PUCK.

The average wife hates to ask her husband for money, and in most cases he hates to have her.

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Eastern man (in Western restaurant)—I see you have oysters on the bill of fare. Are they fresh? Waiter—Yes, sah, jus' out ob de can, sah.

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"Tell me frankly, sir, what do you think of my daughter's voice?" asked a lady of a music master. "Well, I think in your place I would have her take lessons in water colors," was the reply.

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Dignified Stranger (on railroad train)—No, I am not traveling for my health. I was a delegate to the Pan-American Congress. Enterprising Drummer.—That so? I'm in the hardware line myself.

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Bolter—Hello! here's a new stew on the bill of fare—Irish Stew a la Parnell.

Gorger—Well, he's been in such hot water lately that he ought to be tender. Let's try a portion of him between us.

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De Gillie—Bobby, did your mother make any derogatory remarks about my singing after I was gone the other night? Bobby—N-n-n-o, she didn't make any derogatory remarks. De Gillie—I'm glad to hear that. Bobby—But she nearly died laughing.

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Love's Young Dream.—"Wouldn't it be nice, Henry, dear," she whispered, as the sleigh started off, and she drew the robe up, "if we could always go through life together this way?" "Yes," he answered; "the coal bills would be little enough; but, great Cæsar! Alice," he continued after a little thought, "think of the livery bills!"

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"Is the doctor in?" asked the tramp at the door of a Philadelphia physician. A few minutes later an oldish female came to the door. "I jist wanted to see if the doctor wouldn't give me a pair of his old pants," said the tramp. "I'm the doctor," replied the lady. The tramp had several attacks of vertigo as he dropped down the steps.

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Hypocrisy is always the pretense of other people—not your own. Witness this little dialogue:

"I despise a hypocrite," says Boggs.

"So do I," says Cloggs. "Now take Knoggs, for example; he's the biggest hypocrite on earth. I despise that man."

"But you appear to be his best friend."

"Oh, yes; I try to appear friendly toward him. It pays better in the end."

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There is a very droll story of a doctor who went to settle in a village out West, and the first night of his arrival was sent to attend a sick child. He looked at the little sufferer very attentively, and then delivered this oracular opinion:

"This hyar babe's got the smallpox, and I ain't posted up on pustules. We must approach this case by circular treatment. You give this draught. That'll send him into fits. Then send for me, I'm a stunner on fits."

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The features of a pug dog are of an irregular cast, and in themselves considered, are hardly to be called handsome.

A young gentleman gave his sweetheart a pug dog as a birthday present, says the Philadelphia Times. It was of the purest blood, with its nose burned off particularly short.

The grateful recipient was profuse with her acknowledgments.

"Oh, thank you, James!" she said; "thank you! You are so kind! It's just like you!"

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There is nothing mutch more distressing than an unfinished story. A number of people in a London drawing-room were conversing about capital punishment, when a lady remarked:

"How strange it must be to be sentenced to death!"

"Not so very, very strange, I assure you. I was myself once condemned to death in Africa," said a returned African explorer.

"Indeed!" exclaimed the lady. "And were you—did they—"

"Did they what, madam?"

"Why, did they execute you, you know?"

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An elderly lady went to an English market one day to buy a Christmas goose. At the booth where she called, two live geese were exposed for sale, both in custody of a cherry-cheeked country lass. The little maid would not sell one goose without the other.

Remembering that a friend had expressed a wish for a Christmas fowl, the customer was easily prevailed on to take both. But as she was concluding the bargain, it occured to her to ask the maid why she had refused to sell the geese separately.

"If you please," ma'am," was the naive answer, "mother said as how the geese had lived together fifteen years, and it would be cruel to part them."

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A Chicago man, who has been acting temporarily as the local representative of a Bucyrus (Ohio) firm, received the following ambiguous dispatch yesterday afternoon:

"Bucyrus (Ohio), Dec. 10.—Come here at once. Be prepared for a reception."

After studying the dispatch for half an hour, the Chicagoan replied:

"Chicago (Ill.), Dec. 10.—Shall I bring my dress suit or my revolver?"

"Bucyrus (Ohio), Dec. 10.—Better bring both."

The agent left for Ohio last night, having rather misty notions of Buckeye social and business customs which would render a revolver a desirable adjunct to a dress suit, but fully prepared for all emergencies.

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The rector of one of our most wealthy and fashionable congregations was seated with his family at the Sunday dining-table deeply engaged in a discussion as to the probable cause of a peculiar and unpleasant odor which had permeated the church during the last few services.

After the inquiry had completely exhausted the subject of drains, defective plumbing and insufficient ventilation, a youthful scion broke out with: "Say, you don't suppose we could smell those chickens, do you?"

"What chickens do you mean, Robby?" asked his father.

"Why, you know; the chickens the new sexton is raising in the cold air box of the furnace."

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When Count D'Orsay was in England for the first time, very young, very handsome, and not shy, he was placed at some dinner party next to the late Lady Holland. That singular woman, who had adroitly succeeded in ruling and retaining a distinguished circle longer than either fascination or tyranny might have accomplished, chanced that day to be in one of her imperious humors. She dropped her napkin—the Count picked it up gallantly—then her fork, then her fork, then her spoon, then her glass, and as often her neighbor stooped and restored the lost article. At last, however, the patience of the youth gave way, and when she dropped her napkin again, he turned and called one of the footmen behind him.

"Put my plate on the floor," said he, "I will finish my dinner there. It will be so much more convenient to my Lady Holland.

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Anyone who has ever visited a "county cattle fair" knows for what a great variety of animals, articles and contests prizes are awarded. It is seldom, however, that one exhibitor has such a successful set of possessions as those of Uncle Ahab Drake.

Uncle Ahab, with his entire family, a large stock of fruit and vegetables, a yoke of oxen and various other animals, went to the fair at Greenby one fine September day and returned in triumph two days later. He presented himself at the village shop half an hour after his arrival, evidently anxious to be questioned as to his winnings.

"Well, Uncle Ahab, how'd you come out?" asked one of the men.

"Pretty fair—pret-ty fair?" replied Uncle Ahab, cautiously.

"How many prizes d' you take?" asked another.

"Eight!" said Uncle Ahab, with evident satisfaction. "Yes, I made out to take eight this time. There were drawin' an' haulin' (oxen), sow an' pigs, cucumbers, bread, butter, garden sass, braided rugs, an' mother!"

"Why, how did Aunt Sally come in for a prize?" asked one of his awe-struck listeners.

"Heaviest weight there to-day," replied Uncle Ahab, cheerfully. "A merciful Providence kept Ann Slater, of Greenby Hill, away; her boy's twisted his ankle. Ann would ha' turned the scales twenty pound higher than Sally; but as 'twas, there wa'n't another woman there weighed over 170, an' we fetched that prize home along with the rest."

THOUGHTS THAT BREATHE.

Every man and every woman, in their self-culture, should study the art of giving up in the little things with a good grace.—[H. B. Stowe.

The Christian must expect opposition from the world, because he is going just the contrary way from the multitude, and has to pass through them.

Deo volente—God willing—is the qualification which one should annex to every plan and purpose of this life. In him "we live and move and have our being," and never without him. He supervises all our appointments, and governs events, whether we recognize the fact or not.

The best mode of keeping improper thoughts out of our minds is to keep those minds so filled with good thoughts that their will be no room for improper thoughts. He who acts upon this rule will generally have not much trouble with bad thoughts. Such thoughts will not be his usual companions.

The three great ends of our creation may be stated as follows: Our own salvation, the good of others, and the glory of others, and the glory of God. These ends are coincident, and all alike secured by the same course of life. He who glorifies God will be sure to do good to others and to secure his own salvation.

Sudden and great transitions in life, so that one's circumstances are made very different from what they were, whether in the way of depression or exaltation, in the way of suffering and sorrow or joy and comfort, furnish tests of character. The manner in which one passes through these transtitions, and his behavior afterward will indicate alike the type and strength of his character. He who can bear neither adversity nor prosperity, is poorly fitted to make the journey of life.

TEMPERANCE NEWS.

A million pounds seems a large sum for General Booth to ask for for charity, and yet the drink bill of New York city alone is more than $40,000,000 a year!

In London alone last year 500 children under 10 years of age, 1,500 under 14 years of age, and 2,000 under 21 years were picked up in a state of intoxication.

The theory that whisky is necessary to the treatment of pneumonia is said to have received a blow from a New York physician, who asserts that in the hospitals of that city 65 per cent. of the pneumonia patients die with alcoholic treatment, while in London, at the Object Lesson Temperance Hospital, only 5 per cent. die.

Three years ago Lady Henry Somerset, of England, started a "Dinner Kitchen" in a small town with a population of only 4,500 people, and advertised a dinner for one penny between the hours of 1 and 2:30. Seven thousand dinners were served in three months. This excellent plan, continued during the past three years, has resulted in 24,000 dinners having been served during the third winter.

A laborer at the Dundee harbor lately told his wife, on awakening, a curious dream which he had during the night. He dreamed that he saw coming toward him, in order, four rats. The first one was very fat, and was followed by two lean rats, the rear rat being blind. The dreamer was greatly perplexed as to what evil might follow, as it has been understood that to dream of rats denotes coming calamity. He appealed to his wife concerning this, but she, poor woman, could not help him. His son, a sharp lad, who heard his father tell the story, volunteered to be the interpreter. "The fat rat," he said, "is the man who keeps the public house, that ye gang till sae often, and the two lean anes are me and my mither, and the blind ane is yerself, father."—[Scotch Paper.

George Kenyon says: "The temperance reform is by no means unknown in European Russia. Thousands of villages have prohibited the sale of liquor, for it is a happy fact that if the men of the commune get together and declare that they will not have liquor sold, it is prohibited. But many times rich liquor men, by the use of their money, succeed in forcing the trade upon the village, just as in this country. There has been no general temperance agitation, but the people are becoming educated by seeing the awful evils of the sale of drink. There is one class of people numbering about 15,000,000, who are total abstainers. They are the dissenters from the State Church. These are subdivided into several sects, some of which are persecuted, and others not, according to the degree of their dissent from the established Greek Church.

Just Stop Dodging.

"Why don't you marry, Mr. Bachelor?"

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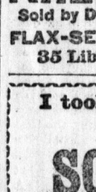

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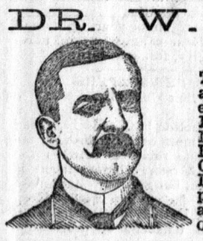

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