

HUMOROUS.

SMALL BY DEGREES.

Ain—"Ten Little Nigger Boys"

TEN British Ironclads floating on the brine:
 REED went out of office, and then there were Nine!
 Nine British Ironclads to defend the State:
 REED looked his eye at them, and then there were Eight
 Eight British Ironclads lying safe in haven:
 REED raked 'em fore and aft, and then there were Seven!
 Seven British Ironclads, sound them from keel to sticks:
 REED wrote a pamphlet, and then there were Six!
 Six British Ironclads—hooray! JACK'S alive!
 REED spoke in Parliament, and then there were Five!
 Five British Ironclads cruising round the Nore:
 REED made a platform speech, and then there were Four!
 Four British Ironclads ruling of the Sea:
 REED wrote unto the Times, and then there were Three!
 Three British Ironclads buffeting the blue!
 REED had dyspepsia, and then there were Two!
 Two British Ironclads, big in plate and gun:
 REED was snubbed by BRASSER, and then there was One!
 Oh, make him Chief Constructor once again, what'er befall;
 Or soon of British Ironclads we shall have—none at all!

—Punch.

ALWAYS ON THE SPOT.—Detectives.

THE READY-MONEY SYSTEM.—Dun, or be done.

BOTH watermen and Indians feather their skulls.

CONUNDRUM.—Whon is a moan man not a moan man?—Never.

ALL THE DIFFERENCE.—The ancients urned their dead; the modern earn their living.

WHY is a man never knocked down against his will?—Because it is impossible to fall unless inclined.

How much cloth is required to make a spirit-wrapper?

OUR OWN LUNATIC wants to know if the bray of a donkey is not an astute (ass too) affair!

A TWO-FOOT RULE.—Don't stumble.

THE TUNE DARWINISM.—A youngster of literary tastes described Darwin as the one who believed "we degenerated from a monkey."

THE HARDEST THING.—A young man who recently took unto himself a wife, says he didn't find it half so hard to get married as he did to get the furniture.

IF a man has got eighty thousand pounds at interest, and owns the house he lives in, it ain't much trouble to be a philosopher.

THE BEST SEWING MACHINE.—An old lady is inclined to think that a compass would be the best sewing machine, because she heard it had a needle with thirty-two points.

TOOK HER APART.—A contemporary describing a fashionable party, speaks of a gallant who whispered to a lady "and took her apart." It is not a very difficult feat to "take a lady apart" these times, but there is very little left of her afterward.

A MERE NOTHING.—A wife, having lost her husband, was inconsolable for his death.—"Leave me to my grief," she cried, sobbing. "You know the extreme sensibility of my nerves—a mere nothing upsets them!"

PRECAUTION.—A countryman in a town in America observed a gang of darkies labouring in the streets, each wearing a ball and chain. He asked one why that ball was chained to his leg.—"To keep people from stealing it," said the darkey; "hoop of thieves about here."

TOO OLD.—A schoolmistress, while taking down the names and ages of her pupils, and the names of their parents at the beginning of the term, asked one little fellow what his father's name was.—"Oh, you needn't take down his name; he is too old to go to school to a woman," was the reply.

A SELL.—A demure-looking chap hailed a charcoal pedlar with the query. "Have you got charcoal in your waggon?"—"Yes, sir," said the expectant driver, stopping his horses. "That's right," observed the demure chap, with an approving nod, "always tell the truth and people will respect you!" And he hurried on, much to the regret of the pedlar, who was getting out of the waggon to look for a brick.

CHARITABLE.—Ministers who read their sermons were formerly abhorred in Scotland. A young preacher delivered a trial discourse, after which one of his hearers, an old woman, said to her neighbour, "He canna be a reader, for he's blind!"—"I'm glad to hear't," replied the neighbour; "I wish they were a'blind!"

THE LATEST TINTS.—A fashion writer—not EVO—says, "Elephant's breath is the latest tint for kid gloves." We always did admire elephant's breath; it's a very neat colour. We can also recommend rhinoceros snuper and hippopotamus growl. They are pretty tints, and wear well.

METAPHYSICS.—The fondness of the Scotch for Metaphysics was never more happily hit than by the story Sydney Smith tells of his hearing a young lady at a ball, in the midst of a momentary lull in the music, saying to her gallant, "That may be true, my lord, of love in the abstract—"
 And here the fiddling began again, and he heard no more.

A CITIZEN.—It is related that upon one occasion, when Commodore Judkins was in command of the Scotia, a fussy little gentleman came to him just as the steamer was leaving Liverpool, and asked if he thought the Scotia would arrive in New York upon a certain day in time for him to catch the noon train for Philadelphia. Judkins looked at him a moment in silence, and then, taking out his watch, replied, "I fear, sir, we shall be five minutes too late!"

TOO THIN.—It is announced that a spring of natural lemonade has been discovered in California. That is too thin. If those Californians wish to encourage emigration, they will have to announce the discovery of a spring of natural whisky.

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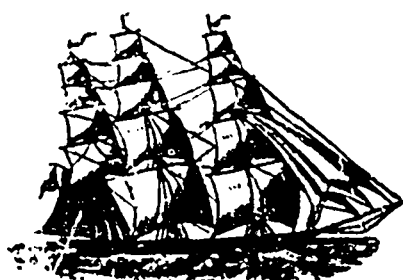
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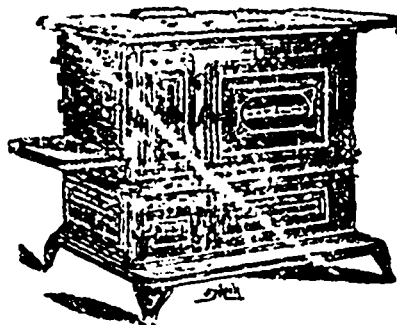
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