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She sighed for the wings of a dove, but had no idea that the legs were much better eating.

An exchange publishes the successful paper for a prize essay on woman. It is this:

- "After man came woman, and she has been after him ever since."

A man, in parsing ale, said it was an excellent drink, though, if taken in great quantities, it made persons fat. "I have seen it make him lean," said an acquaint-

The little girl who was disappointed be-The littile girl wno was disappointed because her name could not be found in the Bible says: "Never mind! I will be such a good girl that if ever another Bible is written my name shall go into it."

Josh Billings thus explains the difference between the words "mistake" and "blunder:" If a man puts down a poor umbrella and picks up a good one, it is a mistake; if he puts down a good umbrella and picks up a poor one, it is a blunder.

"And now, Mis. Sullivan," said the counsel, "will you be kind enough to tell the jury whether your husband was in the habit of striking you with impunity?" "Wid what, sir?" "With impunity." "He w s, sir, now and thin; but he struck me oftener wid his fist." A man, on being called to testify in a

court as a witness, was told by the clerk to hold up his right hand. The man immediately held up his left hand. "Hold up your right hand," said the clerk. "Please, sir," explained the witness, still keeping his left hand up, "I'm left handed."

A "minister" at Avr introduced the following petition in his prayer on Sunday week: "O Lord, bless the Established Church, and the Free Church, a d the Union Presbyterian Church, and all the other Churches. Thou knowest the various pick, pages Lord, by whis st he various pick, pages Lord, by whis st her churches. rious nick-names, Lord, by which they are called; bless them all."

A lady made a complaint to Frederick the Great, king of Prussia: "Your Majesty," said she, "my husband treats me bad y." That's none of my business," said the King. "But he speaks ill of you;" "inat," said he, "Is none of your business." It must be trying, says a New York pa-

per, to be married to an emotional act-ress, to have her clutching you by the ress, to have her cutching you by the throat at 3 a. m., and shouting in a hoarse stage whisper, "Slave, didst lock the kitchen door? The key, where is it? quick! I'll strangle thee. Didst lay the milk pitcher on the outer battlements! Aye, my good lord, I'm mad."

"Edward, what do I hear?-that you "Edward, what do I hear!—that you have disobeyed your grai dmother, who told you just now not to jump down these steps!" "Gnandma didn't tell us not to, papa; she only came to the door and said, 'I wouldn't jump down those steps boys;' and I shouldn't think she would—an old lady like her."

A devout Methodist asked Wesley what A devout Methodist asked Wesley what he thought as to his marrying a certain woman well known to both. Wesley advised him not to think of it. "Why," said the other, "she is a member of your church, isn't she!" "Yes," was the reply. "And you think she is truly a Christian woman?" "Ye-," said Wesley, "I believe she is." "Well, then why not marry her?" "Because, my friend, the Lord can live with a great many neonle that you and I with a great many people that you and I

A Galveston lady was preparing the wine for the New Year's callers, and on tasting it found it was very weak. "Look yere, Matidy! You have been drinking some of this wine, and filled up the decanter with water." "Hit's a fac,' missis; Lidi proporties of deciding the state of th canter with water." "Hit's a fac,' missis; I did pour out some of dat wine, and filled up the decanter wid sistern water." "What did you do that for?" "Las' New Year I sprained my back helpin' de kerridge drivers lift de young gemn ens back int. the korridges as dis yeap feshionable. into the kerridges, so dis yeah fashionable culled servants all ober Galveston has agreed to weaken de wine, so de callers can clime in widout help."—Galveston

An Angel's Visit.

A colored man named Bounty Smith, living on Antione Street, was before a Jus tice of the Peace yesterday forenoon, charged with the larceny of 50 cents worth of firewood from a white man li ing next door. The prosecution had a circumstantial case. Some one was heard at the wood-pile in the night. There were tracks in the snow leading directly to defendant's house. The defendant was found in possession of wood exactly like that missed from the pile, and he admitted that he had not purchased any wood this fall. The defendant said he wished to be sworn in his own defense, and after he had taken the stand

"He claims dis wood wus tooken away Sunday night. Now, on Sunday mawin' I war 'tacked by rheumatiz, m' couldn't step till Mooday night. Dis right leg war bent back so, an' dis left one war skewed out so, an' my wife had to feed me wid a spoon. War I in shape to go out and steal wood ?"

"Go on."

"Well, 'long 'bout dark de old woman said de las stick of wood war gone, an' we went to bed to keep warm: Could I go out when I war in bed?"

"I guess not."

"Sattin I couldn't When I war in bed?"

"Sartin I couldn't. When I remem bered dat we had no wood fur de nex' day I went to prayin' dat some rich man's heart might be opened to charity. Fust I knowed de sticks of wood begun to hit de doah, an' de ole woman scrabbled out and fotched dem in. If any man robbed dat man's wood-pile, it war an avecl who was

man's wood-pile, it war an angel who was sent to help me."
"But you forget the tracks in the snow." They were just the size of your boots."
"Tracks! Was dey any tracks?"

"Well, dat's nuffin agin me, as I see. I

'spect de angel had to stan' longside de wood-pile to load up."

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