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briars and thistles, which had been placed there for their express accommodation.

"Such a getting up stairs!" muttered one.

"Nettles and thistles how they scratch!" exclaimed the other.

They now determined to go cautiously, and at length got to the "patch."

"How *thick* they are Joe, come here! there's mor'n a dozen fat ones right here."

And down they sat in the midst of them quite contented. "Here Joe, take this musk-melon, isn't it a rouser? slash into it!" "It cuts tremendous *hard* Ned—its *asquash!*"

"No it *isn't*, I tell you its a new kind: the old man brought the seed from the "States" last spring!

"Well, all I've got to say is, that the old fellow got sucked in—that's all!

I'm going to gouge into this water-melon—hallo! there goes half-a-dollar I've broke my knife. If I did'nt know it was a water-melon I would say it was a pumpkin! "Fact is, I believe it *is* a pumpkin!"

What the *boys* done while the owner went and unmuzzled the dog, he could'nt say; that they took *long strides*, the onion and flower beds fully revealed in the morning.

Written for the 'Calliope.'

THE LOW-BACKED (MAIL) CAR.

By Quiz.

When first I saw the mail arrive

'Twas on a stormy day;

The bags the driver sat upon,

Were like a "truss of hay."

The "poor old hoss" whose utmost speed

Could scarce be called a trot;

Seem'd to bewail his wasted tail,

And mourn his wretched lot.

As he brought in the low-backed car,

With letters from near and far:

I thought it a pity that mails for a *City*

Don't come on a Railroad Car.

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TUESDAY, APRIL 26.



People are at last beginning to open their eyes to the necessity of obtaining a Prohibitory Liquor Law. Had such a measure been universally adopted a century ago, prisons and poor-houses, would have, long since, been among the things that were. The baneful effects of intemperance are so widely known, and so many painful examples are daily coming before the public, to prove the danger of indulging in such dangerous beverages, that it is useless for us to attempt any further remarks.

Our only object, in bringing the subject before our readers, is to warn those who have not yet become contaminated, to avoid that *first step*, which, though the road be circuitous, inevitably leads to destruction, and we sincerely hope, at least for their own sake, that they will not pass over it lightly, or without reflection, as, unlike the hackney'd orations of professional lecturers, it is a warning proffered, in all sincerity, by one of themselves, and meant for their good. Too much cannot be said upon this subject, especially to young people, as to them it is of vital importance, and did our space permit, we would gladly give it a more extensive notice; at all events we will not loose sight of it, but revert to it upon another occasion. In connexion with this subject we would take this opportunity to urge upon our young men the necessity of forming a society for the purpose of aiding the necessary reform which is at present beginning to spread