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At table father sought Discussion to prevent, Lest angry passions be inflamed By heat of argument; And frequently the merry laugh With sharp rebuke was met, Because-I must confess the truth-We were a giggling set!

And there was some rebellous ones Who frowned and made complaint, Were anxious to divulge their views, And vexed at such restraint; And they declared when they were wed Their children should be free To speak their minds whene'er they chose With perfect liberty.

The newer fashion that prevailed The seed of mischief sowed, And sparks from many anvils flew Old theories to explode: And now, to-day, the callow brood Upon the world's great stage Are cackling all the time, nor pay The least respect to age.

It may not need a heavy chain To hold the well-trained beast, But when the links are broken, lo! The savage is released!

And they who threw the ancient laws And fashions overboard Would like to have them back again, With all their rights restored.

For in those days we did not need Across the sea to roam, To learn the little courtesies That should be taught at home; And wisdom by a slower growth To surer beauty grew; The fear of God was in men's hearts And infidels were few.

But now-a-days the juveniles On weighty subjects talk, 'A sceptic is the little child That scarce has learned to walk: And thus indulged and unrestrained. And spoiled by over praise.

What wonder we have drifted toward Irreverential days!

LEAP-YEAR SPUNK.

A Detreiter who was out in the country the other day to look after some poultry got stuck in a mud hole, although having a light buggy and a strong horse. He got out, took a rail off the fence, and was trying to pry the vehicle out, when along came a strapping young woman, about twenty-six years of age. She halted, took in the situation, and said:

'You stand by the horse while I heave on the rail, and don't be afraid of getting mud on your hands and boots.'-

Their united efforts released the vehicle and the Detroiter returned thanks and asked her to get in and ride. She hesitated, looked up, and down the road, and finally said:

'Stranger, I'm blunt spoken. Who are

He gave his name and residence, and

"I'm over twenty-five, worth \$500 in eash, know all about housework and this

is leap year.' 'Yes, I know, but for heaven's sake don't ask me to marry you!' he replied

as he saw the drift. 'See here,' she continued, looking him square in the eye, 'I'm a straight, wear a

No. 7 shoe and T like the looks of you.' 'Yes, but don't-don't talk that way to

'Stranger, it's leap year and I'm going to pop! Will you have me or not?' 'I-I'm already married!' he faltered.

'Well, that settles me and I won't ride. I'll take a cut across the field over to old Spooner's. He's got four sons and a fool nephew and I'll begin on the old man and pop the crowd clear down to the idiot, for I've slummixed around this world just as long as I'm going to! Good-by, sirno harm done!'

A story is told incidental to the birth of the late Prince Imperial. A newspaper editor who had got into trouble took a petition for grace to the Tuileries, and asked leave to place it in the baby's hands. He was led to the cradle and put the document inside it; whereon the emperor, who was present, inquired what the baby said, and being told, 'Nothing.' remarked with a smile, 'Well, then silence gives consent.' It is fortunate that the baby did not cry out when he received the petition, for the joke would have missed fire. LENTEN REGULATIONS.

The following are the regulations for the observance of Lent in this Diocese:-1st-All days of Lent, Sundays excepted, are fasting days.

2nd-By dispensation, the use of flesh meat is allowed at every meal on Sundays and at one full meal on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, excepting the Saturdays in Ember and Holy Week and Holy Thursday.

3rd-An entire abstinence from flesh meat is enjoined every Wednesday and Friday in Lent, and the above excepted days.

4th-The following persons are exempted from abstinence:-Children underseven years; and from fasting, persons under twenty-one; and from either or both, those who, on account of ill-health, advanced age, hard labors, or some other legitimate cause, cannot observe the law. 5th-Fish and flesh meat are forbidden

at the same meal on any of the days of Lent. 6th-The use of lard in the preparation

of food, of eggs, milk, butter, and cheese, is permitted during Lent.

7th-The season within which all who have attained the proper age are obliged to make the Pashal Communion commences on Ash Wednesday and terminates on Trinity Sunday.

Upon a traveller telling Gen. Doyle, an Irishman, that he had been where the bugs were so large and powerful that two of them could drain a man's blood in one night, the General replied: 'My good sir, we have the same animals in Ireland, but they are called humbugs."

Two young men were out fishing the other day, and on returning were going past a farmhouse and felt hungry. They yelled to the farmer's daughters: 'Girls, have you any buttermilk? The reply gently wafted back to their ears: 'Yes; but we keep it for our own calves.'

Frosty nights and bachelors:-They turn the bedding quickly back and then they tumble in, roll up into a little lump their knees up to their chin. And then unto themselves they say, just loud enough to hear: "By George, this thing has got to cease before another year.'

Whom did Adam marry, and when did he marry her? One Eve. What was her bridal dress! Barely nothing. Not even a ribbon? No; she had no need of one, she was a rib bone herself. When Adam and Eve were in the gardening business. what time did they commence picking apples? In the fall.

The friends of a wit expressed some surprise that, with his age and fondness for the bottle, he should have thought it worth while to marry. 'A wife was necessary,' he said, 'they began to say of me that I drank too much for a single man.'

'How did you come to get married?' asked a man of a homely friend. 'Well, you see, he replied, 'after I had vainly tried to win several girls that I wanted. I finally turned my attention to one that wanted me, and then it didn't take long to settle matters.'

A western paper proposes the following marriage vow for its lady readers, when occasion requires: 'I will continue to my husband as long as he is loveable, honor him as long as honorable, and obey him as long as his commands are just and reasonable

Julia .- Oh, Charlie, I've got a new feller; perfectly splendid! The other was too miserable for anything.'. Bings overhears this extraordinary language of his beloved Julia, and thinks it is all over with him, and that the world is hollow. Poor 'fellor,' how was he to know that the dear girl is only_talking about the sewing

A queer excuse was made a few days ago by an old lady.-The good woman was subpoenzed to appear as a witness on a rather delicate case. . She did not come, and a Dench Warrant was issued for her appearance, on which she was brought into Court. The Presiding Judge thought it was his duty to reprimand her. 'Madam, why were you not here before?" 'I couldn't come, sir.' 'Were you not sub-pocenaed, madam?' 'Yes, sir, but I was sick.' 'What was the matter, madam?' 'I had an awful bile, sir.' After a pause: Upon your honor, madam?' 'No sir, upon

my arm. The editor of a Fort Plain paper has his office and residence connected by telephone. Yesterday Mr. Skidd, of Little Falls, an old friend, called on the editor and expected to remain for dinner. The editor hurried to the telephone and shouted to his wife: 'Mr. Skidd, will be up with me to dinner; lay an extra plate. 'Now,' said the editor, 'Mr. Skidd, you may converse with her.' As the gentleman was about to approach the instrument these words were plainly heard: 'You tell Mr. Skidd we don't keep a hotel on washday.' Mr. Skidd excused himself for a few moments, and was next seen eating fried clams in the Rainbow Saloon on the

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