

TIT-BITS.

A cynical bachelor of another city says woman is a good deal like the accordion. You can draw her out, but she "makes music" if you attempt to shut her up.—*Yonkers Statesman.*

"Uncle John," said Annabelle, "you must congratulate me. I am graduated." "H'm!" grunted Uncle John, "so is our old thermometer out in the barn, but what is it good for?"—*Boston Transcript.*

A celebrated lawyer once said that the three most troublesome clients he ever had were a young lady who wanted to be married, a married woman who wanted a divorce, and an old maid who didn't know what she wanted.

"Do you pretend to have as good a judgment as I have?" exclaimed an enraged wife to her husband. "Well, no," he replied, slowly, "our choice of partners for life shows that my judgment is not to be compared to yours."

"That broth's no guid," said a grumbling youngster at the dinner table in a Scotch farm. "Weel, weel," says his mother, a quiet sort of body, "if ye don't tak' yer broth you'll no get ony beef, an' if ye tak' yer broth you'll no need ony."

A NIGHT OF LABOR.—Everybody now knows what the poet meant when he sang "Tis midnight on the stormy deep, and still my lonely watch I keep." It was a Waterbury, and he was sitting up all night to wind it, so that he might know when to get up in the morning.

A TREAT.—Mrs. Mulvaney: "Indeed, ma'am, and it's miserable I am. I'm just on my feet wid the pain in my back, an' Jimmy he's as bad off; he has a cough on him that sounds like an empty bar'l. Cough for the lady, Jimmy."—*Jack and Jill.*

The following lines were written as a tribute to an ill-tempered door-keeper of a New York public library:—

In front of ancient Hades,
Where never shone the sun,
There sat a dog named Cerberus
Whose three heads grew like one.

But at our public library,
As anyone may see,
There sits a modern Cerberus
Whose one head grows like three.

There is a worthy clergyman who is very absent-minded and has a short memory. It is a common habit with him in the pulpit to forget something, and then, after sitting down, to rise up and commence his supplementary remarks with the expression, "By the way." A few Sundays ago he got half through a prayer, when he hesitated, forgot what he was about, and sat down abruptly without closing. In a moment or two he arose, and pointing his forefinger at the amazed congregation, he said, "Oh, by the way, amen."

'Tis sweet to wander on the sand,
And hear the music of the band;
To fish remote from vulgar view,
Catch minnows and pneumonia, too;
To have your hips firmly placed
About a pretty maiden's waist,
In short, to have a jollier time
Than can be writ in prose or rhyme,
But hopes are sadly rent asunder,
For the whole business costs like thunder.

The other day, at Hawarden, a clerical guest was awaiting luncheon with Mrs. Gladstone, while her husband was in an upper chamber. The clergyman sought to console his hostess on the defeat of the Home Rule bill by the very proper and pious remark that, no matter how black the outlook at the moment might be, there was One above who might be trusted to make all things right in the end. "That's quite true," Mrs. Gladstone replied, "quite true; and he is in excellent spirits even now, as you will see presently when he comes down stairs."

A THOUGHTFUL EDITOR.—The editor of a paper in the far West has decided not to exchange with any paper which uses the word "relegate," and other words of that character. He says:—"This darn foolishness is got to stop. When a busy editor is about to clip out an article from an exchange to use as a leader, he discovers that it is chock full of these hisalutin words. And he knows if he prints it his subscribers will curse and swear, and some of them will go gunning for the editor. So at the last moment he has to write up a thrilling local, or shove in a patent medicine 'ad,' that has been dead six months. Hereafter we shall not exchange with such papers. When we want big words we can find plenty of them in our old speller and definer."

In a certain town lived a good deacon who had two sons, thirteen and fifteen years of age, respectively. Going to the barn one day, he heard some chattering in the hay-loft, and, listening, detected such expressions as "I pass," "Down she goes," "Make it spades," etc. Rightly divining that his boys, in company with some neighbors, were engaged in his abomination, a game at cards, he secured a good-sized cudgel, and quietly mounted the ladder. Just as he stepped into the loft, one of the hopefuls asked, "What's trumps?" The old gentleman answered, as he laid about him with the cudgel, "Clubs is trumps, and it's daddy's deal."

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