

"Yes. I was thinking of it."

"And what brought me to you?"

"Yes."

She bonds still nearer to me. I felt her warm breath upon my cheeks—such a one as only a young and loving wife can give; and I hear, as it were, whispered rather by spirit than mortal lips:

"Now, my darling, I am yours, body and soul."

Thank God that it is so.

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AN awkward man attempting to carve a goose, dropped it on the floor. "There, now," exclaimed his wife, "we've lost our dinner!" "Oh, no, my dear," answered he, "it is safe—I have got my foot on it."

"LENNY, you're a pig," said a father to his little five-year old boy. "Now, do you know what a pig is, Lenny?" "Yes, sir; a pig's a hog's little boy."

THE ties that connect business men—advertise.

"I say, Jim," said a plow boy one day to his companion, "I know of a new fashioned way to keep out the wet." "What is it?" "Why, if you eat a red herring for breakfast you'll be dry all day."

It is maintained that the most inspiring natural sight which a glazier can contemplate is the gleam of early day breaking through the windows.

Dogs are said to "speak with their tails." Would it be proper to call a short tailed dog a stump orator.

"MOTHER," said Ike Partington, "did you know that the 'iron horse' had but one ear?" "One ear! merciful gracious, child, what do you mean?" "Why, the engineer, of course."

MRS. SMITH says that "a lady can show anger as well by her back in leaving a room as by her face." This must be when her "back is up."

THE author of a radical total-abstinence novel wrote in his book, "Drunk-ness is folly." He was much chagrined when the work came home from the press to find that the printers had made it read, "Drunkenness is jolly."

THOMAS HOOD's last letter was written to Sir Robert Peel, and in it his last joke was made:—"Death stops my pen, but not my pension."

PARIS is delighted at a grim joke by Thiers, who, on being asked if he intended to speak at the coming session, said, "Not at all. You should never make a noise in the chamber of a sick man!"

SOME descendant of Solomon has wisely remarked, that those who go to law for damages are sure to get them!

A fool occupying a high station, is like a man on the top of a high mountain—everything appears small to him, and he appears small to everybody.

A popular author gives the following advice to wives:—"Should you find it necessary, as quite a number of you undoubtedly will, to chastise your husbands, you should perform the affectionate duty with the soft end of the broom and not with that vulgar part called the handle."

"My dear," said an anxious father to his beautiful daughter of sixteen, "I intend that you shall be married, but I do not intend that you shall throw yourself away on any wild, worthless boy of the present day. You must marry a man of sober, mature age, one that can charm you with wisdom and good advice rather than with personal attraction. What do you think of a fine, intelligent, mature husband of fifty?" The timid, meek, blue-eyed little daughter looked in paterfamilias' face, and with the slightest possible touch of interest in her voice, answered: "I think two of twenty-five would be much better, pa."

"SAM," said one little urchin to another, "does your schoolmaster ever give you any reward of merit?"

"I s'pose he does," was the rejoinder; "he gives me a lickin' every day, and says I merits two."