

It is a well-known fact that the old man who is still part of his oddness, the wretched and hungry to feed. If Jeremy failed of salvation, because he stayed out of the church, we cannot see how in creation professors will shun the old lurch, who wear the full garb of the pious, but love not their neighbors—nor God! We choose when our Maker shall try us, To be like old farmer—odd.

Miscellaneous.

In setting the Ten Commandments to music, old Hayden, with grim humor, stole a melody for the eighth.

Farmers in England sowing arsenicated wheat are by a recent act of Parliament made subject to a heavy penalty.

A London paper says that "A Woodstock base ball player took a hot liner on his nose, and now he smells through his ears."

It is stated that quit a trade in Maltese cats is being done between Ingersoll and the South-east States. No less than twenty were shipped last week.

The amenities of journalism in California are sweetly hinted at by the epithet "cock-eyed pelican of perdition," which one editor applies to another.

A Yankee editor describing a church in Minnesota, says:—"No velvet cushions in our pews; we are in for style. The fattest person has the softest seat."

A little stealing is a dangerous part, but stealing largely is a noble art; 'tis mean to rob a henroost of a hen, but stealing thousands make us gentlemen.

We had short-cake for tea," said a little girl to a neighbor's boy, to whom she was talking through the fence. "So did we," he answered, "very short—so short it didn't go round."

A subscriber asks a country paper, "What is good for warts on horses?" We don't know. We never owned but one pair of horses—a wood horse and clothes-horse—and they were never troubled with warts.

Mr. P. Wallace of McKillop, died on the 24th ult., at the ripe old age of 100 years. He was a native of Kings county, Ireland, and moving to his late home from London township about eight years ago.

Lambri, a Turk and an hereditary pasha is a sleepy young fellow who was recently picked up by some London club people as fair game. At billiards, cards and baccarat he took all the money from the club by winning all the games.

An old Highland clergyman, who had received several calls to parishes, asked his servant where he should go. The servant said, "Go where there is most sin, sir." The preacher concluded that was good advice, and went where there was most money.

"Husband," remarked a woman to her better half, who had come home late the night before, after exhausting labours at his account books, "Who is Bill Yard? You mentioned his name several times in your sleep." And the husband answered, as he brushed the cue chalk from his coat, "Why, eh, yes! Bill Yard—exactly—owes me an account. Let's have breakfast, Mary!"

LABOR AS A FORM OF ATHLETIC EXERCISE.

Open-air labor is the most effective cosmetic, an almost infallible panacea against all kinds of bodily deformity. But the remedial virtue of labor, i. e., sound bodily exercise, is greater than that of open-air life, *per se*, for among the rustic population of Scandinavia, Scotland, and Northern Germany, who perform a large portion of their hard work indoors, we frequently find models of health and vigor; far more frequently than among the inhabitants of Italy, Spain, etc., who pass the greater part of their indolent lives in open air.

But, besides all this, athletic exercises have a moral value, which our social-reform-

their novel performance. In other countries such sights are not strange. In Holland, stout women are often harnessed to canal boats, and tug heavily along the towpath. In Japan, the ordinary conveyance is by a man-power carriage, between Osaka and the capital, distance of more than thirty miles.

It is drawn by two men, and its name the jin-rikasha, means the man-power carriage. It goes over the road in six hours. One man trots between the shafts, while the other, attached to the carriage by a simple string fastened to a collar around his neck, runs ahead as a loader. They lay aside all clothing except a hat and a cloth around the waist, and show no signs of fatigue at the end of their journey. The carriage was designed, a few years since, by an American missionary, and is now used throughout the kingdom.

JOSEPH IN THE PIT.

'Now, then,' said our Jim, as he struck a match on the seat of his pants and proceeded to light the fire, 'here's a biblical one. Why did Joseph's brethren cast him into the pit?' 'What Joseph was this?' asked the sporting reporter. 'You ought to be ashamed of yourself not to know,' said the religious writer. 'But here I go; because he was a minor.' 'You ain't warm worth a cent,' said Jim. 'I know,' said the city editor, 'because they wanted to do with him what the legislative committee wanted to do with McCarthy—put him in a hole.' 'Wrong,' said James. 'Give it up,' remarked the head of the blue-glass department despondently. 'The reason Joseph's brethren cast him into the pit,' said James, 'was because they didn't want him in the family circles.' There was an ominous silence, and just as James was going down stairs the religious reporter called him back, and while the tears stood in his eyes he said: 'James, never again, so long as I live mix the interior of a theater up with a biblical conundrum. It's very wrong in one so young.'

A HUMAN SKELETON IN A HORSE.

A miller in the Black Hills, writing to a friend in this city, tells of a horrible reminder of the fearful snow storms of last winter, and of the peril of those who were caught out, and lost their way on the plains. He says that recently, while he and two others were crossing the country, they came upon the skeleton of a horse, within which was the skeleton of a man, with the grinning skull looking out at them from between the ribs of the animal, like a prisoner peering through the bars of his cell. The two skeletons told the whole story. The man had killed his horse, cut him open, and crawled inside of him, thinking to thus escape perishing by cold, but the flesh of the animal froze solid, and the man was as much a prisoner as if he had been shut in by walls of iron. The wolves and carrion birds had stripped the greater part of the flesh from both skeletons. The miner concludes his description by saying, "It was a sight I shall never forget. I can see it now whenever I close my eyes."—*Virginia City (Nev.) Enterprise*.

A curiosity is that of a chicken having four perfect legs. It can be seen at the residence of J. T. Dickey in Lansdowne.

The Port Rowan Age says: "We were shown a freak of nature last night in the shape of a turkey having four legs, four eyes, and three bills. It was hatched on the farm of Mr. Wm. Anderson, of this township."

"Raise that pot and I'll raise you," said Johnson to Bush, in the midst of a poker game in Eureka, Cal., drawing a revolver. Bush did not heed the warning, and was shot through the head.

The most sensitive thing in the world is evidently the betting at a British horse-race. At Epsom Downs the other day, a mere rumor that the favorite, "Bonnie Scotland," had coughed a little, sent the odds, in a panic, from 2 to 1 to 8 to 1.

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