

Sawdust and Chips.

A contemporary speaks of a fashionable tailor as being "one of the old war-horses of the trade." A "heavy charger," we suppose.

In China wives are considered legal tenders for debts. Ole Joe (who has a wife), says he wishes he lived in China.

A man writing poetically of the weather says: "The backbone of the winter is broken, but the tail wags yet occasionally."

This life's contradictions are many. Salt water gives us fresh fish, and hot words produce coolness.

A young lady sets her parents' bulldog on such male visitors as she does not desire to come again. The front yard looks like the floor of a tailor's shop, and the dog grows fat and saucy every day.

An alderman who went out for a few days' sport made a very good beginning by putting three charges into his gun and bringing himself down at the first fire.

"Woman is a delusion, Madam," said a crusty old bachelor to a witty lady. "And man is always hugging some delusion or other," was the quick reply.

"A dowry of £8,000, good expectations, and a very old father," are among the recommendations of "a young lady of good family" advertising for a husband in a continental paper.

Counsel (to witness): "Now, sir, what is character of the plaintiff in this suit?" Witness: "Her character is slightly matrimonial." Counsel: "What do you mean by a slightly matrimonial character?" Witness: "She's been married seven times."

Tearful eyes are considered to be a beauty in girls of a gushing kind. In view of this a New York chemist, who deals in cosmetics, has invented an application which produces the desired tender effect far better than onions can, and without their disagreeable odor.

A woman out West interfered with her brother's courtship, and begged him to stay at home evenings. He waited until the evening when she expected her own lover, and complied, and she says that fraternal affection is a heartless mockery.

Horrible incident in the city.—Hungry party "Waiter, bring me some roast fowl, sharp." Waiter, "We haven't any roast fowl, sir." Hungry party, "No roast fowl? Confound it! Bring me a live one, then; I'll eat that." Exit waiter in a state of alarm.

"Do you go to school now, Charlie?" "Yes, sir, I had a light to-day, too." "You had? Which whipped?" "Oh, I got whipped," he replied with great frankness. "Was the other boy bigger than you?" "No, he was littler." "Well, how came you to let a littler boy whip you?" "Oh, you see he was madder nor I was."

A man has succeeded in making a very fair artificial oyster out of flour paste, tapioca, salt, and water. The inventor places these in second-hand oyster shells, which are carefully glued around the edges, and when a half-intoxicated customer calls for "a dozen raw on the half shell," he gets them fresh from the shop.

The reputation of members of the Legislature for sobriety seems to be rather bad in Kentucky. Two of them were rather noisy drunk on a railroad train the other day, and when the conductor remonstrated one of them pompously asked: "Do you know, sir, that I am a member of the Legislature, 'You've got the symptoms,'" was the reply.

A commercial traveller in a Western city handed a merchant, upon whom he had called, a portrait of his betrothed, instead of his business card, saying that he represented that establishment. The merchant examined it carefully, remarked that it was a fine establishment, and returned it to the astonished and blushing traveller, with a hope that he would soon be admitted into partnership.

Perhaps the most attentive man to business ever known, was he who wrote on his own shop door, "Gone to bury my wife—return in half an hour." He was no relation to the lawyer who put upon his office door, "Be back in five minutes," and returned after a pleasure trip of three weeks.

A country editor, acknowledging the gift of a peck of potatoes, says: "It is kindnesses like these that bring tears to our eyes. One peck of potatoes makes the whole world kin. We have trusted in Providence, and this is our reward. We would much like a little kindling wood and some good turnips; but that would be asking too much, so we will try to do without them."

A friend says: Going to Cape May the other day, I saw a young man leaning over the railing of the upper deck, and with considerable violence giving to the winds and sea the contents of his stomach. Just at this juncture one of the boat officials, walking briskly by, asked in a patronizing manner, "Sick, sir?" "You don't suppose I'm doing this for fun, do you?" said the poor fellow, indignantly, as soon as he could recover his breath.

A good story is told of a judge visiting a penal institution, and being practically disposed, the learned judge philanthropically trusted himself on the treadmill, desiring the warden to set it in motion. The machine was accordingly adjusted, and his lordship began to lift his feet. In a few minutes, however, the new hand had quite enough of it, and called to be released; but this was not so easy. "Please, my lord," said the man, "you can't

get off. It's set for twenty minutes; that's the shortest time we can make it go." So the judge was in durance until his "term" expired.

An Illinois editor, describing aurora borealis said the other day: "Here we lean over the very verge of the infinite, longing to grasp its mysteries, lost in the profundities of immensity." We should say a fellow who goes leaning over the infinite grasping at the skirts of an aurora is very likely indeed to be lost in the profundities of immensity, if some kind and muscular friend behind hasn't got a good firm grip of his ankles.

A short time ago a couple of Boston runners entered a restaurant in Portland and ordered dinner. One was pleased to order a plate of baked beans. When he came to settle he asked the price, and was told forty cents. The runner was astonished and exclaimed, "Isn't that a devil of a price for beans?" The man of grub got mad, and said that was the price and that it must be paid. The runner retorted the same exclamation of astonishment several times and paid the Scot. On going out of the door he turned round and yelled it again, but the bean man was silent. The next day the restaurant keeper received a despatch and paid the telegraph boy forty cents. Judge of his utter disgust when upon opening it, he read, "Isn't that a devil of a price for beans?"

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