

TIP-BITS.

A drink for the sick—well water.
 A swell dinner—Dried apple and water.
 Junk men in China all serve in the navy.
 A cure for religious apathy—The movement cure.
 Why is there nothing like leather? Because it is the sole support of man.
 An indirect way of getting a drink of water at a cheap boarding house is to ask for a third cup of tea.
 An old maid, speaking of marriage, says it's like any other disease—while there is life there is hope.
 An exchange tells about a man who went off in a fit of abstraction. We suppose he must have been a bank-casher or a boodle alderman.
 A correspondent asks how to serve a dinner. If it is a good dinner and you are hungry, just eat it. That's the way we would serve a dinner.
 Somebody wants Mr. Edison to invent a method whereby a baby's midnight shrieks will be carried on a wire to frighten away the cats on the roof.
 "Anybody that knows a thing before it happens is called a reporter," was the definition written on the slate of an eight year-old boy in a Boston school the other day.

It is an old proverb that, when drunk, a Frenchman wants to dance, a German to sing, a Spaniard to gamble, an Italian to boast, an Irishman to fight, an Englishman to eat, and an American to make a speech.

Master: "John, how is this? this letter must have arrived a week ago, and you have only just given it to me." Valet. "But, sir, it only makes an appointment for to-morrow, and I did not think it necessary to hand it to you before."

There is nothing like good advertising. A Novacastrian undertaker has struck out an original line, in announcing his funerals in the following terms: "Why live and be miserable, when you can be buried comfortably for £3 10s?"—*Eng. Ex.*

Whence comes this word "boodle," which is now being used in the sense of plunder? for a long time the word has been applied in the west to money in bulk, and the phrase "kit and boodle" is classic slang, referring to a burglar's implements and plunder. It is possible that this word "boodle" is a corruption of beddle, the name of a small Scotch coin?—*Argonaut.*

Wrong you are about the Western phrase. That was "the whole kit and caboodle," meaning the entirety of anything, money or anything else. A variation was "the whole kit and bilin." When one would say "he took the whole kit and caboodle," it was meant that "he took not only the cake but the whole bakery," or that "he cleaned out the ranch." We are authority on these Western classic sayings.—*Alta.*

"Won't you go up, dear, and get my goats off the bureau?" "Your goats?" queried Jones; "what new-fangled thing's that?" "I'll show you remarked the wife, and she smiled up stairs and down again with a pair of kids on her hands. "There they are," said she. "Why I call those kids," said the surprised husband. "Oh, do you?" replied the wife. "So did I once, but they are so old now I'm ashamed to call them anything but goats." Jones took the hint.

A lady writer in one of our exchanges furnishes some reasons why Eve did not keep a girl. She says. "There has been a great deal said about the faults of women and why they need so much waiting on. Some one, a man of course, has the presumption to ask, 'Why, when Eve was manufactured out of a spare rib, a servant was not manufactured to wait on her.' She didn't need any. A bright writer has said: 'Adam never came whining to Eve with a ragged stocking to be darned, buttons to be sewed on, gloves to be mended, right away, quick now.' He never read the newspaper until the sun went down behind the palm trees, and he, stretching himself, yawned out, 'Is supper ready, dear?' He made the fire and hung the kettle over it himself, we'll venture peeled the radishes, peeled the potatoes, and did everything else he ought to do. He milked the cows and fed the chickens and looked after the pigs himself, and never brought home half a dozen friends to dinner when Eve hadn't any fresh pomegranates. He never stayed out till 1 o'clock at night and then scolded because Eve was sitting up and crying inside the gates. He never loafed around corner groceries while Eve was rocking little Cain's cradle at home. He never called Eve up from the cellar to put away his slippers; not he. When he took them off he put them under the fig tree beside his Sunday boots. In short, he did not think she was specially created for the purpose of waiting upon him and he wasn't under the impression that it disgraced a man to lighten his wife's cares a little. That is the reason Eve did not need a hired girl, and with it is the reason that her descendants did."

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