

Sparkles.

"MARY ANN, what was you sitting up last night reading? Was it a novel? Tell your mother." "Yes it was a novel." "An' who writ it?" "Dumas the elder." "Now, don't tell me that. Who ever heard of an elder writin' a novel that you'd sit up half the night and read?"

ADVICE TO MEN.

During the next few weeks if you can find some business to transact at a distance from home it will save you the unpleasantness of seeing your houses in confusion and your meals spread on the mantle-shelf, and will also give your wives an opportunity of surprising you with one of Jolliffe's New Parlour or Bedroom Suites in point of cost.

"MA, haven't I been a real good boy ever since you whipped me the last time for telling a whopper?" "Yes, Bily, you have; a very good boy, indeed." "And you trust me now fully, don't you?" "Yes, my boy, fully!" "Then, mamma, what makes you keep the preserv' closet in the pantry locked all the time, just the same?"

EASILY CURED.—Mrs. Berkinshaw, 26 Pembroke Street, Toronto, cured of a bad lameness of the knee joint, upon which the surgeons were about to operate. Other treatment had been tried in vain. Hagyard's Yellow Oil was the remedy used.

"If I could afford it," said a prominent Baptist clergyman at dinner, "I'd insure my life on the endowment plan, the insurance to fall due when I am sixty, for I notice that they generally put ministers in the dry-dock when they are sixty." "Surely not Baptist ministers!" exclaimed a young lady at the table.

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THERE was irony as well as wit in what Sydney Smith said. On taking the parish at Foster he writes: When I began to thump the cushion of my pulpit, as is my wont when I preach, the accumulated dust of 150 years made such a cloud that for some minutes I lost sight of my congregation.

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A SCEPTIC, who was trying to confuse a Christian coloured man by contradictory passages in the Bible, asked how it could be that we are in the Spirit and the Spirit in us. He received the following reply: "Oh, dar's no puzzle 'bout dat. It's like dat poker. I puts it in de fire till it gets red-hot. Now, de poker's in de fire, and de fire's in de poker."

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