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My beautiful new watch had run eight-teen months without losing or gaining, and without breaking any part of its machinery or stopping. I had come to believe it to be infallible in its judgment about the time of day, and to consider its constitution and its anatomy imper-A STORY BY MARK TWAIN. ishable. But at last, one night, I let it run down. I grieved about it as if it were a recognized messenger and fore-runner of calamity. But by and by I cheered up, set the watch by guess and commanded my bodings and superstitions to depart. Next day I stepped into the chief jeweller's to set it by the exact time, and the head of the establishment took it out of my hand and proceeded to set it for me. Then he said, "She is four minutes slow - regulator wants

pushing up."

I tried to stop him—tried to make him understand that the watch kept perfect time. But no; all this human cabbage could see was, that the watch was four and the regulator must be minutes slow, and the regulator must be pushed up a little; and so, while I danced around him in anguish and besseched him to let the watch alone, he calmly and cruelly did the shameful deed. My watch began to gain. It gained faster day by day. Within the week it sickened in a raging fever, and its pulse went up to a hundred and fifty in the shade. At the end of two months it had left all the time-pieces of the town far in the rear, and was a fraction over thirteen days ahoad of the almanac. It was away in November enjoying the was away in Rovember enjoying the snow, while the October leaves were still turning. It hurried up house rent, bills payable, and such things, in such a ruinous way that I could not abide it. I took it to the watchmaker to be regulated. He asked me if I had it repaired. I said no, it had never needed repairing. He looked a look of vicious happiness, and eagerly pried the watch open; then put a small dice-box into his eye and peered into its machinery. He said it wanted cleaning and oiling, besides regulations.

appointments, I got to missing my dinner my watch strung out three days grace to four, and let me go to protest. I gradually drifted back into yesterday, then day before, then into last week, and by and by the comprehension came upon that all sultant all real sultant all real sultant and the sum of the sum and by the comprehension came upon me that, all solitary and alone, I was lingering along in week before last, and the world was out of sight. I seemed to detect in myself a sort of sneaking fellow feeling for the mummy in the museum, and a desire to swap news with him. I went to the watch-maker again. He took the watch all to pieces while I waited, and then said the barrel was "swelled." He said he could reduce it in three days. After this the watch averaged well but nothing more. For half a day it would go like the very mischief, and keep up such a barking and wheezing and whooping and sneezing and snorting that I could not hear myself think for the disturbance, and as long as it held out there was not a watch in the land that stood any chance against it. But the rest of the day it would keep on slowly down and fooling along until all the clocks it had left behind

had no idea what the kingbolt was, but I did not choose to appear ignorant to a bles, it would make us so ashamed of the stranger. He repaired the kingbolt, but that the watch gained in one way it lost be glad to drop such things, and bury what the watch gained in one way it lost in another. It would run awhile, and then stop awhile, and then run awhile again, and so on, using its own discretion about the intervals. And every time it went off it kicked back like a musket. went off it kicked back like a musket.

I padded my breast for a few days, but finally took the watch to another watchmaker. He picked it all to pieces, and turned the ruin over and over under his glass; and then he said there appeared to be something the matter with the hair trigger. He fixed it and gave itafresh start. trigger. He fixed it and gave it afresh start.

It did well now, except that always at ten minutes to ten the hands would shut together like a scissors, and from that time forth they would travel together.

The oldest man in the world could not make head or tail of the time of day by such a watch. The best of the start of the st

also remarked that part of the works needed half-soling.

He made these things all right, and then my time-piece performed unexceptionably, save now and then, after working along quietly for eight hours, everything inside would let go all of a sudden and begin to buzz like a bee, and the hands would straitway begin to spin round and round so fast that their individuality was lost completely, and they simply seemed a delicate spider's web over the face of the watch. She would reel off the next twenty-four hours in six or seven minutes, then stop of Bilious complaints, Kidney complaints and diseases of the Blood. Ask your Druggist for Burdock Blood Bitters. Sample bottles 10 cents, regular size \$1.00.

Newspaper Laws.

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1. A postmaster is required to give notice by letter (returning a paper does not answer the law) when a subscriber does not take his paper out of the office, hours in six or seven minutes, then stop with a bang. I went with a heavy heart to one more watch-maker, and looked on while he took her to pieces. Then I prepared to cross-question him rigidly, for this thing was getting serious. The watch had cost two hundred dollars originally, and I seemed to have paid out two or three thousand for repairs. While I waited and looked on, I presently recognized in this watchmaker an old acquaintance—a steamboat engineer the office or not. There can be no legal old acquaintance—a steamboat engineer of other days, and not a good engineer either. He examined all the parts carefully, just as the other watch-makers had done, and then delivered his verdict with the same confidence of manner.

He said: "She makes too much steam the post-office, whether directed to his name or another, or whether he has subscribed or not, is responsible for the pay.

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4. If a subscriber orders his paper to

-you want to hang the monkey-wrench on the safety-valve!"

I brained him on the spot, and had him buried at my own expense.

My uncle William (now deceased, alas!) used to say that a good horse was a good horse until it had run away once, and that a good watch until the repairers got a chance at it. And he used to wonder what became of all the unsuccessful tinkers and gunsmiths and shoemakers and blacksmiths. but nobody could ever tell him

Fun and Fancy.

"My wife," remarked Fitznoodle, "is fairly crazy over the spring fashions fairly crazy over the spring fashions She's got the delirium trimmings."

Nothing sours more quickly than the milk of human kindness. Has this thought ever a curd to you?

Why does the new moon remind one of a giddy, girl? Because she is two young to show much reflection.

The postmaster at Redwood is named Whitewood, and he is the only person in the town who reads Blackwood

Yes, the world's a stage and we are the actors, but did you ever stop to think how few of us ever receive an encore?

"Sing a Song a Sixpence" dates from the sixteenth century, and "Three Blind Mice" is in a music book dated

It has been discovered that henpecked husbands are invariable men with hairless lips. It takes a mustache to

awe a female.

The man who wrote that 'nothing was impossible" never tried to find the pockets in his wife's dress when it was hanging up in a clothes-press.

Careful housewife (lifting from the soup tureen): "La; who'd thought a baby's shoe would turn up in the soup? But I knew it wasn't lost, I never lose anything!

There was a young man of Palmyra, Sat down alongside of his Myra: They had just doused the glim When her parents came in, And the young man achieved his Hegira.

With the double runner at work thin ning out the small boys and the kerosene can converting servant girls into angels, the world bids fair to be a comfortable place to live in.

"I curse the hour we were married!" exclaimed an enraged husband to his better half. To which she mildly replied: "Don't my dear, for that was the

wanted cleaning and oiling, besides regulating—come in a week.

After being cleaned and oiled and regulated my watch slowed down to that degree that it ticked like a tolling bell.

I began to be left by trains, I failed all appointments, I got to missing my dinner.

Only nappy hour we have ever spent.

"Tabaccy wanst saved my life, "said Paddy Blake, an inveterate smoker."

How was that?" inquired his companion. "Oh, you see, I was diggin' a well, and came up for a good smoke, and, while I was up, the well caved in !"

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"What's in a name?" Ah, William you don't know everything, that's certain. Salt can be bought for a tew cents per quart; but call it chloride of sodium, and the apothecary will mulch you to the tune of half a dollar for one poor scruple.

Petty Worriers.

What a blessed thing it is that we can forget! To-day's troubles look large, but a week hence that will be forgotten and buried out of sight. Says a writer:
If you would keep a book, and daily put
down the things that worry you, and see on you, and plague you, and you lose your temper, (or rather get it), for when men are surcharged with temper they are said to have lost it; and you justify caught up again.

So at last, at the end of twenty-four hours, it would trot up to the judges' stand all right and just in time. It would show a fair and square average, and no man could say it had done more or less than its duty. But a correct average is only a mild virtue in a watch, and I took this instrument to another watch-maker. He said the kingbolt was broken. I said I was glad it was nothing more serious. To tell the plain truth, I had no idea what the kingbolt was, but

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such a watch, and so I went again to have it repaired. This person said that the crystal had got bent, and that the main-spring was not straight. He also remarked that part of the works are the blood Purifier, Liver and Kidney Regulator, and Restorative Tonic in the world. It acts upon the Liver, the Kid neys and the Bowels, curing all manner of Bilious complaints, Kidney complaints and diseases of the Blood. Ask your

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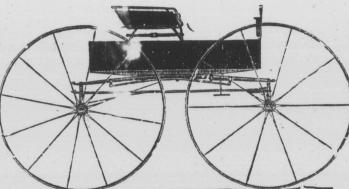
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