

Sawdust and Chips.

The greatest bet that was ever made—the Alphabet.

An editor's pistol having been stolen, he advertised that if the thief will return it he will give him the contents and no questions asked.

"You have only yourself to please," said a married man to an old bachelor. "True," replied he; "but you cannot tell what a difficult task I find it."

What is the difference between a good dog show and a bad one? When it is a good one the dogs go to the show; but if a bad one, the show goes to the dogs.

An old lady directed the attention of her husband to a pair of twins, remarking as she did so, "How much those two children do look alike, especially the one this way."

Who could have been the wretch? Hear him: "The average Massachusetts girls don't want any better facilities for sliding down hill than a codfish with a string through the gills."

An itinerant Yankee teacher, preaching on the depravity of the age, said that little children who could neither speak nor walk were to be seen running about the streets cursing and swearing.

A New York female who read that the Hoosac Tunnel cost \$9000 per yard, said she would have a dress pattern off from that piece if the old man didn't lay up a cent for the next two years.

The force of habit is fully illustrated in the case of a retired milkman in this city, who says he never sees a can of water without having an almost irresistible desire to put some milk into it.

It was an Irish exoner who, when asked how he accounted for an extraordinary mortality in Limerick, replied, sadly: "I cannot tell. There are people dying this year that never died before."

A man in New York went to bed drunk the other night, rolled out and broke his neck; his wife found him dead in the morning. Moral: Shun the flowing bowl—or else take the back side of the bed.

Josh Billings says: "I don't expect any poodle, but if anybody do give me one, he must make up his mind to be tied onto a long stick every Saturday, and used for washing the windows on the outside."

A Wisconsin justice of the peace divorced a couple recently as follows: He stood them in the middle of the floor, backs together, and as they walked away from each other he repeated the marriage ceremony backward.

A sentry challenged an Irishman for intruding on the encampment grounds. "Who are you?" said Pat. "I'm the officer of the day," was the reply. "Then by the powers, what are you doing here at all at all!"

A young man prided himself on his mental qualifications, once speaking of the advantages of these, remarked: "What is better than a good education?" "Common sense, you fool you," quickly responded one of his hearers.

"Wife," said the father of a very diminutive child, but which made considerable noise, "spank it, and make it keep quiet!" "I would, my dear," replied the considerate lady, "but really it is so small that I cannot find room for a spank."

The New Orleans Picayune says upon its own personal authority, that after rolling all night in your berth at sea, till you are miserably sick, it is irritating to have a steward open the door in the morning and ask if you will have a fresh roll for breakfast.

A captain, who had a sound-sleeping mate, caught an Irish boy, during the middle watch-frying some pork and eggs he had stolen from the ship's stores, to whom he called out: "You lubber, you, I'll have none of that." "Faith, captain, I've none for ye," replied the lad.

In company lately, a number of ladies being present, a young man proposed a conundrum, which he said he had read in the papers. It was thus: "When is a lady not a lady?" There was a pause. "Give it up," said all around, when, to the infinite horror of the whole party, the querist exclaimed: "When she's a little buggy!" Nobody laughed; some were demure, some indignant, and some no doubt inclined to scratch the querist's face a little. He was disappointed. Fumbling in his pocket, he pulled out a paper, which, consulting for a moment, he ejaculated: "Oh, I beg your pardon, ladies; I made a mistake. The answer is, 'When she's a little sulky!' I knew it was some sort of a carriage."

A merchant's clerk went into a printing office a short time since, and seeing a pile of papers lying on the table (it being the day of publication), unceremoniously helped himself to a copy, and entered the following to the printer's devil: "I suppose you do not take any pay for just one paper?" "Not always," replied the devil. Shortly afterwards the devil entered the store where the clerk belonged, and called for a pound of raisins, which was quickly weighed out to him by the clerk. The devil took the raisins, saying, "I suppose you do not charge anything when a fellow don't take but a pound?" "No," said the clerk, after seeing the disadvantage under which he was placed by his own stingy, impudent illiberality toward the penniless printer's devil, and looking daggers at the little imp, indignantly cried: "When I get any more newspapers from the printer, I'll pay for them!"

A gentleman was once riding in Scotland by a bleaching ground, where a woman was at work watering her webs of linen cloth. He asked her where she went to church; and what she had heard on the preceding day, and how much she remembered. She had not even remembered the text of the sermon. "And what good can the preacher do you," said he, "if you forget it all?" "Ah, sir," replied the poor woman, "if you look at this web on the grass you will see that as fast as ever I put the water on it, the sun dries it up, and yet, sir, I see it gets whiter and whiter."

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