

FAMILY READING.

WHY DON'T YOU TAKE THE PAPERS.

Why don't you take the papers? They're the life of my delight; Except about election time, And then I read for spite.

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An old newspaper friend of mine, While dying from a cough, Desired to have the latest news, While he was going off.

I took the paper and I read Of some new pills in force; He bought a box—and is he dead? No—hearty as a horse.

I knew a printer's debtor once; Backed with a scorching fever, Who swore to pay her debts next day, If her distress would leave her.

Next day she was again at work, Divested of her pain, But did forget to pay the debt, Till taken down again.

"Here, Jesse, take these 'silver wheels,' Go pay the printer now!" She spoke and slept, and then awoke With health upon her brow.

I knew two men as much alike As e'er you saw two stumps, And no phrenologist could find A difference in their lumps.

One took the papers, and his life Is happier than a king's; His children all can read and write, And talk of men and things.

The other took no paper, and While strolling through the wood, A tree fell down upon his crown, And killed him "werry good."

Had he been reading of the news At home, like neighbor Jim, I'd bet a cent that accident Would never have happened to him.

Why don't you take the papers? Nor from the printer sneak, Because you borrowed from his boy A paper every week.

For he who takes the papers, And pays his bills when due, Can live at peace with God and man; And with the printer too.

STRANGE END TO A FIGHT.

Two skulls of stags, with their horns so firmly locked together that they could not be separated, were found one day in the mountains of Colorado. It is quite plain that they once belonged to a couple of stags who had a terrible fight in the solitude of the mountains. After the combat had been kept up some time, their horns became so tangled and locked together that they could not get them apart. It is very probable that when this happened, they stopped thinking of fighting, and did their best to get away from each other. But this was of no use. Their horns were so firmly interlocked that they could not twist or pull them apart. So they stumbled about, for the rest of their lives with their heads close together. We can not know how long they lived this way. They may have been able to eat a little grass, if both of them agreed to put down their heads at the same time. But at last they died. And how curiously things turned out! Each of them hoped to kill the other, and yet the result of the quarrel was to bind them together as long as they lived, and even death did not part them. And, if they thought no one would ever know of their fight, how greatly mistaken they were! The record of the combat—their two skulls fastened together—has remained for many a long year, and will remain for many a year to come. It was truly a strange end to a fight.

It very often happens in other fights or disputes that the fighters cannot stop and separate just when they wish to. Something is apt to get hopelessly interlocked and tangled, such as goodwill, or self-respect, or fairness, or honor. Still one must not be too peaceable, as the Quaker said when he saw the mad bull coming.—St. Nicholas.

FROM SUCH TURN AWAY.

There is a form of godliness without the power. There is a kind of godliness professed that has never known a deep heart-searching consecration, or the privations of an utter self-denial, or the shame of Christ's reproach, or the pains of persecution for his dear name's sake. It has never heard, or at least has never heeded, God's command to "come out from among them and be separate and touch not the unclean." It was never learned, like its Master, to be meek and lowly, and to become of no reputation, taking upon itself the form of a servant. This godliness that exists only in form is often blind, so as not to see sin, or dumb, so as not to reprove it. It is too much in sympathy with things that are carnal to be wholly spiritual, and too much in fellowship with the world to be a close friend of God.

Such godliness is not disliked or unpopular. It receives no rebuffs, but is petted and patted as being much in favor with a carnal church and a godless world. But it is the devil's counterfeit of true godliness and his cunningest device for carrying out his specious designs against the work of God and the salvation of souls. The ingenuity of perdition is seen in its disguise, and the fruits of perdition follow in its wake. Christians, beware of such as have the form of godliness, but, practically, by being unsaved from sin, deny its power. "From such turn away!"

HAPPY ANSWERS.—A pretty long list might be made of men who have owed their advancement in life to a smart answer given at the right moment. One of Napoleon's veterans who survived his master many years, was wont to recount with great glee how he had once picked up the Emperor's cocked hat at a review, when the latter, not noticing he was a private, said carelessly, "Thank you, Captain." "In what regiment, Sir?" instantly asked the ready-witted soldier. Napoleon perceiving his mistake, answered with a smile, "In my gaid for I see you know how to be prompt." The newly made officer received his commission next morning. A somewhat similar anecdote is related of Marshal Suvoroff, who, when receiving a despatch from the hands of a Russian sergeant, who had greatly distinguished himself on the Danube, attempted to confuse the messenger by a series of whimsical questions, but found him fully equal to the occasion. "How many fish are in the sea?" asks Suvoroff. "All that are not caught yet," was the reply. "How far is it to the moon?" "Two of your Excellency's forced marches." "What would you do if you saw your men giving way in battle?" "I'd tell them that there was a wagon load of whisky just behind the enemy's line." Baffled at all points the Marshal ended with, what's the difference between your Colonel and myself?" "My Colonel cannot make me a Lieutenant, but your excellency has only to say the word." "I say it now then," answered Suvoroff, "and a right good officer you'll be."—N. Y. Times.

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