

TIT-BITS.

An advertiser wants "a strong boy for bottling." It occurs to us that it would be easier to bottle a weak boy.

A NATURAL INQUIRY.—Mrs. Popinjay wants to know if the "editorial sallies" she hears so much about are the sisters of the printers' devils.—*Burlington Free Press.*

"But, Marie, I thought you despised Mr. Slimson." "So I do," "Then what did you marry him for?" "So that he would stay down town evenings, and not hang around me all the time!"

First professional tramp: "Congratulate me, old man, I'm going to Paris." Second Professional: "How'd yer work it?" First professional: "Said I was bit by a mad dog; popular subscription getting up to send me to Pastoor."

A gentleman in apologizing for language used, said, "I did not mean to say what I did, but the fact is that, as you will see, I have had the misfortune to lose some of my front teeth, and the words slip out of my mouth every now and then without my knowing it."

BETWEEN BATHERS.—"Have you bathed yet, this summer?" "Yes, I've bathed several times out at Coney Island." "How did you find the water?" "Find the water? Why, you can't miss it. It's all around the island."—*Texas Siftings.*

A DESERVING TRAMP.—Woman: "If I give you something to eat will you saw a little wood?" Tramp: "No, mum; I'm too weak to saw wood I'm not lazy, jest weak, but I'm willin' to do what I can. You give me a good dinner, an' I'll sit out in the cornfield for a scarecrow while I'm eatin' it."

AN AGED OYSTER.—An eating-house keeper advertised for a "a boy to open oysters fifteen years old." When an oyster becomes such a veteran, its age should be kept a secret, the same as a spring chicken's. An oyster ought to be able to open itself long before it reaches its fifteenth year.—*Norristown Herald.*

An Arkansas justice of the peace who had just married a couple turned to a man and said:

"I don't believe the woman will love, serve and obey him."

"I don't know," some one replied, "she seems to be a very amiable woman."

"I don't think she is," the justice replied.

"Why so?"

"Because she used to be my wife."—*Arkansas Traveler.*

The following anecdote is from the "Reminiscences and Opinions" of Sir Francis Hastings Doyle. While Mr. Grenville was talking to a friend belonging to a former epoch . . . a serious distortion passed across the old man's face. Mr. Grenville was quite alarmed (this shows, I think, that the difference in years between them was very great), and fancied a fit of some kind must be coming on. "Oh, you need not be frightened," exclaimed the visitor, recovering himself "I am all right. But you see when I first entered upon life, it was considered a gross act of ill-breeding to sneeze in company. You had to master the tendency somehow or other, and the result is that, for me and my contemporaries, sneezing has become a lost art. I only wish I could reacquire it now, but, alas, it is too late."

Two political friends from Calveston were in Washington, and seeking Senator Coke's residence. Seeing him through the lighted window, they ascended and knocked at his room door. Being asked to enter, the visitors stepped into the room, and were about to greet the Senator joyfully, when he said—

"Gentlemen, I regret to say that it is a rule of this house that the cards of visitors must always be sent up to me. I have to request that you will observe the custom."

"Certainly, we will," was the abashed reply, as the visitors backed out of the apartment.

They rang the bell, gave the servant girl their cards, and waited patiently for her return. They were anxious to humor an old man's eccentricities. The girl reappeared, and the visitors almost fainted when she said—

"Senator Coke is not in."

A burglar, while attempting to rob a bloated bondholder of Maryville, by mistake got into the humble residence of an editor next door. After unsuccessfully fumbling about for suitable assets for some time, he was disgusted to observe the tenant of the house sitting up in bed and laughing at him.

"Ain't you old Skinderson, the capitalist?" inquired the housebreaker.

"Nary time," chuckled the journalist, "I'm the editor of the *Screaming Eagle.*"

"Great Scott!" said the burglar, looking at his stem-winder, "and here I've been wasting four blooming hours on this branch almshouse. I say, old quill-driver, you never poked fun at your subscribers, do you?"

"Not the cash ones."

"Exactly," said the burglar, taking out his wallet, "here's six months' subscription to call this thing square. If there's one thing on earth I can't stand, it's satire."

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