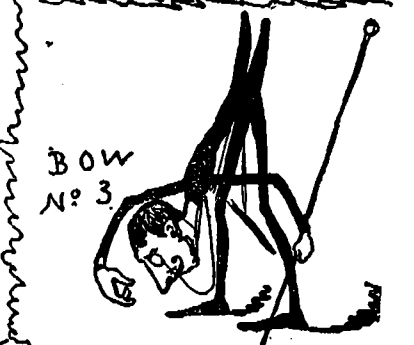
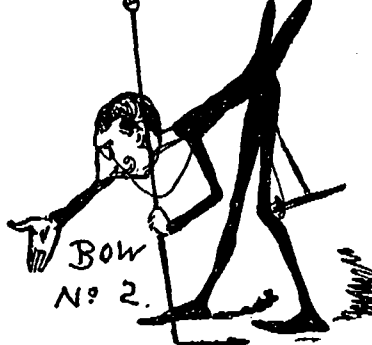
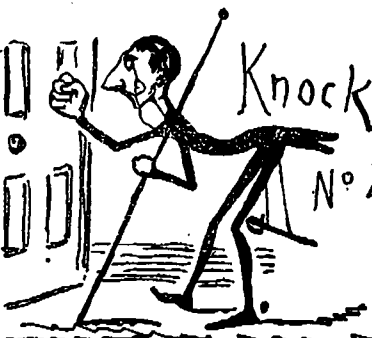


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If all is true that the papers say, then it seems quite probable that Mr. Duncan C. Ross is about to abandon the wrestling arena and become a minister of the gospel. This world is full of strange things, and this latest freak of the champion wrestler is one of the strangest of them. D. C. will find "Auld Klookie" a tough customer, though, and one he won't down so easily as some of his earthly opponents. Possibly in the year 1900, our most popular divines may be the Rev. John L. Sullivan, D.D.; His Grace, Archbishop Mark Cheekley; the Venerable Archdeacon Tug Wilson, M.A.; and perhaps, the Right Rev. Paddy Rats, D.D.: who knows? Queerer things than this have come to pass. Ry jingo, I might be a preacher myself by that time, for all I know.

I READ this in one of the papers:—"Prof. Winters, a French scientist, could not satisfactorily determine what made the wind blow, and so he blew his brains out." Perhaps the Professor was first aroused to inquisitiveness by Swift's rhymical solution of the problem involving the pronunciation of the word wind:—

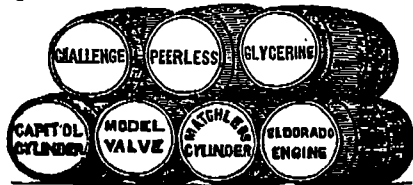
I cannot find in my mind  
(Short "i's" in this)  
Which way the wind doth blow;  
But I can find in my mind  
(Long "i's" in this)  
Which way the wind doth blow.

Having found out which way the wind doth blow, the professor should have felt easy. But

some men are never satisfied with knowing enough. Yet maybe if the whole truth was known his real efforts were towards raising the wind in a pecuniary sense, falling in which he fell back on the winding-sheet.

MAJOR DRAPER is positively provoking. The News dismisses him and he actually won't go! A full explanation of this unaccountable obstinacy ought to be insisted on. What is the good of a newspaper going to the trouble of discharging civic employees if they refuse to be sacked? There is some serious deficit in the municipal constitution when such singular spectacles as this are presented. Some one must reason with the Chief of Police. He should have his duty towards the newspaper, to say nothing about the editor personally, gently but firmly pointed out. There can be no more trifling. Major Draper surely must recognize that there has been quite enough done to try and fling him out. Is he only joking? or does he seriously mean to hang around after the News has struck his name off the police pay-sheet in cold type? Will he bow to the inevitable? or does he intend to make a liar of a newspaper? The editor, at all events is quite sober in this business. I pray the major to reconsider his mad resolve! If it were nothing more than a matter of courtesy to the press, he ought to meander. Otherwise, there will be nothing for it but to turn the job of moving him, over to the agricultural essayist of the News.

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