

FIRE-SIDE SPARKS.

"My wedding trips," said the grocer, as he stumbled over the bride's train.

A man knows what "The Charge of the Light Brigade" is when he gets his gas-bill.

Why not have female conductors? The ladies are adepts in the management of trains.

Come and seam me; I need little of your aid," remarked the piece of cloth to the maiden fair.

It is possible for three people to keep the same secret, but only after two of them are dead.

A man that has riches and enjoys them not is like an ass that carries gold and eats thistles.

Learning is a good thing for a man to have in his upper story, if he has common sense on the ground floor.

Why is the money you are in the habit of giving to the poor like a newly born babe? Because it's precious little.

Why is the meat in your sandwich like the large middle class of society? Don't you see that? Well, because it lies between the upper crust and the under bred.

"How many quills does it take to make a goose?" asked a teacher of a young pupil. "If he uses it to write a love-letter with, one will usually suffice," she answered.

Grace: "I am going to see Clara to-day; have you any message?" Charlotte: "I wonder how you can visit that dreadful girl. Give her my love."

A gentleman was wondering why there are so many reputations, when a friend said: "It is probably because every man has to make his own."

A red-headed man recently attended a masquerade wrapped from his neck to his heels in a brown cloth, and with his head bare. He represented a lighted cigar.

The most amusing man in the world is a Frenchman trying to vent his rage in English: "By gar, you call my wife a voman throe several times once more and I vill call the vatch-house and blow off your brain like a candle."

The man or woman who has never loved, hugged, kissed, played with, listened to, told stories to, or thoroughly spanked a child has missed the cardinal joys of life.

An old lady with several unmarried daughters fed them on fish diet because it is rich in phosphorus, and that is the essential thing in making matches.

A schoolmistress thinks that pupils ought to have "a great hearty laugh every day." The desideratum might be brought about by the schoolmistress reading her love letters to her pupils.

There is one subject that we never tire of talking about. It is more interesting even than the politics of the present day, and that is our own, dear, never-to-be-sufficiently-appreciated-self.

An exchange remarks that "the Chinese can handle mortars and produce great destruction." Inexperienced drug clerks can compete with Chinese cheap labor in this respect and give them points, besides.

"Why," asked a lady of an old judge, "why cannot a woman become a successful lawyer, I'd like to know?" "Because answered the judge, "she's too fond of giving her opinion without pay."

Some tasteful individual very correctly remarks that the best lip salve in creation is a kiss, the remedy should be used with great care, however, as it is apt to bring on an affection of the heart.

An English servant-girl who had returned from the United States to visit her friends at home was told that she "looked really aristocratic;" to which she responded; "Yes; in America all of us domestics belong to the hire class."

One of the prettiest compliments ever reported was recently paid to the owner of a pair of bright eyes. She took a child upon her lap, and after gazing intently into her face for a few moments, the little one asked naively—

"Are your eyes new?"