

Amities.

Of the 1,000 young ladies who fainted last year, 987 fell into the arms of gentlemen, two fell on the floor, and one into a waterbutt.

Josh Billings says—"I was never went to skule—skule kum to me naturel." His critic says—"Yes, Josh, and left you one." Two of a trade clearly don't agree.

One of the saddest sights in this season of the year is a young man who has waited outside the church of an evening until he is chilled through, only to see his girl walk off with some rascal who has been inside all the time toasting his sinful shins at the stove.

There was one pun of Sydney Smith's that Charles Lever never tired of telling. Mrs. Grote, the wife of the historian, appeared once at a soirée with a queer sort of turban on her accomplished head. "Look at that," said Sydney; "that's the origin of the word grotesque."

Punctuation is a wonderful thing. A man telegraphed to Burlington for a school. "Shall I come, or is the place filled?" The answer properly was, "No! Place filled on the 17th." The telegraph operator received it, "No place filled on the 17th." He went for it and was minus travelling expenses.

An old Scotch lady had an evening party where there was a young man present who was to leave for an appointment in China. As he was exceedingly extravagant in his conversation about himself, the old lady said, when he was leaving, "Tak' care o' yours—when ye are awa, for mind ye they eat puppies in China."

A young man is said to have lost money by betting—on spiders. He wagered that a spider which he would produce would cross a plate quicker than a spider to be produced by a friend. Each spider was to have its own plate. His opponent's spider, however, on being started would not stir, whilst its rival ran with immense speed. The bet was consequently lost, and the loser soon found out the reason why. His friend had a hot plate.

A Scotch Definition of "Nothing"—At Banchober, in Scotland, lately, the parish school-master, out of curiosity, put the question to the scholars, "What is nothing?" A pause ensued until an unclean who profligates for turning a penny were well known among his school-fellows, got up and replied, "It's when a man asks you to hand his horse and just says thank ye." The answer has since earned considerable notoriety for the youngster.

Here is a graphic description of a fishing excursion. Says the Danbury News: "A North street man went off Saturday noon for a half day of fishing. When he returned he had walked thirteen miles, lost a \$15 watch, sprained his thumb, spoiled an \$11 pair of pants by sitting down on his luncheon, and caught a four-pound mud turtle. He got back in time to help the doctor cut from his oldest boy's foot one of the several fish-hooks he had left at home. He took a cursory view of the situation and went to bed."

A jovial artist was painting some divine, who felt it incumbent upon him to give the painter a moral lecture during one of his sittings. Somewhat in awe of the artist, he began rather nervously; but as the knight of the brush painted away without any sign of annoyance, he gathered courage as he proceeded, and finally administered a pretty good sermon. He paused for a reply, and confessed afterwards that he never felt so insignificant in his life as when the artist, with the urbane but positive authority of his profession, merely said, "Turn your head a little to the right, and shut your mouth."

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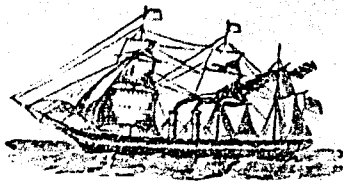
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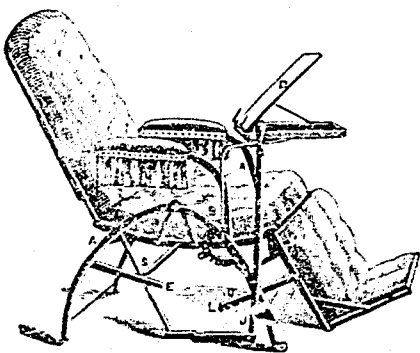
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