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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 acquaintance.

The little girl who 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, Mrs. 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?" "With what, sir?" "With impunity." "He w s, sir, now and then; but he struck me offener 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 Avy introduced the following petition in his prayer on Sunday week: "O Lord, bless the Established Church, and the Free Church, and the Union Presbyterian Church, and all the other churches. Thou knowest the various names, Lord, by which they are called; bless them all."

A lady made a complaint to Frederick the Great, king of Prussia: "Your Majesty, my husband treats me as badly as a dog." "That's none of my business," said the King. "But he speaks ill of you!" "That," said his Majesty, "is none of your business."

It must be trying, says a New York paper, to be married to an emotional actor, to have her clutching 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 pail on the outer battlements! Aye, my good lord, I'm mad."

"Edward, what do I hear—that you have disobeyed your gran—that you told your gran just now to jump down the steps?" "Grandma didn't tell us not to jump; 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 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?" "Yes," said Wesley. "I believe she is." "Well, then why not marry her?" "Because, my friend, the Lord can live with a great many people that you and I can't."

An Angel's Visit. A colored man named Bounty Smith, living on Antione Street, was before a Justice of the Peace yesterday forenoon, charged with the larceny of 50 cents worth of firewood from a white man living 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 began:

"He claims dis wood was taken away Sunday night. Now, on Sunday mornin' I was racked by rheumatism, an' couldn't step till Monday night. Dis right leg was bent back so, an' dis left one was 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 was gone, an' we went to bed to keep warm: Could I go out when I war in bed?"

"I guess not."

"Sartin I couldn't. When I remembered dat we had no wood fur de nex' day I went to prayin' dat some rich man's heart might be opened to charity. First I knowed de sticks of wood begun to hit de doah, an' de ole woman scurried out and foteled dem in. If any man robbed dat 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 'spected de angel had to stan' longside de wood-pile to load 'em."

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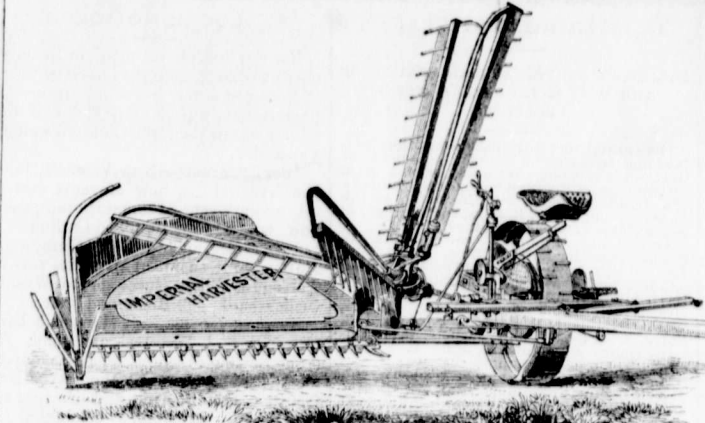
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