

TIT-BITS.

FIRE AND BRIMSTONE.—A West of Scotland clergyman was going to the Highlands for his holidays, and being very fond of the "Nabob Pickles," he took a bottle with him. The "Nabob Pickles" are extremely hot and should be sparingly used. Arrived at the hotel, he placed the bottle on the table and took out one or two of them. A Yankee was sitting opposite and got his eyes on the pickles. "Stranger, pass the pickles please." The clergyman said: "These are private property, but you are welcome to them." He passed the bottle across the table. The Yankee emptied half the bottle into his plate and stirred them up well with his spoon. He took a big spoonful, but they were not long down when he drew a long breath and said: "Oh, dodgast it! Look here, stranger, I guess you are a parson?" "Well, I am a clergyman, and preach the Gospel." "Look you here," said the Yankee, "I have heard them preach about fire and brimstone, but you are the first one I ever knew who carried a sample bottle."

Mr. Jags and Mr. Cags were talking about religious matters. "It is a great pity that Noah's Ark could not have been preserved," said Mr. Cags. "It would have materially assisted in educating the masses in religion."

"I don't know about that," replied Mr. Jags. "If it were in existence Barnum would have it."

"Yes, I suppose so," mused Cags. "Either Barnum or the United States Navy."

Mamma (with much show of indignation)—I have called you three times, I am very much annoyed.

Charlie (who is fond of Bible stories)—Woll! the Lord called Samuel three times and he didn't get mad about it, did he?

"I don't believe that you love me."

"But Clara, I have given you proofs enough of my love. Didn't I offer to hurl myself out of the fourth story window into the street?"

"Why didn't you do it?"

"Why didn't I do it? I'll tell you why! I didn't do it. The weather was too bad outside. That's why. It looked as if it was going to rain."

Washington lawyer—You say you are entitled to a pension? Patriot—Yes, I think so. Lawyer—were you wounded? Patriot—No, but I laid out \$800 in hard cash for a substitute. Ah, yes, I see. Just give me a ten dollar bill and fill out that blank.

"Say, Pat, whatever made you go to work for old Uncle Dan? He's the meanest man in the country." "Mano is it?" said Pat; "why, shuro he's the foineest, aisyost-goin' master iver I had, bodad; he gives a man fifteen hours to do a day's work in."

The latest gem in the line of Coroner's jury verdicts comes from Dakota, where a jury found that "she came to her death from a felonious desire to reach a happy hereafter."

An impressionist sent in a "Sunset" picture to the Royal Academy. He carefully marked on the back of the frame which was the right side up, but he added, in a polite note, "should my work be placed on your walls upside down, please catalogue it as a sunrise."

"RUTHER RASSLE WITH THER BULL TONGUE."—Arkansaw backwoods schoolteacher (to boy): "Did you want to come to school?" Boy: "Warn't hurting ter come." Teacher: "But you thought it better to get an education, eh?" Boy: "Didn't think er nuff uv it ter hurt me." Teacher: "Then, why did you come?" Boy: "Wall, dad he said I had ter plow ther new groun' with er bull tongue or go ter school, it didn't matter a blame which, so I come ter school, thinkin' I'd try it or fow falls." Teacher: "How do you like it as far as you've got?" Boy: "Ain't dead in love with it." Teacher: "Here, take this book now, and let me teach you your letters." Boy: "Ain't got no letters. Sis is ther only one on thor place that gits any letters." Teacher: "I mean that you must learn the alphabet." Boy (contemptuously): "What, all them marks?" Teacher: "Yes." Boy (taking up his hat): "Wall, er goodbye. I'd ruther rassle with thor bull tongue." —*Arkansaw Traveller.*

"Was the man intoxicated who fell in the circus tent last evening?" asked Mrs. Do Groof of her husband. "No, the man was all right," was the reply. "He was walking a tight rope."

"I think I've covered the whole ground," remarked a Chicago man in an argument. "No doubt of it," replied the St. Louisian; "but if you will lift up one foot it will give room for the other four of us to stand."

The dwellers in the Black Country have hitherto had the reputation of being remarkably brusque, but Dudley has come to the rescue with a notice above a coal pit: "Please do not fall down the shaft." Could the force of politeness go farther? And yet who would like to fall in with the idea?

A somewhat weather-beaten tramp being asked what was the matter with his coat, replied: "Insomnia; it hasn't had a nap in ten years."

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