

TIT-BITS.

A little girl, visiting a neighbor with her mother, was gazing curiously at the hostess' new bonnet, when the owner queried: "Do you like it, Laura?" The innocent replied: "Why, mother said it was a perfect fright; but it don't scare me."

"I've a perfect antipathy for the mountains," said Mrs. Gush to Mrs. Parvenu as they sat talking together on the summer hotel piazza. "Have you?" said Mrs. Parvenu, "Well, I've an Alpine stick, and the man said it was just the thing; but I'm sorry now, I didn't buy an antipathy like yours!"—*Boston Journal*.

It is said that the colored people of the United States maintain more secret and benevolent societies than any other people on the face of the globe. There would seem to be nothing remarkable about that, however, for its natural for colored people to keep dark.—*Boston Post*.

Scene—Art-school.—Mrs. Nouveau: "And is that large picture some of your work?" Pupil: "Mine? Oh, no, madam! That is one of the old masters." Mrs. Nouveau (in an undertone to her companion): "I don't like to hear a young man speak so disrespectfully of his teachers."

A lawyer, having occupied a journalist's rooms one night, thought to make a joke at the expense of his host, and sent him the following lines:

"I slept in an editor's bed last night,
When no other chanced to be nigh;
Then I thought as I tumbled the editor's bed,
How easily editors lie!"

The journalist was equal to the occasion, and immediately penning the following lines, sent them to the lawyer:—

"If the lawyer slept in the editor's bed,
When no other chanced to be nigh;
And though he has written, and naively said,
How easily editors lie;
He must then admit, as he lay on that bed,
And slept to his heart's desire,
What'er he may say of the editor's bed,
'Twas the lawyer himself was the liar!"

A CLEVER DODGE.—Rabelais, the witty philosopher of the fifteenth century, was summoned from Rome, by his patron, Francis I., probably as bearer of some diplomatic mission. On reaching Lyons he found himself short of money, and thus unable to continue his journey to Paris. To get out of the difficulty he had recourse to the following hazardous experiment, Gathering a quantity of brick dust, he made it up into several little packets, and wrote on one, "Poison for the King!" on another, "Poison for the Dauphin!" and so on till he had provided for all the members of the Royal Family. These packets he left lying about in his room at the inn, where they were discovered by the landlord, who at once gave information to the magistrates. The latter took immediate steps to arrest our traveller, and had him conveyed to Paris with all dispatch, and directed that he should receive, on the way, every attention befitting a criminal of such importance. On reaching his destination, Rabelais asked to be taken before the king, who, on recognizing him, burst into a hearty laugh, and invited his illustrious prisoner to supper.

There is a law in Switzerland which compels every newly-married couple to plant trees shortly after the ceremony of marriage. The trees ordered to be planted on wedding days are the pine and weeping willow; and on natal days the birch.

"Here I've talking for half an hour!" exclaimed an auctioneer, "and I haven't got an offer." "Half an hour, indeed!" murmured an elderly maiden; "what's half an hour to many long, long years, and still no hopes of an offer?"

"The Gazette says there is a great increase of celibacy in Boston," says Mr. Perkins, the other evening. "Deary me!" sighed Mrs. Perkins, "I suppose it's all on account of them high east winds. Is it anything like dipthary, John?"

A man advertised for the worst dog in the city. His idea was that the people were so fond of their own dogs that they wouldn't bring a single animal to him. But he lost his bet. Thousands called, each bringing his neighbor's dog.

"There," said Mrs. Highflyer, as her daughter ceased from torturing one of the high-numbered operas of Beethoven, "that's what I call a finished performance, eh, Mr. Jones?" And Mr. Jones nodded and said, "Thank Heaven!"

A Westminster justice, taking a cab in the city, and being set down at Charing-cross, the driver demanded eightpence for his fare. The justice asked him if he would swear the ground came to the money. The man said he would take his oath on't. The justice replied, "Friend, I'm a magistrate;" and, pulling the book out of his pocket, administered the oath, and then gave the fellow sixpence, saying he must reserve the shilling to himself for the affidavit.

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