

HUMOROUS.

A western editor, in acknowledging the gift of a peck of cotton from a subscriber, says, "It is such kindnesses as these that bring tears to our eyes!"

At a social gathering the question was asked, "Of what sort of fruit does a quarrelsome man and wife remind you?"

A wag, seeing a door nearly off its hinges—in which condition it had been for some time—observed that when it had fallen and killed some one it would probably then be hung.

"I'm sitting on the style, Mary," is what the man said when he was sitting on his wife's new hat, and thought it rather a dear joke when the wife retorted, "Give us money, and we'll call it square."

A lady in Jericho, Vt., hearing a great deal about "preserving autumn leaves," put up some with sugar, pound for pound, but afterward told a neighbor that they were not fit to eat.

"How is your husband this afternoon, Mrs. Quiggs?" "Why, the doctor says as how if he lives till morning he shall have some hopes of him; but if he don't he must give him up."

A spread-eagle orator, at a political meeting the other night, said, "If he had the wings of a bird he would fly to every village and hamlet in the broad land, and carry the glad tidings of victory which he was so sure of." A naughty boy in the crowd sang out, "You'd be shot for a goose before you had fled a mile."

Honest.—An honest ignoramus, who had accomplished an act of heroism, was complimented for his bravery. One lady said, "I wish I could have seen your feat." Whereupon he blushed and stammered, and, finally producing his medal, exclaimed, "Well, there they be, mum."

The Irishman had a just appreciation of the fitness of things, who, being asked by the judge when he applied for a licence to sell whiskey if he was of good moral character, replied; "Faith, yer honor, I don't see the necessity of a good moral character to sell whiskey."

Here is a verbatim sample of a preacher's prayer of a colored camp meeting at Seneca, Md., last summer—"Oh, Lord! send down thy spirit! Let down de right foot of Thy power! Oh, Lord! Mount de gray horse of Zion, an' come down an' stir us up wid long poles."

"I—c—w—deamed last night," said he to her whom he bored greatly by his attentions, "that I laid in wait for a man with an immense sum of money, and knocked his brains out, and then wobbled him of his wealth." "There would have been more merit in the theft if you had stolen the brains," replied she. "O'went heavens! What would I have done with them?" She gave it up.

An exchange says—"One of the best modes of taking down an over-dressed young dandy on the platform of a street car is to offer him your face as if you took him for the conductor. Conductors are very respectable men, but, like editors, they frequently wear their last year's clothes."

"We heard of this being tried once," says the New York Herald. The dandy gratefully accepted the six cents, paid his own fare with it when the conductor came along, and smiled significantly as he saw the giver paying his own again.

A Definition in Political Economy—"Will you never learn, my dear, the difference between real and exchangeable value?" The question was put to a husband who had been lucky enough to be tied to a political economist in petticoats. "Oh, yes, my dear, I think I began to see it." "Indeed!" responded the lady. "Yes," replied the husband. "For instance, my dear, I know your deep learning, and all your other virtues. That's your real value. But I know also, that none of my married friends would swap values with me. That's your exchangeable value."

Know My Boy Bill? As the overland express was snorting through Alma yesterday on its way to New York the engineer suddenly whistled down breaks, the conductor frantically shouted and jerked the signal line, and with many a jar and squeak the long line of cars was brought to a stop.

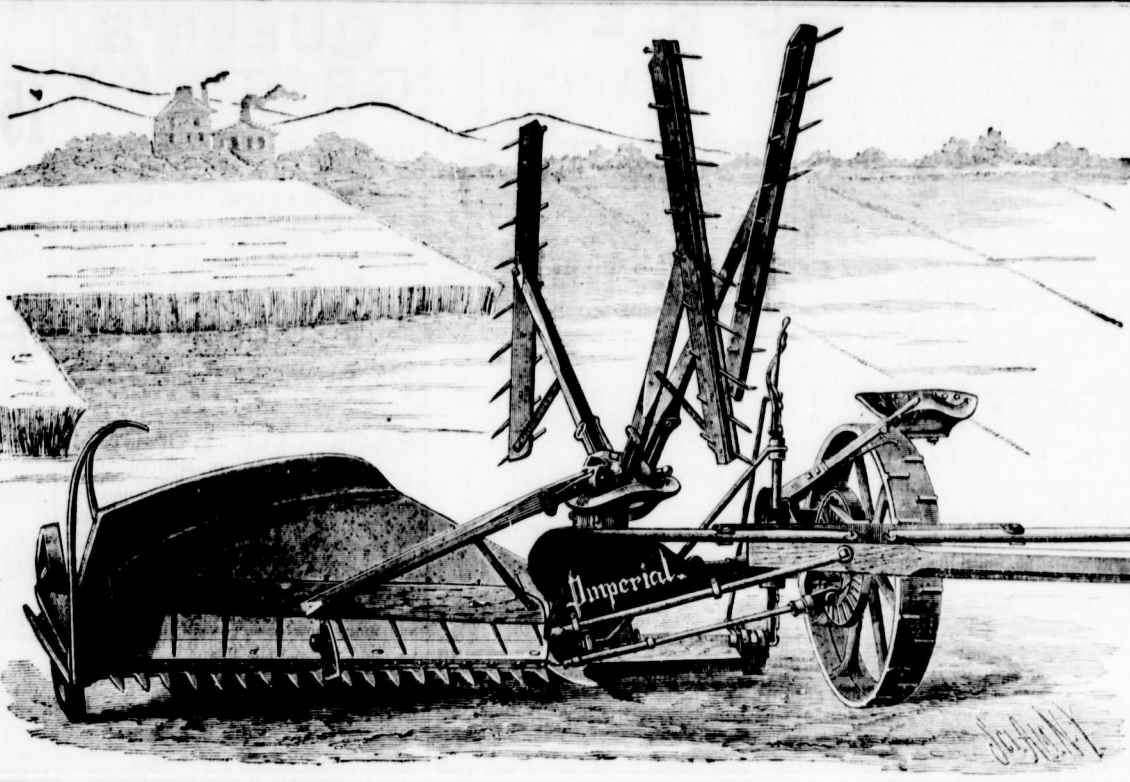
The cause of this sudden "fitch up" was a fat old lady with a red face and a green parasol, who had planted herself squarely in front of the engine, and was making the most frantic signals for it to pause.

"What's the matter; anything on the track?" asked the engineer, excitedly.

"Nothing but me," said the old lady, stiffly.

"Has there been a smashup? Is there anything open?"

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