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MISCELLANY.

HOW TO CHOOSE A WIFE.—Dr. Franklin recommends a young man, in the choice of a wife, to select her from a *bunch*, giving as his reason, that when there are many daughters they improve each other, and from emulation, acquire more accomplishments, and know more, and do more, than a single child spoiled by paternal fondness. This is a comfort to people with large families.

The use of books.—There never was a wit at the bar so ready as Curran. Upon one occasion, where he had laid down some points which did not find favor in the eyes of the presiding judge.—“If that be law,” said Lord Clare to Curran, “I may as well burn my books. “Better read them, my lord,” replied Curran.

Polishing.—A person in public company accusing the Irish nation with being the most unpolished in the world, was answered mildly by an Irish gentleman, “that it ought to be otherwise, for the Irish met with hard rubs enough to polish any nation upon earth.”

Fortune-hunters—Fortune-hunter at the springs marries the West-India heiress. Regular take-in. Heiress says earthquake has swallowed every rupee of her estate, leaving her nothing but a lively trust in her husband's affections.

Preaching and practice—How easy it is for those in power and prosperity to preach heroism to the vanquished! How little can they understand that life itself may rise in value with the unfortunate, when naught but life remains.

Either way will do.—“Will you have me, Sarah?” said a young man to a modest girl. “No, James, said she, “but you may have me, if you will.”

Proverb exemplified.—“A soft answer turneth away wrath,” as the man said when he hurled a squash at his enemy's head.

A young lady passed down Washington-street last week, whose beauty was so attractive as to draw the nails out of a board fence near which she passed, and the boards came lumbering about her heels.

An oyster was opened at Point Comfort lately, which was so large that it took three men to swallow it whole.