TIT-BITS.

Difficult operation for dentists .- Stopping the toeth of the wind.

An Englishman believes that petroleum is to be the fuel of the inture. He may be right, but the good book says plainly brimstone.

Why must the persons appointed to wind up joint stock companies in variably be tectotallers? -- Because they are liquid-haters.

A musical composer writes: "Have you noticed my March for the Piano?" We have not. When we observe anyone march for the piano we invariably march in another direction.

An Irish friend of ours tells of a place where lights are of such common occurence that when a disturbance of some kind is not taking place goat crowds gather to see what is the matter.

"Poor man," said Mis. Partington; "and so he's really gone at list. Ninety-eight was ho? Dear, dear, to think how if he'd lived two years more ho'd have been a centurion ?! - Boston Globe.

"I see," remarked the proof-reader, "that one bud error went through in Miss Lilyhud's poem. The boys printed padlock for wedlack. Shall I reprint it corrected in the weekly?" "No," replied the editor, "let it go just as it is. Everybody will understand it."

Morimee, referring to M. Viennet, of the Academy, observed: "We must not speak ill of his tragedies. At the siege of Leipsic he had one in his pocket. A cannon ball ricochetted against his breast, but the tragedy saved him. The missile had not strength enough to go beyond the third act."

He had his opinion, anyhow: A vory low church minister was reprov ing his curate with having taken part in a wedding breakfast. "But, sir," said the young man in amazement, "our Lord himself was present at a wedding feast in Cana." "That's perfectly true, young man," answered the parson; "but in my opinion He had very much better have stayed away." - Boston Transcript.

A Dangerous Boarder-The Widow Flapjack got a new boarder the other day. At the first meal he took he choked and had a terrible time trying to swallow some coffee "What's the matter, stranger?" she asked kindly. "Nothing, except that collect went down the wrong way. "Good heavens! It isn't possible I have secured a bounder with two throats," exclaimed Mis. Flapjack, who has been complaining very bitterly of the amount of food a man with only one throat can destroy.

It is said that if you have presence of mind enough to face a raging bull and look straight into his eyes he is powerless to do you harm. We tried this experiment once and found it worked admirably. The fierce animal tore the ground with his feet and bellowed with all his might; but something seemed to hold him back like magic, and he did us no injury. Perhaps we ought to add, in order to be correct historically, that the bull was on the other side of the fence. We never try an experiment of that kind without taking the proper precautions beforehand.

Chateaubriand, the celebrated French writer, had all the rare innocence that sometimes goes with genius. Among his most intimate friends was the gifted and charming Madame Recamier. It was a regular habit with him to spend his evenings at the madame's house, who evidently preferred him to all other men, and who took great delight in his company. His growing foundness for the lady in question became very conspicuous, and one day is friend asked him: "My dear Chateaubriand, why do you not mark Madame Recumier?" "Marry the madame!" exclaimed the author, in a tone of amazement, "why, if I should marry the madame, I would have no place to spend my evenings

A confirmed statterer went into a restourant and met a few casual acquaintances, who at once commenced chaffing him most unmercifully respecting the impediment in his speech. At last one of them, a pert little fellow, who had been making himself quito conspicuous by his remarks said: "Well, eld man, I'll bet suppers round you can: order them with out stammering. "D-d-d-done," says Brown, and to the astenishment of the company and the discomfort of his challenger tall of whor were unaware of his being, as is often the case with stutterers, a first-cass singer) he beckoned the waiter and sing the order without the slightest hitch. Then turning round to his tormenter, said: "N-n-n-now, y-y-you c-c-c-can p-p-p-pay."

AN UGLY CUSTOMER.—" Once on a time" a backwoodsman in one of the Western States went forth in search of game. He was tall, gaunt, and hideously ugly. Scarcely had he reached the woods when he saw, a hourdred yards off, another backwood-man, taller, gaunter, and in every respect uglier than himself. Without speaking he raised his rifle and covered the stranger. The latter, horrified, called out "For God's sake don't shoot!" "Stranger," cried backwoodsman No. 1, "ten years ago I made a vow that if ever I met a man uglier than myself I would shoot him. You are the first I have met, and I'm going to shoot you." "You don't mean that!" cried backwoodsman No. 2. "Yes, I do." Backwoodsman No. 2 took a deliberate survey of his executioner, and remarked, "Waal, stranger, if I am unlies that was about any to live an longer." am uglier than you, shoot away: I don't want to live no longer."

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