

TIT-BITS.

A blackmailer—A negro postmaster.
 A bit of real life—A piece of boarding-house cheese.
 When a butcher gambles he should play for large steaks.
 The pretty girl who is maid of hall work is the door bello.
 The girl who loves William never asks her father to foot her Bill.
 My dear boy, if you must part your hair in the middle, get it even, if you have to split a hair to do it.
 Independence is a name for what no man possesses; nothing, in the animate or inanimate world, is more dependent than man.

A stupid man, in buying a book, said to the bookseller, "I will take two copies while I am about it, as I may wish to read it twice."
 A poet asks: "What is warmer than a woman's love?" We infer that he never picked up a newly-coined horse shoe, fresh from the forge.

Daughter: "Wasn't Julius Caesar one of the strongest men that ever lived, pa?" Father: "What makes you ask that question?" Daughter: "I was just reading that he threw a bridge over the Rhine."

NOT FULL SIZED.—"Say, Loamacre, how much did the railroad company pay you for that cow they ran over?" "Twelve pounds." "Twelve pounds? Why, that miserable road that runs past my place killed a better cow for me, and only paid me eight!" "Oh, well, but your cow was killed on a narrow gauge road, you know."

"I sat beside Horace Greeley once at a great political meeting in New York, just after the war," said the Rev. Dr. Bennett, "and heard him define the difference between society and politics. Said he, looking over the crowd: 'If I were to confine the right of suffrage to only such of you men as I would permit to marry my daughter, there'd be mighty few of you ever get a chance to vote.'"—*Minneapolis Journal.*

"Well," remarked a young man to a group of friends, "the only girl I ever really loved is to be married the 10th of next month."

"Too bad, old fel," said a member of the party. "You have my sympathy."

"You know the old story about as good fish in the sea, don't you?" inquired another.

"Why don't you punch the lucky fellow?" asked a pugilistic member, "and prevent him from coming to time at the wedding?"

"Who is the lucky man?" asked a fourth member of the gathering.

"If you would only give me a chance I will tell you. She is to marry me."

GEORGE FELT HE WAS SAFE.—They were standing at the front gate. "Won't you come into the parlor and sit a little while, Georgie, dear?" "No; I think not," replied George, hesitatingly. "I wish you would," the girl went on; "it's awfully lonely. Mother has gone out, and father is upstairs groaning with rheumatism in the feet." "Both feet?" asked George. "Yes, both feet." "Then I'll come in."

Mr. Webster used to tell a story at the expenso of Peter Little, who had in early life repaired clocks and watches, but who had for some years represented a Maryland district in the House. One day he had the temerity to move to amend a resolution by John Randolph on the subject of military claims. Mr. Randolph rose up after the amendment had been offered, and drawing his watch from his fob, asked the Hon. Peter what o'clock it was. He told him. "Sir," replied the orator, "you can mend my watch, but not my notions. You understand tic-tacs, but not tactics."

A POWERFUL BOTTLE.—The following story is told of the General Traffic Manager of a Southern railroad. Some time ago, as he was returning to New York from the South, the train on which he was riding stopped at Elizabeth, and among the passengers who boarded it was a richly dressed lady, who entered the car in which he sat, and anxiously glanced around for a seat. The train was crowded, and Mr. O—immediately arose and gave the lady his—the outer half of the—seat, and stood in the aisle near by. When Newark was reached, the gentleman who occupied the other half got out, and left the car. The lady at once arose, as if to give Mr. O—his portion of the seat, shook out her skirts, seated herself again with her back to the aisle, and put her little hand-satchel on the other half of the seat. By this time many of the passengers had become interested in the situation. When the train reached that portion of the meadows between Newark and Jersey City on which the phosphate works are situated, the terrible stench, so familiar to those who habitually travel on the Pennsylvania and Morris and Essex railroads, penetrated the cars. Quick as thought, the lady seized her satchel, got out a bottle of smelling-salts, and clapped it to her nose. Mr. O—saw this, and leaning over, he said to a couple of gentlemen in the seat immediately behind her, "Gentlemen, what in the name of heaven has that woman got in that bottle?"

The lady instantly turned, and said, "It is not this bottle, sirs, which smells."

Amid the universal laughter he retired to another car, but not until he had shot back, "Madame, as long as I live I'll never forget the smell from that bottle."—*Harper's Magazine for October.*

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