### HUMOROUS.

Brevity is the sole of a Chinese maiden's The hens will soon begin to sing merrily heir Easter lay. The shadow of the baseball bat has be-

un to cast its length across the land. If the summersualt bath lost its savour, where withal shall the circus prosper?

The landlords of Boston hotels are being prosecuted for serving woodcock out

John Sherman would probably makemoney by swapping his boom for Keely-meter stock.

The best way to prevent a third, fourth, fifth and sixth term is to permit no President to have a first term. "The pen is mightier."—The Czar wears a coat of mail, and yet threatening letters get through the mail at him.

Maxim by an ancient maiden who always expected to find a burgiar under herbed: Look before you sleep.

The best and most thoughtful journalists now allow contributors to the waste-baskets to write on both sides of the sheet.

A critic, in noticing a discourse on "The Sayings and Doings of Great Men," re-marked: "It is sad to observe how much. hey said and how little they did."

Upon what slender threads ng gum-elastic things, A button here, A pin put there,
A hook elsewhere;
And breaks in some of these
Is whence the trouble springs.

The Rev. Joe Cook says that the dull city boy is in the midst of more temptations than the dull country boy. But the former is not tempted to become a pirate or a bank. is not tempted to become a pirate or a bank burglar by having to turn a grindstone an our and a half in one inning. The game of "Sixteen" is played at the

front gate with one foot on the bottom and both arms across the top, while she stands on the other side and winds a bit of blue ribbon around her ferefinger and heaps up a little pile of gravel with her foot. A young dentist was introduced to a fashionable beauty the other evening, and gracefully opened the conversation by saying:—" Miss, I hope I may consider that we are not entirely unacquainted. I had the pleasure of pulling a tooth for your father a short time are."

ather a short time ago." Nashville, Tenn., offers a purse of \$100-Nashville, Tenn., oners a purse of slow-for the best poem treating of the fact "that Nashville has reached her one hun-dredth birthday." Nashville, dashville, slashville, orashville, sashville, thrashville, gashville, hashville. On the whole, we don't want that \$100. — New York Com-

When the enterprising poet isn't writing, Some meiancholy verses about love,
About love,
It is safe to bet that he will be inditing,
Be inditing,
A sonnet on the whiteness of the dove,
Of the dove.

thinking, Isn't thinking,
Of the time when she will be allowed to vote,
'Lowed to vote,
The chances are that she is copyly blinking,
Coyly blinking,
At some young man in a zebra overcuat,
Overcoat. He was bald-headed, he had coloreal eet, his ulster was apart, and there was a hazy look, like to a mackerel sky, in his

hazy look, like to a mackerel sky, in his blue eye. He was braced up in a corner of the salcon, and he regarded everybody who came in with an imbedile smile. "S-say," he gasped, catching at a leadpencil speculator who was vending pencils at two for five cents, "why'm I melancholy?" The riddle was too much for the lead-pencil speculator's narrow mind. He gasped for breath. "Because," continued the conundrum propounder, as he placed his knife rakishly in his mouth and tried to light it with a toothuck.—"because I'm. to light it with a toothpick-" because I'm

O'er the puzzle Brown is bending, Never once his strained eyes liftin See! He thinks at last he's snumphe No! 'tis 14 13 No! 'tis 14 18 18 10.
Once again he tries the puzzle,
Puzzle that there's fatal "sport" in;
Ha! He's got it now! Not much he

See! his eyes dilate and glisten!

One more victim for the asylum, Crazed by 13 \_\_\_\_\_\_14\_\_\_\_ At Millbank a short time ago Rev. D. J. Caswell performed the marriage ceremon for Mr. James Fair, of Brunner, an Wellesley, which suggests the following :-

Fair was the bridegroom, Phair the bride,
A happy union it should be,
A fairer couple ne'er was seen
From Millbank unto Wellesley.
When Caswell joined the happy pair
He had a glorious bill of fare.
— Berlin News.

George Francis Train has been writin poetry about Cowley, the bad shepherd directed chiefly to the warden of Cowley's prison as "The Gaoler of Honest Mes (with all the thieves outside)." These are

By George! an honest man I've found In Cowley's case! a noble man! I send Cowley ten yards or mere
of clippings from the blackguard press!
A press as rotten at the core

A press as rotten at the Circ As is the law on his distress! Tell the old boy, now Bench is stuck, To stand his ground! keep up his pluck! There's sunshine coming for the "kuss!" For magna est veritas et Prevalebit, is certain yet (Palsus in uno! Palsus in omnibus!) To miss his cause and then break down. The following was directed to Chaplain

ourne, Blackwell Island: You are not, it appears, the "Bourne" From whence no traveller returns;

When both ends don't meet, as Pheips said,
Make one end Meat, the other Bread!
Justice will soon earthquake the town!
Verdict was spurious! Nail it down!
Cowley, innocent as you or I,
Is victim of a public lie!

This may be lunacy, or it may be simp he effect of an oatmeal diet.

A hen always kicks backwards after, laying an egg. A Bridgeport Yankee is reported to have turned this fact to account in investing a device to prevent the sale of stale eggs. When the hen kicks she hits an electric disk, to which is at tached a rubber stamp, and the apparatus stamps the date on each egg.

In Illinois a schoolmistress found her In Illinois a schoolmistress found her self obliged to chastise her eldest pupil. She called in a yeung school trustes. The pupil proved to be his fiancée. His sense of duty triumphed over his inclinations. He whipped the girl, and not only lost he affection, but became defendant in a suif for damages brought by the girl's father, who recovered \$50.

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A negro at Wallace, Tenn., told his wift that he must kill some body before he went to bed. She begged him not to select her and he obligingly said that he would go down to a ball in the village for a victim He loaded a pistol, went to the ball, and shot a young negro girl whom he did no even know; but he failed of his object after all, for she was only slightly wounded.

An infant reading is at this moment is

Paris. He is a young Piedmontese, nat Ynaudi, who performs the most diffit arithmetical calculations mentally, but has received no instruction, and neither read nor write. Physically

neither read nor write. Physically presents a remarkable appearance; head is abnormally large, and the org of ossuality are extremely protuberant. Chauncey Slater, a foreman at the a of the E astic Frog Company, in Mansi Conn., has fallen heir to \$100,000. A days ago he received a cheque for neather whole amount. He put it in pecket, and kept on at his work. He his fellow-workmen that he intends to main at his work, wearing his work. his fellow-workmen that he intends to main at his work, wearing his working olothes, and not imitating in any withe behaviour of Coal Oil Johnny, and to great caravan of which he was the type.

# USEFUL RECEIPTS.

months if kept cool.

RAW OYSTERS.

Select fine oysters, drain in a colander, pick out all its bits of shell, sprinkle well with pepper and salt, and place on ice for half an hour before serving. They may be taken to the table on a large block of ice hollowed out with a hot flat-iron, or in a dish with pieces of ice scattered over them, Serve with alices of lemen, or vinegar and horse-radish; or freeze oysters in the shell, open, and serve, seasoning to taste.

A somewhat foolhardy act has been performed at Calais by an actress, who entered the llong cage at the menagerie, and there recited Victor Hugo's "Carating the savage breast," as the lions never attempted to interrupt her performance.

Wash and drain one quart select oysters, put in pan and place in steamer over boiling water, cover and steam till oysters are plamp with edges ruffled; place in heated dish with butter, pepper, and salt, and serve.

## MOTHERS' DEPARTMENT. DENTITION.

(Continued.)

A child who is teething dribbles, and thereby wets his chest, which frequently causes him to catch cold; what had better

Have in readiness to put on several flannel dribbling bibs, so that they may be
changed as often as they become wet; or,
if he dribble very much, the oiled silk
dribbling-bibs, instead of the flannel ones,
may be used, and which may be procured
at any baby-linen ware-house.
Do you approve of giving a child, during
teething, much fruit?
No; unless it be a few ripe strawberries
or raspberries, er a roasted apple, or the
juice of five or six grapes—taking care that
he does not swallow either the seeds or the
skin—or the insides of ripe gooseberries,
or an orange. Such fruits, if the bowels
be in a costive state, will be particularly
useful.

All stone fruit, raw apples or pears, ought to be carefully avoided, as they not only disorder the stomach and the bowels causing convulsions, gripings, &c.,—but they have the effect of weakening the bewels, and thus of engendering worms. Is a child, during testhing, more subject to disease, and, if so, to what complaints,

The teeth are a fruitful source of suffering and of disease; and are, with truth, styled "our first and our last plagues."



OYSTER STEW.

Two quarks opsiers, one of sweet milk, two tablespoons best butter, one of correlated or two of flour; drain liquor from opticus, soil and stim; set milk in a ket discound of the control of the control





commend fall setting as being decidedly the better method. Within the past year we have heard of strawberries being set in spring in cornfields, the corn being planted a little farther apart in the rows than if to be grown a one, thus giving sufficient sunlight to the strawberries, while the rows than if to be grown a one, thus giving sufficient sunlight to the strawberries, while the cultivation is scarcely more expensive than for corn alone. The corn is taken off as soon grown, and the land should then receive a good dressing of some kind of fertilizer to be slightly worked into the soil. To Parties whohave tried it speak well of the method.

THE DISTANCE APART will depend somewhat upon the variety, as some kinds are remarkably vigorous and will cover over a large area in a short time, while other are shy and feeble in their habit of growth. We would always set the rows far

