

Sparkles.

"No, indeed!" exclaimed Mrs. Ponsnap energetically; "I don't believe in the extension of woman's suffrage at all. She suffers enough now."

EXTRACT of a letter from Angelica: "Dear Henry, you ask if I return your love. Yes, Henry, I have no use for it, and return it with many thanks."

LANDLADY: "It's singular but true, Mr. Crossgrain, that all my boarders remain with me." New boarder (at first meal): "too weak to leave, I guess, after the first week."

"Ah, me!" said a pious lady, "our minister was a very powerful preacher, for the short time he ministered the word among us he kicked three pulpits to pieces, and banged the in'ards out of five Bibles."

THEY were expecting the minister to dinner. "Is everything all ready, my dear?" asked the head of the house. "Yes; he can come now as soon as he likes." "I have you dusted the family Bible?" "Goodness gracious! I forgot that!"

DR. HARKIS, of Middlebury, Vt., says: "I had been troubled with Bronchitis for two years, so effecting the organs of speech that I could not speak aloud for six weeks. I had with it a severe cough, and cold night sweats. I took two bottles of Allen's Lung Balsam and am entirely cured."

A CYNICAL old bachelor, who firmly believes that all women have something to say on all subjects, recently asked a female friend, "Well, madam, what do you hold on this question of female suffrage?" To which the lady responded calmly, "Sir, I hold my tongue."

"I HEARD at least one thing in the course of your sermon to-day that I never heard in a sermon before," said a man to a preacher who had detained his congregation till their patience was nearly exhausted. "And what was that?" asked the minister, greatly pleased. "I heard the clock strike twice," was the reply.

Two neighbours had a long and even-tempered litigation about a small spring which they had both claimed. The judge, wearied out with the case, at last said, "What is the use of making so much fuss about a little water?" "Your honour will see the use of it," replied one of the lawyers, "when I inform you that the parties are both milk-men."

THE following biography of the patriarch Abraham was furnished by a school boy who was recently competing for a prize: "He was the father of Lot, and had two wives. One was called Ishmale and the other Hagur: he kept one at home, and he turned the other into the desert, where she became a pillow of salt in the daytime and a pillow of fire at night."

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LOUIS XIV. handed the poet Boileau a few sheets of manuscript, with the words, "What do you think of these wretched verses of my own composing?" Boileau read the papers through, and quietly returned them to the king, saying, "Your majesty succeeds in everything you undertake. You wanted to try your hand at making bad poetry, and you have accomplished it."

BASHFUL young man: "Might I?—a—pardon the hesitation natural to the occasion—I have been for some time wishing to speak to you about it, but—might I ask you? Might I—?" Young lady (agitated): "Ah sir, this is so sudden, I—I know not what to say. Ask papa." Bashful young man: "No, no, I cannot. It is not your papa, but you who are sitting on my hat!"

CAN a man marry-himself? The late Bishop of Carlisle is credited with a joke. It is said that a young clergyman not far from Penryn, on the eve of his marriage, and not wishing to trouble any of his brethren, wrote to the Bishop, inquiring, as he had already published the banns from his own desk, could he marry himself? His lordship made no appeal to ecclesiastical laws, but at once capped the query with another; "Could you bury yourself?"

THE signature which should be the plainest part of a letter is frequently the most illegible. An Easterbrook pen would help to remedy the defect.

Two little boys, aged five and six years, respectively, witnessed a balloon ascension for the first time, recently. "Oh! look! look there!" exclaimed the youngest. "What is that?" "It's a balloon," replied the elder. "What makes it go up so fast?" "Gas," "What is gas?" "Why, gas is—is—is melted wind."

IS THIS POSSIBLE?

Report comes that General Grant's improved condition is due to the fact that he is using a "simple vegetable preparation" forwarded by one of our consuls from South America, and sent him by the Surgeon General! Is this possible? By an "unauthorized" remedy? Shocking!

And yet, if this "simple vegetable preparation" were owned and advertised by any one as a specific for this terrible disease, certainly the Surgeon General would not commend it, nor would bigoted physicians prescribe it!

Nevertheless, it is a fact that many of the best proprietary medicines of the day, as the late Dr. J. G. Holland stated in *Scribner's Monthly*, were more successful than many physicians, and most of them, it should be remembered, were at first discovered or used in actual medical practice. When, however, any shrewd persons, knowing of their virtue and foreseeing their popularity, secured and advertised them, then, in the opinion of the bigoted, all virtue went out of them!

Isn't this absurd? We believe that a remedy, if properly made, is just as effective when put up, advertised and sold in bulk, as when doled out to patients at enormous expense by their physicians.

Why not? If General Grant is getting better through a simple unauthorised vegetable preparation where is the vaunted exclusive skill of the medical profession?

Apropos of the suspension of some very prominent members by the Medical and Chirurgical faculty of Maryland, for endorsing advertised remedies, the *Dalton American* (April 25) says that "when a patent medicine goes on year after year widening its circle of believers, it is a pretty fair evidence that there is merit in it. The regular doctors may ignore it, and expel any of their members who use it, but when they do so their action looks more like envy against a successful remedy than a true desire to protect the public." The failure in the Garfield and Grant cases, the *American* thinks, and properly, has knocked professional pretensions higher than a kite.

But this is not a singular instance of unprofessional power over "incurable diseases." That "simple vegetable preparation" now everywhere known as Warner's Safe Cure, was once an authorized remedy: was pronounced a "god send" to the medical profession for the cure of kidney and liver disorders, malaria, general debility, spring feebleness, female irregularities, etc., by many leading physicians, but when the formula was fully perfected, and the medicine was put up in bulk and advertised so that every sufferer might know of it and treat himself, then the profession turned upon it and let their patients die rather than to use it!

This is certainly a strange proceeding, but it is on a level with all the rules and regulations of a code which has gone so far as to forbid a physician displaying beyond a certain size his name and profession upon his sign!

But the world moves, and merit wins the fight!

"My son, why is it that you are always behind hand in your studies?" "Why, so that I can pursue them of course."

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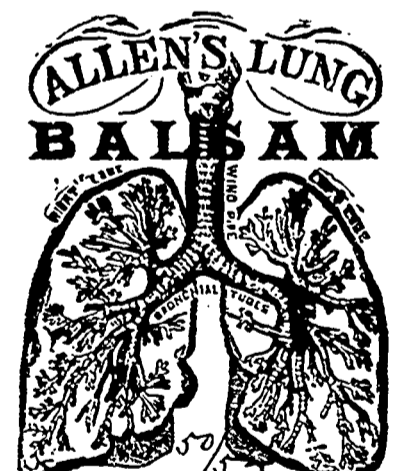
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