

**Sawdust and Chips.**

"Sambo, did you ever see the Catskill Mountains?" "No, sah; but I've seen 'em kill mice."

One Missouri editor says of another, that "His ears would do for an awning to a ten story wholesale hog-packing establishment."

"What is your hurry, Jimmy?" asked a kind lady of a precocious urchin on his way to school the other day. "Oh, I must go." "Where are you going, Jimmy?" With a heavy sigh, and pointing to the school-house, "Into the House of Correction, ma'am."

As an old colored man and his son stopped in front of an umbrella store; the son saw some umbrellas with covers on them, and questioned his father: "What's de cover on dem dar um'rellas for?" "Why, chile, dem's put ober the um'rellas to keep 'em dry when it rains," was the father's response.

A stingy man who pretended to be very fond of his horse, but kept him nearly starved, said to a friend, "You don't know how much we al think of that horse. I shall have him stuffed, so as to preserve him when he dies." "You'd better stuff him now," retorted the friend, "so as to preserve him living."

Soon after the completion of the Housatonic Railroad, and while it was a novelty to the people living near it, to see the "iron horse," Albin H. walked up to the conductor, one day, as he was standing on the platform and said, "I want to go to B. Port to-morrow. Can't you let me work my passage?" The conductor stood thoughtfully a moment, then replied, "Yes, oh! yes." When the morning came, and the cars, poor Albin cheerfully said, "Well, what shall I do?" "Go behind and push!" was the reply. The rage that found vent then and there can be better imagined than described.

One of the baggage masters of a station between Worcester and Boston is a fat, good natured, droll fellow, whose jokes have become quite popular on the road. His name is Bill. A short time since, while in the performance of his duties in checking baggage, an ugly little Scotch terrier got in his way, and he gave him a smart kick, which sent him over the track yelling. The owner of the dog soon appeared in high dudgeon, wanting to know who kicked the dog. "Was that your dog?" asked Bill with the usual drawl. "Certainly it was! what right had you to kick him?" "He's mad," said Bill. "No, he's not mad, either," said the owner. "Well, I should be if anybody kicked me in that way," responded Bill.

An Illinois editor, in an article upon the aurora borealis, says: "Here we lean over the very verge of the infinite, longing to grasp its mysteries—lost in the profundities of immensity." Previous to this his friends intended to run him for Congress upon the temperance ticket; but now the project has been abandoned. They say that a man who would "lean over the verge of the infinite" in order to try to grasp the aurora borealis in the middle of the night, must get into conditions which unfit him for the duties of Good-Temparship.

A certain French gentleman, who had only just arrived in America, was invited to a friend's house, where a large bowl of punch was made—a liquor he had never seen before, and which did not at all agree with him. Having forgotten the name of it, he asked a person the next day:

"What dey call dat liquor in America which is all de contradiction?—where is the brandy to make it strong, and de water to make it weak, de surgar to make it sweet, and de lemons to make it sour?"

"I suppose you mean punch," answered the other.

"Ah, ponche, begar!" cried monsieur; "it almost ponche my brain out last night."

I am particularly fond of lemon pie for desert. At— I went on peacefully for a couple of weeks, but always eating lemon pie under a silent protest, for I was a stranger and did not like to make objections. Finally I called a waiter and said: "J-ha what kind of pie is this?" "What kind of pie did you order sir?" "I ordered lemon pie, but this appears to be dried apple." "Dat lemon pie, sah. You know they has a way ob mixin' dried apples in the lemon pie here, sah, to dat extent it 'quires a man ob ability to 'stinguish 'em apart. De lemons are scarce, you know, and they has to 'conomize 'em so as to make one lemon do for sixteen pies."

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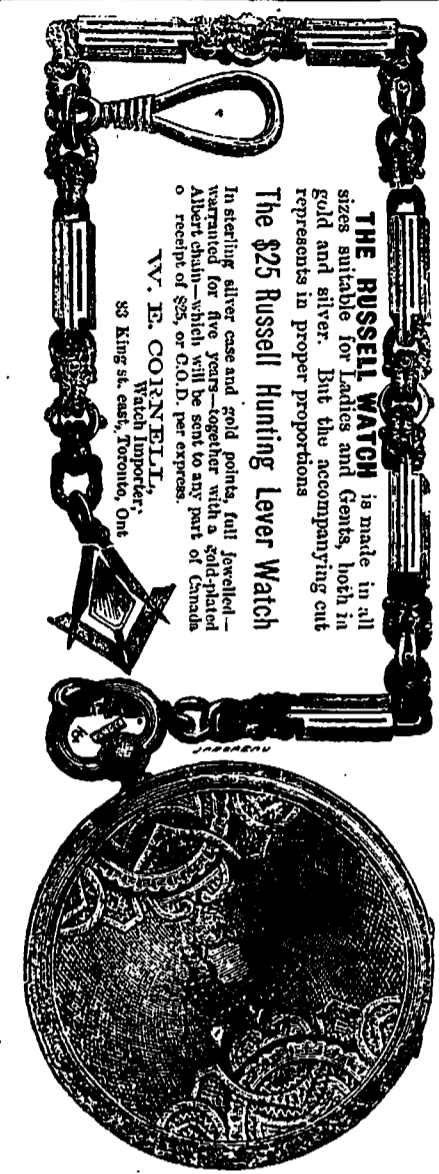
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