

The Joker Club.

"The Pun is mightier than the Sword."

THE DETROIT FUNNY MAN'S LATEST.

A Washington woman files her claim for \$200 for suggesting that Garfield be fed on rice and milk.

Dr. Agnew thinks that a doctor with reputation enough to attend a President ought to be paid at the rate of \$350 per day.

Down in Ohio it is considered good luck to see a bull over your right shoulder, in case you are within ten feet of the fence.

Punched coins have become so scarce that a man may have dealings with several different church collectors before being stuck.

It is said that Mrs. Kate Chase Sprague has over 200 newspaper paragraphs referring to her. They must make an interesting scrap book.

A Chicago man whose boots let his toes through rubbed the blacking brush over leather and toes and deceived the public for a long time.

The only way to convince the inventor of a patent car-coupler that he won't make a million dollars out of it is to send him to a railroad man.

George Lassard, of Toronto, informed the Police Judge that he was 104 years old, and he was promptly fined \$10 for it. Canada is right to discourage old age.

Paris, Ky., has also unearthed the skeleton of a mastadon, which furnishes proof that Daniel Boone was not the biggest chap who ever struck that state.

A cow at Pittston, N. Y., ate up a section of a spring bed before her owner noticed that she had a wiry appearance. Some men are so absent-minded, you know.

The country is not at war, and the laws are enforced in every township in America, and yet the income of one pistol manufacturer in the East is \$2,000 per day.

Mr. Vanderbilt won't trot his horses in public any more than Bonner. A great man can feel as mean as a little one when he sees the other horse come in ahead.

A widow in Providence wanted to go on a visit to Chicago, and rather than leave her 14-year old daughter at home to worry about, she married her off to a man of 40.

Pennsylvania has a minister by the name of Hornblower, and although his congregation have offered to pay the expense of a change of name he insists that the old one is all right.

Gov. Crittenden's wife must be a sound sleeper. She was recently robbed of \$1,000 on a sleeping car, and the thief had to remove the pillows from under her head to get at the money.

One of the patent Ohio grave torpedoes was tried on a mule in Indiana to see how it would work. He lifted up one foot when the explosion took place, but never stopped munching fodder.

Since a man at Raleigh, N. C., found several thousand dollars under a stump there has been such a grubbing and digging for several miles around as would have raised \$20,000 worth of cotton.

When Idaho papers tell of hail stones weighing fourteen pounds, why not call it the fall of an ice-house and be done with it? When hail gets beyond a man's head in size it's something besides hail.

A swindle of any sort, no matter how transparent, will flourish longer and make more money in New York than anywhere else. Take them as a whole, the New Yorkers are not a bright people.

Marriage makes men thoughtful. About half their time is spent in forming excuses.

Josh Billings says: "Next to a clear conscience, for solid comfort comes an old shoe."

It is the rich oyster dealer who knows how to shell out.—*New York Commercial Advertiser*.

Things which are advertised as "cheaper than ever," are ever so cheap.—*New York News*.

Any good-looking lass is perfectly happy when left to her own reflections.—*New York News*.

The man who "couldn't stand it any longer" has taken a seat and now feels quite comfortable.

Professor in Physics—"What's Boyle's law?" Diligent junior—"Never trump your partner's ace."—*Ec.*

What is characteristic of a watch? Modesty, for it keeps its hands before its face and runs down its own works.

As a rule, the men who have been driven crazy by misfortune did not have far to go.—*New Orleans Picayune*.

A Chicago policeman shot eleven times at a burglar and each time missed. He made the serious mistake of aiming at the fellow.

Playing foot-ball by electric light has been tried in London without success. The players throw themselves by kicking at the shadows of other players' heads.—*Norristown Herald*.

Josh Billings' advice: "Mi dear boy, selekt your buzzem friend with grate caushun; once selekted, indorse him with yure bottom dollar."

At least three men on the average jury feel bound to disagree with the rest to show that they've got minds of their own.—*Boston Post*.

The speculative sharps of New York have organized a rubber ring. The flats will cut their cyc-teeth on it.—*New Orleans Picayune*.

Relics of Washington are on sale in England to help the family of his grand nephew. The original hatchet is not among them.—*Lowell Courier*.

After a beefsteak has been subjected to the subduing influences of a rolling-pin it becomes legally tender.—*New York Commercial Advertiser*.

A Cleveland man has invented a "vacuum gun." This is bad. It is always the empty gun that kills the small boy.—*New Haven Register*.

The *Popular Science Monthly* asks: "What are crowds?" The science of love says the third party is a large crowd.—*New Haven Register*.

Although Hammeritt, the professional pianist, was once an amateur, he has an heir that does not wear bangs.—*New York Commercial Advertiser*.

A woman was offered \$1,000 if she would remain silent for two hours. At the end of fifteen minutes she asked, "isn't the time nearly up?" and thus lost.

The circus rider who was elected by the Italian Parliament is, we believe, the only politician who can successfully ride two horses at once.—*Philadelphia News*.

A Turk had rather see two camels wrestle than two men. They kick up more dust than the men do, and that's the Turk's idea of bloody fighting.—*Somerville Journal*.

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When you are successful look out for the arrows of envy. "Sticks and stones are flung only at fruit-bearing trees," said a Persian philosopher.—*New York News*.

When Fogg heard that cigars were largely made by machinery, he said he had noticed a stationary Indian in front of nearly all the cigar shops.—*Boston Transcript*.

At a public banquet the lion of the evening is usually received with three cheers and a tiger. This shows that he stands hyena crowd of giraffes.—*New York News*.

"I give you my word that I'm speaking the truth," said a man to his wife. "Of course, you give me your word," she retorted bitterly, "because no one else will take it."

Ball dresses will come quite low this season.—*London Queen*. Don't go off, now, and order half a dozen; the above statement does not refer to the price.—*Cincinnati Saturday Night*.

Some people think it better to be soft-hearted than hard-headed, but it doesn't seem to us there is much choice in the matter. To have either weakness shows a lack of common sense.—*Boston Star*.

Why is it that a little country like France is in proportion to resources so much richer than America?—*Exchange*. Guess it must be because the Frenchmen sell American women bonnets.—*Brooklyn Star*.

POVERTY AND DISTRESS.

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