

' See the pale martyr in a sheet of fire ;' instead of which we made him say, ' See the pale martyr *with his shirt on fire.*'"

During high party times in New Hampshire, the paper of one party boasted that

" The oracle of the day  
Carries the sway."

The printer's devil of the rival establishment gained access to the office by the roof and altered the last word so that it read,

" The oracle of the day  
Carries the swag."

At a great public demonstration held in England, after one or two unimportant speeches, a certain demagogue arose whose appearance was the signal for loud and enthusiastic cheering from the multitude. A party newspaper describing this, in the course of its gratulatory and fervid report said that the vast concourse had " rent the air with their *snouts.*"

At a meeting of the American Scientific Association, in Providence, the friends of the late Rev. Dr. Wayland were surprised to read an account in the papers that, after one of the evening sessions, the Doctor gave a " billiard party." The types should have pronounced it a *brilliant party.*

But really proof readers are sometimes very negligent. A while ago, in speaking of Governor M' Dowell's speech in Congress on a certain occasion the reporter's manuscript said : " Many members *wep*t, and among them Mr. Speaker Winthrop more than once gave way to his feelings in a flood of tears." The printed copy read, " Many members *slep*t, and Mr. Speaker Winthrop more than once gave way to his feelings in a *flow* of beer."

The editor of the *Evangelical Observer*, several years since, in reference to a gentleman of whom he was writing said, he was *rectus in ecclesia*, that is, " in good standing with the Church." The compositor, to whom this was dead language, in the absence of the editor, converted it into *rectus in culina*, which, although pretty good Latin, somewhat changes the sense, as it accorded to the reverend gentleman spoken of only " a good standing in the kitchen."

A typographical error in a Cleveland paper made one of the hills of Japan only five hundred *miles* high. In the next issue the editor requests his readers to deduct 2,639,500 feet from the former statement.

The importance of correct punctuation is well illustrated by the following, which shows also that clergyman who recommend patent medicines should be very careful in their collocation of words, otherwise they may convert a very *grave* matter into a very ludicrous one. Read this, and put on it the meaning which is most natural :

" I continued on using it, and by the time I had taken five bottles, I found myself *complet* by cured, after having been brought so near to the gates of death by means of your invaluable medicine."

The following result of the omission of a comma is rather ludicrous. In an interesting article about the inauguration of a new hospital building in New York, the writer is made to state that " an extensive view is presented from the fourth story of the Hudson River." Here is another instance of strange mixture, contained in a paper announcing a person's decease : " His remains were committed to that bourne whence no traveller returns attended by his friends."

Many strange mistakes are sometimes made in advertisements. An important mercantile house in New York had occasion to advertise for sale a quantity of brass hoppers, such as are used for coffee-mills. But instead of brass hoppers the newspaper said *grasshoppers*. In a short time the merchants' counting room was thronged with inquirers for the new article of merchandise.