

The Joker Club.

"The Pan is mightier than the Sword."

This American nation has about concluded that the North Pole isn't worth searching for.

If tramps only knew enough to go in gangs they would be called gypsies and be thought romantic.

In the last twenty years 300 Connecticut people have deposited money in savings banks and gone away and forgotten it.

Charles Lamb wrote that a good laugh was worth 100 groans, but he never succeeded in making a man with the toothache believe it.

It isn't likely that Attorney-General Brewster carries six hats with him when he travels. He probably carries five hats and a night-cap.

The idea that a bonnet is always uppermost in a woman's mind is entertained only by unmarried men. She wants everything else first.

A society journal says it is only one man in a dozen who can leave a house in a graceful manner. Do the other eleven slide down the steps?

A Virginia negro wasn't satisfied with his wife drawing the plow, but wanted to put a bridle on her. She bridled up and cracked his skull.

An Indiana schoolma'am says it is not only less trouble to rule the boys by love, but she thus manages to get the best apples and nicest bouquets.

A young man in Buffalo kept up a correspondence with seven young ladies of good family and position for a year and then married a cook.

Mike Welch, of Colorado, managed to squander \$400 in one year without drinking a drop of whiskey or betting on a horse race. He bet on base ball.

Only about one out of ten negro cabins in the South have windows. When the occupants want any daylight for any particular purpose they walk out-doors.

George T. Reynolds, of Kansas, carried an Indian arrow-head in his shoulder for sixteen years, but got tired of being a hero and had it cut out the other day.

A country which can pan out 550,000,000 bushels of wheat in such a season as this cannot be sat down on by any power on earth, and don't you forget it!

The longest cucumber ever grown in the South is now on exhibition in North Carolina. It stopped an inch short of four feet and contains sixty cases of colic.

It is announced that the Prince of Wales owes over \$300,000, and yet people are anxious to give him more credit. There are several good things about being a prince.

When Illinois lightning can jack the boots off a farmer without even scorching his feet, what's the use of Eastern speculators trying to make a corner on boot-jacks?

A Brooklyn blacksmith held out a hammer on his hand for seven minutes to win a bet of twenty-five cents, and the doctors say he won't use that arm again for a year.

When an Edgefield youth goes to spark a girl he finds the old lady in one corner of the room, the old man in another, and a dog under the melodeon; and he is required to speak up like an orator.—*Augusta News.*

The mosquito is little, but his brave example is contagious. He makes the most cowardly come to the scratch.—*Boston Transcript.*

Arabi Pasha does not dash along his lines on a foaming steed. He cannot ride, and when he is obliged to mount a horse the animal is led.—*Philadelphia News.*

"The French speak in the nose, the Germans in the throat and the English through the teeth." Either of which is more agreeable than speaking through the telephone.

Mrs. Livermore always has some female friend who wants a place on a newspaper. Out of ten she has secured places for eight could hold their places four weeks.

A Washington shop-keeper says that females employed in the departments are head over heels in debt, and would take home grindstones if they could get trusted for them.

It is now considered vulgar in England to display much jewelry, but an American woman with seven rings on her fingers over her kid gloves still shines like the evening star.

The young man who wants to look tony this winter will have to get something different from an ulster. A red and white blanket, buttoned under the chin, would attract attention.

An Ohio cow devoured a pocketbook containing \$600, and yet the owner can't sell the animal for one-fifth of that sum. He'll never get the green back.—*N. Y. Commercial Advertiser.*

Blondin, the tight-rope performer, is not dead—not by any means. There are no less than four of him scattered through India, Australia and Europe, and each one is the genuine Blondin.

An average of six fools a day write an "all are lost" message, bottle it up, and manage to have it float ashore at a watering-place. The trick will never be old with certain cunning young men.

The bill of a mosquito is a finer piece of work than any jeweller could bring out, and has more science than any patent yet applied for, and yet man thinks only of getting a whack at the insect with his whole fist.

"Is your master in?" asks a visitor of the servant of a man about town, a treasure of honesty and truthfulness fresh from the country. "He is, but he cannot see any one sir! 'Ah! is he sick? Nothing serious, I hope.'" "No sir. He's drunk!"

A SAINT AT THE ZOO.

Capt. Harry Piper, Superintendent of the Zoological Garden, lately communicated the following facts to a reporter of one of Toronto's most influential papers: "Some time ago, we purchased from the collection of animals at Central Park, New York, a monstrous Russian Bear, which we have named 'Peter the Great,' on account of his tremendous size. Not long after 'Peter' arrived, we found that he was suffering from the rheumatism, and in a pretty bad state. Pete was not the only one in the 'Zoo' which had a touch of that delicious torture; the lion likewise had it, and, in fact, I was just being cured of a bad case of rheumatism myself, by the use of St. Jacobs Oil, the Great German Remedy. I found St. Jacobs Oil an excellent remedy, for it cured me in a short while, and my case was a very aggravated one. I argued that if it cured men it must be good for animals as well.



Notice to Contractors.

SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the undersigned and endorsed "Tender for Meaford Works," will be received until FRIDAY, the 29th inst., inclusively, for the construction of

WORKS AT MEAFORD, GREY COUNTY, ONTARIO,

according to plans and specification to be seen on application to Mr. Matthew Robinson, Meaford, from whom printed forms of tender can be obtained.

Persons tendering are notified that tenders will not be considered unless made on the printed forms supplied, the blanks properly filled in, and signed with their actual signatures.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted bank cheque, made payable to the order of the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, equal to five per cent. of the amount of the tender, which will be forfeited if the party decline to enter into a contract when called on to do so, or if he fail to complete the work contracted for. If the tender be not accepted the cheque will be returned.

The Department will not be bound to accept the lowest or any tender.

By order,

F. H. ENNIS,
Secretary.

Department of Public Works, }
Ottawa, 11th September, 1882. }



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BREAKWATER,

—AT— PORT HOPE, ONTARIO,

according to a plan and specification to be seen on application at the office of the Harbour Master, Port Hope, where printed forms of tender can be obtained.

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