

CHUCKLES.

The Real "Land Agitation."—An earthquake.—*Punch.*

It is no sign that stocks are feverish because they absorb water so freely.

Pins were first introduced into England in the latter part of the fourteenth century.

A man gave a cattle farm to his six sons. Why is that farm like the focus of a lens? The sun's rays meet there (the sons raise meat there.)

The Power of Imagination.—Street Arab (to doctor, who has just taken his temperature). "Ah, Sir! That does me a lot o' good, Sir!"—*Punch.*

When you say that you don't know which are the fattest letters in the alphabet, you will be told O B C T, whereupon you are expected to exclaim O I C.

It is stated that mosquitoes will not sting grown persons if there is a baby in the room. They probably realise that the baby causes them sufficient suffering.

"Patrick, you told me you needed the alcohol to clean the mirrors with, and here I find you drinking it." "Faith, mum, it's a drinkin' it and brathing on the glass Oi m a-doin'."

"No doubt," says a Yankee paper, "Liszt, the musician, did during his life very wicked things, which led some people to surmise his future whereabouts, but it was a more unkind to head his funeral procession at Bayreuth with the fire brigade."

It was his first dinner at which he found a programme printed in French, and, after examining the bill of fare intently from top to bottom, he called to the waiter, and pointing to the word "menu" at the top, said, "Fetch me a dish of that for a starter."

Papa (soberly): "That was quite a monstrosity you had in the parlor last evening." Maud (nettled): "Indeed! That must depend upon one's understanding of the term 'monstrosity.'" Papa (thoughtfully): "Well, two heads upon one pair of shoulders, for example!"

A small boy surprised his teacher at one of the grammar-schools by asking her how far a procession of Presidents of the United States would reach if they were placed in a row. On her expressing her ignorance, he calmly announced: "From Washington to Cleveland."

A HAPPY THOUGHT.—"Ullo, Count! Why you're writing a love-letter in English!" "Yes. I write to ze sharmeeing widow, Mistress Vilkechsonne." "But you're copying it out of 'Frank Fairleigh.'" "Ma foi, yes! I always use myself of zis hook—not for the sentiments, vich are not mine, but for ze construction!"—*Punch.*

"THE OLD ADAM."—The Minister (coming on them unawares). "E-e-h! Sandy McDougal! Ah'm sorry to see this! And you, too, Wully! Fishin' o' the Sawbath! Ah thought ah'd enstellet better principles—" (A Rise.) "E-e-h! Wully, man!—ye hae 'm!—it's entil 'm! Haud up yer r-rod, man—or ye'll lose 'm—tak' car-r-re!" (Recollects himself, and walks off.)—*Punch.*

ALL THE SAME TO THE DOG.—Magistrate: "You are accused of keeping a dog without a license." Owner: "Well, but, yer honor, the dog never had a license." Magistrate: "Then you will be compelled to take out one for him now." Owner: "I don't believe the dog cares whether he has a license or not." Magistrate: "Well, but I do." Owner: "I can't for the life of me see why you take such an interest in my dog."—*Judge.*

"NEPOTISM!"—"I knew it would be that way," said a Republican ex-Congressman to his wife's mother, as he laid down the *New York Weekly Tribune*. "What's the matter?" she inquired. "Nepotism is developing everywhere in Washington." "Lark-a-me! you don't say. Well, it's nothing in the world but them nasty Patomac flats, and the people will have to go to eatin' quinine again. That's the way we had to do when we was there."—*Washington Critic.*

HOW ARP TRIPPED THE OFFICE-SEEKER.—Here is a story about Bill Arp. Perhaps it is new to some, if not to all. Years ago a certain Judge was a candidate for Governor, and in making a public speech remarked: "Gentlemen, the office of Governor has been pursuing me for years!" Instantly William was on his feet, asking to be allowed a question. The Judge declined to be interrupted.

"All right," said William, with a shrug, "if you won't answer a question for one, these folks ain't going to vote for you, that's certain."

"Well, go on then and ask your question," replied the Judge snappishly.

William arose.

"You say," he observed, "that the office of Governor has been pursuing you for years?"

"Yes, sir."

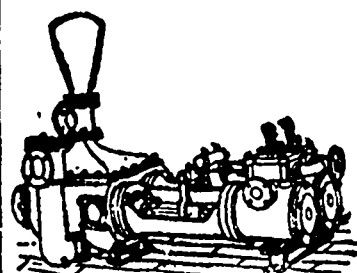
"Well, sir," said Arp, solemnly, "All I've got to say is that you are gaining on it!"

As the office has not yet overtaken the Judge, it is presumed that he continued to gain on it.

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