

The High Kirk.
The great high kirk has got a thraw,
Twill surely prove its ruin,
The priest and people had a wap
That's muckle guid undoin';
Wi' visage lang a sadly sour,
He speels the holy rostrum,
To daud the callants richt an' left
Wha winna thole his nostrum.
He's turned his hurdies to the flock
Whan prayin' for compassion,
As if the Lord refused to hear't
In onie ither fashion.
He claims that vessels o' the Lord
(An' wha will daur dispute it?)
Should a' be tightit by hissel'
Or they'll be a' pollit.
The solemn feast he'll no' set doon
At oors that monie want it,
An' honest folk may lick their lips
Till he thinks fit to grant it;
But pawksie lang a' coonin',
Anent the Lord's collection,
For better care, 'twas thocht to be
As safe in their protection.

An' tho' they ne'er were wrangly gien
To pliskies o' the scorne,
Without a blissin' on the aims
They hid their hands an' coonin'.
But up got fechtin' Willie Whak
An' swor the law was broken,
Sneak't a penny on a plate
By way o' poortit's token.
Then up the aisle wi' dreary grane,
An' conscience sair disjoint,
He got his wee bit penny bliss'd
E'en by the Lord's anointit;
Queer sight o' hand work there was done,
Subversive o' the union,
While satan hover'd ower the kirk
Weel pleased on supple pinion.

He lauch'd fu' cantie in his sleeve
An' likka burnin' quarrel,
An' pood't on the foremanst lads,
The pieg a' yellow yorlin',
A motley crew were then sent up
Wi' worklooms, gey newfangled,
'Twas thocht their symphony might end
The dust o'er which they'd wrangled.

But by mischance they struck a key
As high as onie temple,
An' fand that they were no in tune
Wi' voices o' the people;
They blew the bottom frae the box
That's ca'd a penny on a plate,
An' noo it's said the things has ta'en
An' on't o' the missels.

The guidly stream that filled the font
To kirsen some bit darlin',
Has no' as muckle water in't
As drouk a yellow yorlin',
An' what will priestcraft ava
Wi' sic a brulzie brewin',
If folk wi' conscience winna gang
The ga't that he's persewin'.

The only way to mend the fyke
(I canna see anither),
Just place the yoddy on this side,
The devil on the ither,
Then let an arbitration sit
Until the fray is gripit,
An' then wha' fan' maist i' the wrang
There let them weel be whippit.
Wi' stripes that day.

A Rapid Transformation.
"About eight years ago," said Auditor Joseph Brown, "I was in London, England. One day I bought a stall to see Patti at the Royal. When the evening came I took the ladies around and walked in at the door. But I did not get far."
"You cannot come in here," said the door-keeper.
"Why not?" I asked in surprise. "Here are my seat tickets."
"Well, you cannot enter," he replied, decisively; "your coat is a frock and nothing but dress suits are allowed."
"I expostulated. I told him that my hotel was a long way off, and that the ladies would be greatly disappointed. I was an American and did not know the rule of the theatre."
"Finally he told me to go into the dressing-room, where the attendants might perhaps be able to fix me out all right."
"I went, expecting to pay two or three crowns for the loan of a coat. The fellow looked at me a second, whipped a pin from his lapel and pinned my coat tails back, and I found myself in evening dress."
"I gave the man half a crown."—*St. Louis Chronicle.*

First Lesson in Journalism.
City editor (to new reporter)—You say in this report of the fire that "the lurid glare of forked flames shot athwart the dark domed sky." Are you sure of that? New reporter—Yes, sir; I saw the whole thing. City editor—Did you notice any insurance lurking about the place, or learn what caused the fire, or the probable amount of property destroyed? New reporter—No, sir. City editor (striking a match)—Well, just watch the lurid glare of forked flames shoot athwart this report.

Unstatesmanlike.
"There goes a man who left Congress poorer than when he entered it."
"Ah! A good proof of his splendid integrity!"
"Oh, no!—of his miserable luck at poker."

Preparing for the Worst.
Clerk—Pair of ear-muffs, eh? Getting ready for the cold weather pretty early, aren't you?
Benedict—Cold weather nothing! We've got a new baby at the house, that's all.

Sticking to the Rules.
Customer (to dry goods clerk)—You have called me a liar; you must take that back.
Clerk—We never take anything back. But I can change it for you; how would you like to be called a thief?

At the gathering of Catholic clergy in St. Louis to celebrate the jubilee of Archbishop Kenrick it was observed that the predominating number of bishops and priests present were graduates of Maynooth, one of the greatest Catholic colleges in the world.

After a man and woman have been married five years both claim to have been coaxed into it.

There was once a woman in the country who was not favored by the gods with wealth, but to in a measure compensate for this, she had ingenuity, and many a makeshift did she invent, one being paper comforters for the beds. Now this has become a regulation thing and soft light paper comforters are for sale in the stores of every city. These are to be placed over the blanket and retain warmth without giving weight.

Channing. The greatest man is he who chooses the right with invincible resolution; who resists the sorest temptations from within and without; who bears the heaviest burdens cheerfully; who is calmest in storms, and whose reliance on truth, on virtue, on God, is most unflinching.

TEA TABLE GOSSIP.

THE AMATEUR CRITIC.
Now, as the dying, fleeting year
On to its ending tapers
The amateur actor gaily acts;
And cutteth up his capers.
His friends applaud. His head expands
With evanescent vapors,
And then he writes it up himself
And gives it to the papers.

—Arabs never eat fish.
—All trees are evergreen in the tropics.
—In Palestine there are now 78,000 Jews.
—"Ohio" is the Japanese for good morning.

—Only 9 per cent. of cases of amputation are fatal.
—Leo XIII. speaks English, German and French.

The winds may wave and bluster,
But still he takes no note;
The lengthy luner duster
Is now his overcoat.

—One-half of the people die before the age of 16.
—California fruit will be plenty for the holidays.
—The Earl of Dudley has \$6,000,000 life insurance.

—Dr. Talmage's voice is raised for war with Chili.
—Twelve over-age tea plants produce one pound of tea.

—Take a hot lemonade at bed-time to break up a cold.
—A woman has no right to have a disagreeable voice.

—Take a look at the crowds in the stores that advertise.
With cats quite full of fiddle strings,
And all the cattle having horns,
Why isn't music cheap?

—Belgium's queen is a clever sleight-of-hand performer.
—Facial paralysis can generally be traced to using hair dye.

—The French army is three times as large as it was in 1870.
—A doctor says linen should never be worn next the skin.

—The entire coast-line of the globe is about 136,000 miles.
—The moon's motions are quickened 11 seconds in 100 years.

—The Persians have a different name for every day in the month.
—The sausage is only skin deep, and that's the beauty of it.

—Pawnbrokers are not allowed to take wine and spirits in pawn.
—A pack of hounds recently changed hands for 3,000 guineas.

—The deaf and dumb man gets no credit for having never told a lie.
—You can't measure a man's learning by the size of the words he uses.

—Boston has over 4,000 miles of electric wires strung over its streets.
—Women are prettier than they used to be and necessarily come higher.

—A good man is one who lives right whether he believes in religion or not.
—We are rocked when young and clubbed when we grow old. 'Tis a cruel world.

—Millionaire Nellie Hayden, of Denver, was a salesgirl ten years ago. Real estate. He sat at his door at noonday;
He was lonely and gum and sad;
The flies were buzzing about him,
Led by a blue-winged gad.

Not a customer darkened his portals.
Not a sign of business was there;
But the flies kept on their buzzing
About the old man's hair.
At last, in misery he shouted,
"Great Scott! I'm covered with flies!"
And the zephyrs that toyed with his whiskers
"Why don't you advertise?"

—A pretty woman cannot throw a stone, but she can shoot a glance that hits the mark every time.
—At the club: "I hear you are going to marry Alice Bankbook, Joe." "Yes." "Well, she's a nice girl and she's got a fine figure." "Yes; \$70,000, I understand."

IN HIS FIRST FULL DRESS SUIT.
Gaze on him!
Feast your eyes upon his tout ensemble,
Observe his hands—his restless, homeless hands;
So undetachable—so obstinately there!
He knows them, but he cannot place them!
His trousers have no pockets at the side,
One leg feels longer than the other, and
His feet are in his way.
This is his first appearance
In a swallow-tail.
His mortal frame he ne'er before hath decked
In toggery like this.
Upon his face
He wears a smile—a wan, appealing smile—
A smile that budded and then froze to death
And stuck fast where it died.
Look at that smile and then
Go weep!

Listening to Miss Parson.
Philadelphia Record: "How's this?" exclaimed Mr. Hobbs to his 10-year-old daughter, as he made a survey of the house on his arrival home. "Half past 7 and no signs of supper. Where's your mother?" "She's down to the cooking class," explained the child.

Successful remedies find unscrupulous imitators. Ask your dealer for Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and take no substitute. They are a never-failing blood builder and a nerve tonic.

A woman in Hancock county, Me., who was afraid to drive her horse across a railroad track was bitterly disappointed in attempting to go around it.

Each year about \$50,000 is expended in sprinkling the streets of London with sand to prevent the horses slipping.

There have been 27 cases of insanity in the Bavarian royal family during the last 100 years.

Peers of England are free from arrest for debt as being the Queen's hereditary counselors.

An inch of rain means that the quantity which falls upon an acre of ground weighs 100 tons.

The Prince of Wales has been grand master of the English Grand Lodge of Free Masons for 17 successive years, and will be nominated for the office again this month.

The Rev. John Rankine, of Cupar, Fifeshire, Scotland, ex-Moderator of the United Presbyterian Church, died on the 21st ult. in the 83rd year of his age.

LONDON TRUANT SCHOOL.

How the Street Arabs Are Treated at These Establishments.

When the London Arab, otherwise a bad boy, declines to go to school he is caught and sent to join a regiment of truant schools that have been established for the purpose. Here he remains for as long a period as the manager deems desirable. If the boy behaves himself he is soon released on a license. If he still declines to go to school he turns up at the truant school again as sure as eggs are eggs. When they are captured they are dirty and ragged. But soon all this is changed. Their hair is cut, they are put into a bath and a nice clean suit of clothes given them, consisting of a pair of corduroy trousers, a shirt, a blue serge blouse, a pair of socks and some stout boots. What a difference the bath and clothes make! The brute becomes a human being. And the brute seems to feel this as he gives himself a sort of shake and walks off to join his fellow trunks.

From 6 o'clock in the morning until 8 at night the boys are actively employed, with short intervals of rest. "You must keep them at it," says the governor. "It is part of the punitive discipline." Up, wash, dress, make beds, fold clothes, prayer, exercise, breakfast, school, drill, dinner, school, drill and so on. The housework of this large establishment is done by the boys, when dinner is cooked they clean the kitchen. They give a hand to the laundress, starch, iron and turn the mangle. There is wood-chopping to be done, and many small household duties to perform, each of which teaches the boy the elements of law and order, which are of great aid to him later on in life.

The Household Prize.
135 Adelaide street west, Toronto, Ont., "Your reliable preparation, St. Jacobs Oil, has proved a benefit to me in more ways than one. I have used it for quinsy (outward application) with very beneficial results, and for a case of rheumatism, where cure was performed. I consider it a remedy to be prized in every household." THOS. PIERDON, with Johnson & Brown.

Russia's Standing Army.
The Russian standing army consists of 410,952 infantry, 84,926 cavalry, 67,976 artillery, 19,325 engineers and 35,180 ordnance, a total of 619,178 enlisted men and 28,000 officers. The Cossack strength in peace, besides the Cossacks in the above total, 19,448; there are 72,634 officers and men of the local and auxiliary forces, a total, that is, of about 814,000 officers and men. The war footing is 2,220,798 combatants, officers and men.

Worn and Wan and Weak and Weary.
Ho! ye women, worn and weary, with wan faces and so indescribably weak. Those distressing, dragging-down pains, and that constant weakness and weariness and weariness can be cured. For all such sufferers, Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is a panacea of inestimable value. As an invigorating tonic, it imparts strength to the whole system. For "overworked," "worn-out," debilitated teachers, dressmakers, seamstresses, "shop-girls," housekeepers, generally, Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is the greatest earthly boon, being unequalled as an appetizing cordial and restorative tonic. As a soothing and strengthening nerve, "Favorite Prescription" is unequalled and invaluable in allaying and subduing nervous excitability, exhaustion, prostration, hysteria, spasms and other distressing, nervous symptoms, commonly attendant upon functional and organic disease. It induces refreshing sleep and relieves mental anxiety and despondency.

Appropriate Names.
Texas Siftings: "So you have got twins at your house?" said Mrs. Bezumbe to little Johnny Salnelson.
"Yes, ma'am, two of them."
"What are you going to call them?"
"Thunder and Lightning."
"Why, those are strange names to call children."
"Well, that's what pa called 'em as soon as he heard they were in the house."

All For a Barley Corn.
LaFontaine, in one of his fables, tells of a barnyard fowl that scratched up a gem, while scratching for corn. Not knowing its value, he gave it to a stone-cutter for a barley corn. Thus do many persons throw away the priceless pearl of health. A "trifling" cough is neglected, then comes Consumption, then death. Stay the cough, or look out for a coffin. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery will cure catarrh in the head, bronchial or throat affections, or lung-tuberculosis (commonly known as the consumptive or the lungs). If taken in time, and given a fair trial, it will cure, or the money paid for it will be refunded. It is the only guaranteed cure.

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A Sad Awakening.
Chicago Tribune: Conductor (shaking him vigorously)—"Ticket, sir!" Suburbanite (partially rousing himself)—"For Heaven's sake, Nancy, get up and build it yourself. This is Sunday!"

What is more annoying than going about constantly hawking and spitting? This is the result of Catarrh, and Nasal Balm will cure any case when faithfully used.

An Alton, Ill., girl was hugged so hard by her lover that one of her ribs was fractured.

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The British regiment which has the largest number of captured flags is the Scots Greys, to whom, at Families the French Regiment du Roi surrendered, with their arms and colors. At the same battle, this regiment, in chasing the fleeing enemy, captured several more flags and a great number of prisoners. In 1743, when the British troops, under command of George II., defeated the French, the Scots Greys rode at a body of the French Life Guards, and when the French were fleeing towards the river, pursued by the Scots Greys, the latter captured from their adversaries a magnificent silk standard, the first of its kind ever taken by our troops, a fact which, coupled with the overthrow of the cream of the French cavalry, so delighted the King that after the battle he nominated the colonel of the regiment a Knight of the Bath. At Waterloo the Scots Greys took a large number of prisoners and captured the eagle of the 45th Infantry. This was secured by Sergeant Ewart after a desperate combat, in which, after cutting down the standard-bearer, he was attacked successively by a Polish lancer and a foot soldier, both of whom he slew.

A Wise Young Woman.
Young Adolphus Fitzwilliam, he loved a fair maid.
But to ask her to marry him he was afraid,
Because of catarrh, which she had very bad;
So much so that often the youth was quite glad
To omit, at the parting, the kiss of the lover.
The reason of this she set out to discover.
"Catarrh makes me loathsome. It's fatal to love."
O, dear Adolphus, by all that's above,
I vow I'll not love and to sweeten a kiss,
To drive out catarrh and to sweeten a kiss."

So this wise young woman began searching for a cure, and good luck attended her. She found Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy, at the drug store, and felt convinced that a preparation which the proprietors had such confidence in that they were willing to offer to pay \$500 for a case they cannot cure, must be worth trying. She bought it. She tried it. It cured her. And when Adolphus kissed her at the altar last week, her kiss was as sweet and pure as roses in June.

Girls, a word of advice: If you want a lover to stay a lover, you must get rid of catarrh. Do as this sensible girl did, and get the only sure remedy for this disgusting and dangerous disease—Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy.

Editors Wear Boots.
Tuscarawas (N. S.) Chronicle: Our enterprising neighbor, Brother Creel, has purchased a new pair of shoes. This, to our wealthy readers, may not seem like a very important item of news, but that is because they never wear their brains and the seats of their pants in the newspaper business. An experience of some years teaches us that the editor who collects money from delinquent subscribers to buy a pair of shoes in the sad autumn days is in luck. P. S.—We need shoes. Drop a dollar in the slot and see the editor smile. N. B.—If our delinquent subscribers are going to let the mealy editor of the Independent get ahead of us on shoes, we want to know it right away. Money sent by post office order is at our risk. Finally: Send it soon, brethren.

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