

Sawdust and Chips.

A Kentucky paper contains a report of a recent wedding, in which the bride was not particularly handsome, but her father threw in seven mules and the husband was satisfied.

Too Fast.—“No, Catharine,” said Patrick to his wife, “you never catch a falsehood coming out of my mouth.”—“You may well say that,” replied Kate, “they fly out so fast that nobody can catch ‘em.”

A young Iowa lady, who goes strong for woman's rights, has been presented with a pair of pants. She panted for freedom, she panted for renown; that made her a pair of pants and she put them on.

The latest patent has been taken out by a railroad restaurateur. It is for a patent reversible gutta percha beefsteak, which can be fried and served up four times a day for a year before it requires renewal.

“Have you never observed a parrot,” said Thiers, “when about to come down from his perch, how he holds hard by his beak, and feels about with his foot, but never lets go with the beak until the foot is firmly secured? I am the parrot.”

This touching tribute to the late Mr. Grafton, of Griffin, Ga., is from the Register of that place: “He was a fine man in all respects; he was owing us seven dollars on that last game of seven-up; but we will throw that in towards his head-stone.”

Jones wagered Brown that he has seen a hoase galloping at a great speed and a dog sitting on his tail. It seems an impossible feat for a dog to accomplish, but Jones was right, and won the money. The dog was sitting on his own tail.

Irate parent.—“Oh! yer don't want to go into business, don't yer? Oh! you want to be a clerk in the post-office, do yer? Post-office, indeed? Why, all you're fit for is to stand outside with your tongue out for people to wet their stamps against!”

People who believe the current stories about intelligent dogs will read with pleasure that a lost dog in Norfolk, having seen his master's advertisements in one of the local prints, promptly went home.

A young lady of St. Louis has just sent to Europe an order for fifty yards of Brussels carpet, twenty-five feet wide. She is going to work a pair of slippers for the editor of a local paper.

Washington Irving once said of a pompous American diplomatist: “Ah, he is a very great man, a man of great weight. When he goes to the West the East tips up.”

A man in Jersey City, who had stolen a kiss from a school girl, was fined by the magistrates and horsewhipped by the big brother, then scratched bald-headed by his own wife. And it was not much of a kiss after all.

A bookbinder said to his wife at the wedding, “It seems that now we are bound together, two volumes in one, with clasps.” “Yes,” observed a guest, “one side highly ornamented with Turkey morocco, and the other plain calf.”

“Girls,” said a worthy old lady to her grand-daughters, “whenever a fellow pops the question, don't blush and stare at your foot. Just throw your arms round his neck, look him full in the face, and commence talking about the furniture. Young fellows are mighty nervous sometimes. I lost several good chances before I caught your fond, dear grandfather, by putting on airs, but I learned how to do it after awhile.”

An Irishman once lived with a farmer as a hired man. The young folks of the neighborhood, on one occasion, had a party, to which they did not invite him. Pat considered himself very much slighted, and after cogitating the matter over for a while, he brightened up, and exclaimed, “Faith, I'll be even with ‘em yet; I'll have a party meself, and I won't invite nobody.”

An epitaph, which is hard on “the father,” in an eastern burying ground, reads as follows: “Here lies the mother of children five; Two are dead and three are alive. The two that are dead preferring rather To die with the mother than live with the father.”

An unfortunate editor of one of our country exchanges thus addresses his delinquent subscribers: “Friends, we are penniless. Job's turkey was a millionaire compared with our present depressed treasury. To-day, if salt wore two cents a barrel, we could only buy enough to pickle a jay-bird.

An English vicar was standing on a Monday morning at his gate, when one of his parishioners arrived with a basketful of potatoes. “What's this?” said the vicar. “Please, sir,” replied the man, “it's some of our best taters—a very rare kind, sir. My wife said you should have some of them as she heard you say in your sermon the common taters (commentators) didn't agree with you.”

There is a young man in Acton, in this Province, who has occasion to remember the temperance movement. He was wanted as a witness in a liquor case, but being naturally of a retiring and unostentatious disposition, he sought to avoid the officer, and ran into the sweating vault of a tannery where the hair is steamed from hides. While he was thus sequestered—a prey to many and conflicting emotions—the engineer innocently turned on the steam, and when that young man came forth he was a sight to behold.

There wasn't a spear of hair on his head. It was a howling waste of par-boiled scalp. He don't squander any time now in looking at the spring style of hats, but just gets under a bread and milk poultice, and bounds around and rips and raves at prohibition with as much interest as if he were the sole owner of a brick distillery.

THE MEANEST MAN.—Some gentlemen were talking about meanness, when one said he knew a man on Lexington avenue, who was the meanest man in New York. “How mean is that?” asked a friend. “Why, he is so mean that he keeps a five cent piece with a string tied to it to give to beggars, and when their backs are turned, he jerks it out of their pockets. Why, this man is so mean,” continued the gentleman, “that he gave his children ten cents apiece the night before the Fourth of July, but in the night, when they were asleep, he went upstairs and took the money out of their pockets, and then whipped them in the morning for losing it!” “Does he do anything else?” “Yes; the other day I dined with him, and I noticed the poor little servant girl whistled gaily all the way upstairs with the dessert, and when I asked my generous friend what made her whistle so happily, he said: “Why, I keep her whistling so she can't eat the raisins out of the cake!”

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