stretches—Elastic; a stick that hurts—Broomstick; a stick with a bad temper—Acrostic; an unorthodox stick—Agnostic; a swollen stick—Bombastic; a timely stick—a clock's tick.

"DID you divide t' at chocolate with your little brother?" asked Mrs. Fizzletop of her greedy little Johnny. "Yes, ma; I ate the chocolate and gave him the paper with the pretty pictures. He likes to look at the pictures."

"I MUST have order in this court-room," sternly demanded a justice of the peace. "I must and will have less noise and confusion here. I have already disposed of three important cases without being able to hear a word of the evidence."

A CHINAMAN, who was called as a witness in Queensland, was asked how he would be sworn, when he replied: "Me no care. Clack 'im saucer, kill 'im cock, blow out 'im matchee, smell 'im book, allee samee." He was allowed to "smell 'im book."

AN Englishman came to New York, and put up at a sign "Established 1804," and rather prided himself upon the antiquity of his establishment. The next day his Yankee rival across the way burlesqued his sign in this way: "Established yesterday. No old goods on hand."

A GENTLEMAN, generous in his contributions for church purposes, but not regular in his attendance upon public worship, was wittingly described by a clergyman as being "not exactly a pillar of the church, but a kind of flying buttress, supporting it from the outside."

THINGS one would rather have left unsaid: Tomlinson: "Good-bye, Miss Eleanor—" Miss Eleanor: "But you've already said good-bye to me, Mr. Tomlinson." Tomlinson (who is always ready with some pretty speech): "Have I, really? Well, one can't do a pleasant thing too often, you know."

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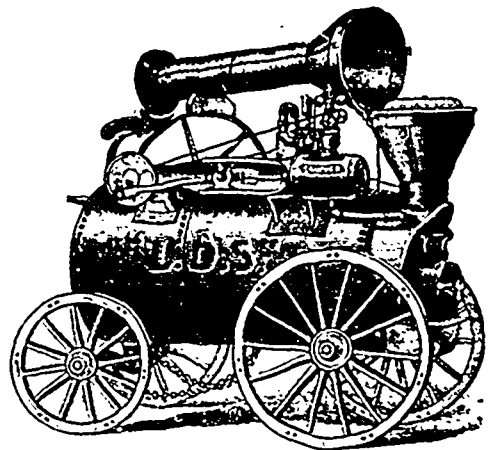
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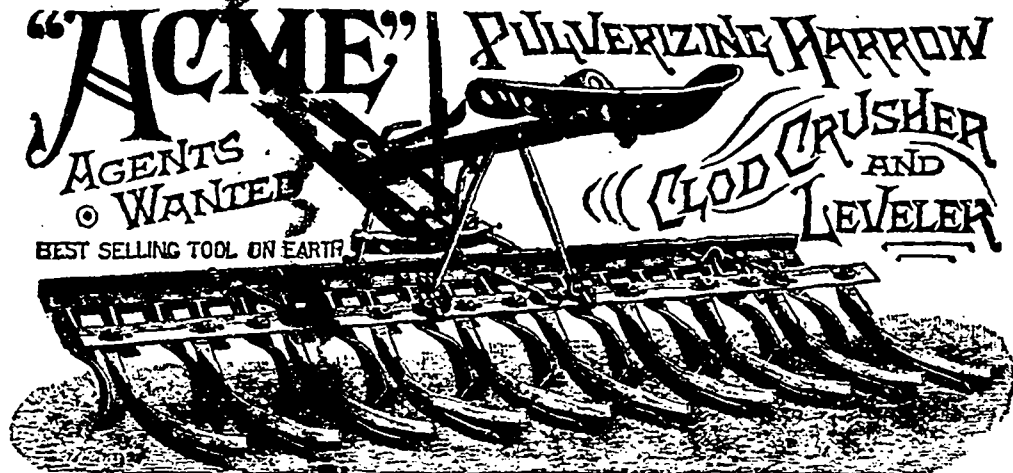
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