

Sawdust and Chips.

The bed to be avoided, next to an omen-bed, probably the bed of the river—unless one is partial to sheets of water.

Boxes, it is said, govern the world—the cartridge-box, the ballot-box, the jury-box, and last, though not least, the bonnet box.

What is the difference between a mischievous mouse and a beautiful young lady?—One harms the cheese, and the other charms the he's.

An inquiring man thrust his fingers into a horse's mouth to see how many teeth he had. The horse closed his mouth to see how many fingers the man had. The curiosity of each was satisfied.

"How shall we settle the labor question?" exclaimed a member of the Georgia Legislature in the midst of his speech—"By all going to work and earning your living honestly!" thundered a spectator in the gallery.

A shrewd old Yankee said he didn't believe there was any downright cure for laziness in a man. "But," he added, "I've known a second wife to hurry it some."

A beau of much experience says that "the time for a fellow to leave is when a young lady asks him how the walking is."

The father of Darabella recently found that little girl's chubby little hands full of the blossoms of a beautiful rose tree, on which he had bestowed great care. "My dear," said he, "did I not tell you not to pluck one of these flowers without leave?" "Yes papa," said Darabella, "but all these had leaves."

"You are the dullest boy I ever saw," crossly exclaimed a bald-headed old uncle to his nephew. "Well, uncle," replied the youth, with a glance at the old gentleman's bald-head, "you cannot expect me to understand things as quickly as you do, because you don't have the trouble of getting 'em through your hair."

An inquisitive young man visited the State prison in New York and among other questions asked a girl the cause of her being in such a place. Her answer was, that she "stole a water-mill, and went back after the stream that turned the wheel, and was arrested. The young man left immediately."

A pretty girl of Chicago recently got married. The day following, she returned to her father's house. When he inquired what was the matter, he was informed that "Frank's hair didn't curl naturally, but that the curls were the work of the barber." She has applied for a divorce. Undoubtedly she will get it, for Frank was guilty of most cruel deception.

INSUFFICIENT REASON.—In an English church recently, after the publication of the banns of marriage by the minister, a grave elder, in a stentorian voice, forbade the banns between a certain couple. On being called upon for an explanation, "I had," he said, pointing to the intended bride, "I had intended Hannah for myself." His reason was not considered sufficient.

A SUCCESSFUL RUSE.—A wag went to a station of one of the railroads one evening, and finding the best carriage full, said in a low tone "Why, this carriage isn't going!"—Of course this caused a general stampede, and the wag took the best seat. In the midst of the indignation the wag was asked: "Why did you say this carriage wasn't going?"—"Well, it wasn't then," replied the wag, "but it is now."

A shoemaker of Aberdeen had fallen into a fortune, after having fallen into several misfortunes, chiefly of feminine causes. He sought to divorce his wife, and she sought to divorce him, and in the various suits some £2,000 or £3,000 was spent. Lord Deas during a dispute about the wife's expenses, asked, "How would this shoemaker have got justice if he had been obliged to stick to his last?"—The Lord President instantly answered. "He would have required to have spent his awl."

Getting the best of him by long chalks—(Scene. A fire at a beer shop): Ancient individual (impudently): "Oh, Mr. Fireman, do go and play on the back of that door, will you please, do!" Fireman (surprised): "What for?—the fire is all out now." Ancient: "Yes, I know; but the landlord has got a long score against me there; and, don't you see, a little water might put that out along on it?"

The bridesmaids at a recent wedding are thus described by a local paper: "It is no idle compliment to say they are like three Graces, their face mirroring back the purity and softness of the skies, their eyes floating in a light of dewy tenderness, or throwing radiant flashes from the inner shrines of thought like jewel-tinted sparkles caught from broken rain-bows."

"Humph!" said an Englishman to a Scotchman, as they were walking over the fields, "oats are all very well in there way; but in England we feed them to our horses, while here they are food for men." "Ay, Ay!" said the Scotchman; "an' just see what fine horses there are in England, and what fine men we have in Scotland!"

"WHEN GREEK MEETS GREEK."—Scene—District Court in a colony.—Scotch Judge (with a very marked pug-nose): "Weel, now, Sir, if ye gae along the ro'd in question, were'll ye gang tae?"—Scotch Witness (deliberately): "That a depends, yer Honor, on how far ye gae!"—Judge (snappishly): "Ye understan' vara weel, Sir. If ye foller yer nose, mun'

where'll ye gang till?"—Witness (after a pause): "Ah've always heer-ed it said, yer Honor, that if ye foller yer nose too far, it'll tak' ye t' the moon!"—Judge: "Step Doon, Sir!"—(In an angry tone aside).—"Tae moon's a Fule!"

A physician wishing to instruct his pupil in the mysteries of medicine, took him to see a patient who was confined to his bed.—"Sir," said the physician to the sick man, "you have been imprudent; you have eaten oysters."—"The patient confessed that he had. When the physician returned home, the pupil asked him how he came to discover that the man had eaten oysters.—"Why," replied he, "I saw some oyster shells under the bed." Shortly after this he sent his pupil to pay a visit to the same person; but he soon returned, saying that he had been turned out of the house.—"Why so?" asked the physician.—"Simply sir," replied the pupil, "for saying that Mr. A. had been imprudent—that he had eaten a horse."—"A horse, you blockhead; and how could you say so?"—"Because of the symptoms, sir."—"What symptoms, you ignoramus?"—"Why, I saw a saddle and stirrups under the bed!"

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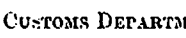
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