

A CELEBRATED case.—Sweetzer.—*Texas Siftings*.

A FLAT failure—a poor pancake.—*Boston Courier*.

A PEN picture—a photograph of a piggery.—*Boston Gazette*.

THERE's nothing strange in a blind preacher's citing the scriptures.—*Yonkers Gazette*.

PATTI says she doesn't dynamite less heartily in spite of the bomb.—*Somerville Journal*.

A LAD cannot expect to be dressed up like a man until he is through being dressed down like a boy.—*Texas Siftings*.

WE dropped our watch the other morning and dented its case. Curiosity seekers can come around any day and see "The Nick of Time."—*Cedar Rapids Gossip*.

HE talked of the woes of the strikers,
And widely he brandished his first,
Till somebody begged a subscription,
And then he was suddenly missed.
—*Somerville Journal*.

"I REACH and reach, but cannot grasp," writes a certain poet. We would advise that poet to adjust his suspenders before he puts on his coat and vest.—*Lowell Citizen*.

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THIS is about the beginning of the season when nature thinks most about the clothes of the season.—*Yonkers Gazette*.

BOSTON girls, they say, are not usually successful as telegraph operators. They are so easily shocked.—*Somerville Journal*.

THE wail of the discarded sealskin sacque is: "I'm done fur."—*Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph*.

AN old theatre goer says he has observed that the more homely the occupants of a private box are, the more conspicuous they make themselves.—*Norristown Herald*.

THE way that England pacifies

A tribe, when strife perplexes it;

A garrison she first supplies,

Then captures and annexes it.

—*Texas Siftings*.

IF the surplus has got to be pensioned out we suggest that it be divided among the poor proofreaders who are compelled to read the magazine war articles.—*Railway Advocate*.

JONES (speaking to his friend, the editor, about the death of Brown, the millionaire) — "How much is he worth, I wonder?" Editor (absent minded) — "Not much. Not more than a quarter of a column at the outside."—*Graphic*.

FITZTERENCE O'DONOVAN HOOLE,

With a keg of cold powder did fool,

And up from the alley

Fitzterence did sally,

To return when the weather gets cool.

—*Life*.

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A CORSET is properly described as a mis-shapin' thing.—*Merchant Traveller*.

THE obituary column in the Philadelphia *Ledger* continues to show a striking variety. This is because it is so much die-versified.—*Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph*.

AN agricultural journal contains an article headed, "How to Train Steers." This will probably be followed by an article entitled, "How to Steer Trains."—*Norristown Herald*.