

Sawdust and Chips.

"Ah!" yawned a bachelor, "this world is but a gloomy prison." "To those in solitary confinement," added a witty young lady.

A clergyman, after service, met a friend who had "sat under" him, and asked what he thought of the sermon. "Well, you were not long." "So much the better," said the rector; "I am glad I was not tedious." "But you were tedious," rejoined the friend.

A young man who went west a few months ago, has sent only one letter home. It said, "Send me a wig," and his fond parents don't know whether he is scalped or married.

"I say, Jim," said a ploughman, the other day, to his companion, "I know of a new Mackintosh to keep out the wet." "What is that?" "Why, if you eat a red herring in the morning for breakfast, you'll be dry all the day."

If John Smith should, while crossing Brown's vacant lot, happen to fall and tear his pantaloons, who is responsible for the ground rent thus created—he or Brown? and could Brown compel Smith to settle the rent with a potato patch.

Tobacconist (to youth who has been turning over the stock of pipes for the last quarter of an hour, and has bought nothing).—"Ah, I see what it is. You're so partick'lar, you ought to be measured for a pipe."

Footo once asked a man without a sense of tune in him, "Why are you for ever humming that tune?" "Because it haunts me," was the reply. "No wonder," answered Footo, "you are for ever murdering it."

A young fellow who was fond of talking remarked, "I am no prophet." "True," remarked a lady present; "no profit to yourself or any one else."

"Why slave so?" said Ceresus, "your lifetime for gold?"

Contentment is better than wealth, I am told. "Who asked you to meddle?" cried Quiz in a pet,

"It ought to be better—its harder to get."

Bob Sawyer was asked the other day, while preparing a dose of "wolatilly" for a "wictim" in the neighborhood, whether he danced the Lancers. "No," replied that gentleman, pausing for an instant in his pleasing occupation, "I lance the dancers."

"May I leave a few tracts?" asked a travelling quack doctor of a lady who responded to his knock. "Leave some tracts? Certainly you may," said she, looking at him most benignly over her specs; "leave them with the heels toward the house, if you please."

A young man at Niagara, having been crossed in love, walked out to the precipice, took off his clothes, gave one lingering look at the gulf beneath him, and then went home. His body was found next morning in bed.

A Mobile man who fell over a Thomas cat in the entry on a dark night, and afterward attempted to choke the animal without tying its legs, will, as soon as he recovers, write an essay to show that the common house cat, especially the male variety, is far, very far, from being domesticated.

A society for the suppression of slang has been formed among the pupils of the girl's high school of San Francisco. Said a reporter to one of its members, "Your object is a praiseworthy one. Do you think you will succeed in eradicating conversational slang?" Said she, "You bet!"

A Kenosha editor was sick unto death, and several of his contemporaries took occasion to free their minds concerning him. He got well and "now they must meet him at the muzzle of a revolver, or he will cram their lying types down their false throats."

A Georgia colored debating society was lately discussing "Which is best for the laboring man—to work for wages, or part of the crop?" An old "uncle" spoke the sense of the meeting when he said "bofe was de best, if dey could be brung togedder somehow."

One of the neatest replies ever heard in a legislative body, or anywhere else, was lately made by Mr. Tilson, of Rockland, Maine. A member had replied to something Mr. Tilson had said, and pausing a moment, he inquired if he saw the line of argument. "Mr. Speaker," said he, "in answer to the gentleman, I would say I hear the humming of the wheel, but I do not see any thread!"

A celebrated physician having said to Lord Stowell rather more flippantly than becomed the gravity of his cloth, "Oh, you know, Sir William, after forty a man is always either a fool or a physician." "Mayn't he be both?" was the rejoinder, with an insinuating leer and half drawing voice.

A man whom Dr. Chalmers engaged to manage a disorderly Sunday School, kept his eyes wide open during praying, and, when one boy thrust a pin into another, he marched up the aisle, still praying, and cuffed that boy's ears and went back again, praying all the way. After that he was master of the situation, for the boys thought that a man who could watch and pray like that could not be put down.

"Have you children?" demanded a house renter, "yes," replied the other solemnly, "six—all in the cemetery." "Better there than here," said the landlord, consolingly; and proceeded to execute the desired lease. In due time the children returned from the cemetery, whither they had been to play, but it was too late to annul the contract.

Grains of Gold.

Some good, loving, self-sacrificing deed will transform the homeliest face into beauty and sanctity.

The right to freedom is vested in those only who have the capacity and the will to act in a proper manner. Freedom of action conferred upon those who possess not both of these attributes must inevitably disorganize society, demoralize the people, and force them back to barbarism.

Three things that never become rusty—the money of the benevolent, the shoes of the butcher's horse, and a woman's tongue. Three things not easily done—to allay thirst with fire, to dry wet with water, to please all in everything that is done. Three things that are as good as the best—brown bread in famine, well water in thirst, and a grey coat in cold. Three things as good as their better—dirty water to extinguish the fire, an ugly wife to a blind man, and a wooden sword to a coward. Three warnings from the grave—thou knowest that I was, thou seest what I am, remember what thou art to be. Three things of short continuance—a lady's love, a chip fire, and a brook's flood. Three things that ought never to be from home—the cat, the chimney, and the housewife. Three essentials to a false story teller—a good memory, a bald face, and fools for an audience. Three things seen in the peacock—the garb of an angel, the walk of a thief, and the voice of a devil. Three miseries of a man's house—a smoky chimney, a dripping roof, and a drunken wife.

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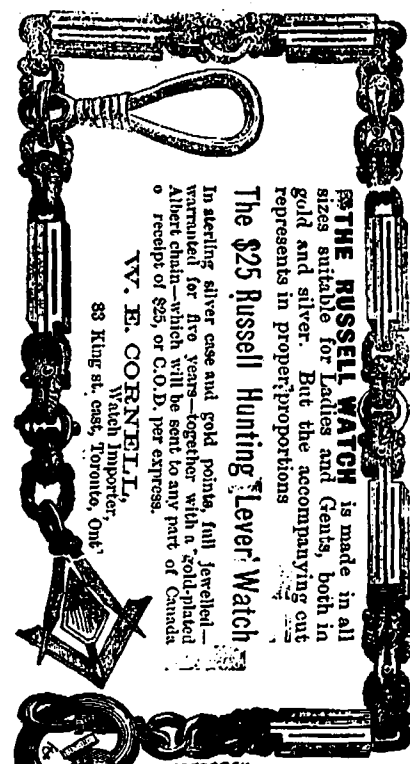
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