

Poetry.

HALF-WAY DOINGS.

Belabbed follow-trailers: In holding forth to-day, I do not quote no special verse for what I have to say;

My friend's dar was a garden one, what Adam libbed with Eve, No nose rounder than a rudder dam, no neighbors for to tie;

You all know 'bout de story—how de snake come spounin' round— A stump-tail rusty moccasin a crawlin' on de ground;

Now 'sposed dat man and 'ooman hadn't tempted for to shirk, But had gone about their garden and 'tended to deir work;

For when it was a nigger foolin' den as 'shore's your best friend, You's gwine to see him comin' out de small end of de horn;

I thank you for de mention you has gibbin' to de 'spression, Sister Williams will oblige us by a raisin' ob a tune— I see dat Bradder Johnson's 'bout to pass round de hat,

DOES IT PAY TO BE SURLY. It was only one customer de surly man snubbed. The surly asked for ten cents worth of wire.

A BIG PROJECT. The N. Y. Herald discloses about "the magnificent scheme recently proposed to the American engineer, Mr. Spalding, and which bids fair to eclipse all others in magnitude."

The first locomotive in China ran upon a section of the Wusung-Shanghai railroad on February 14th.

THOUGHTS.

Good taste is the flower of good sense. The greatest prayer is patience.—Bun- dala.

The art of life consists in being well deceived. Young authors give their brains much exercise and little food.—Jok- ers.

To keep your secret is wisdom; but to expect others to keep it is folly.—Holmes.

There is nothing more frightful than for a teacher to know only what his scholars are intended to know.—Goth- e.

There are several nations in the civilized world which are in such a hopelessly crippled condition financially that bankruptcy is the only way out of their difficulties.

Charity is a universal duty which is in every one's power, sometimes, to practice, since every degree of assistance given to another, upon proper motives, is an act of charity.

A dog in Kentucky having manifested symptoms of hydrophobia was shot by Judge Wickliffe. The dog on the place immediately collected to prepare for a funeral.

A T. STEWART'S ADVERTISING.—The late Mr. Stewart was a stickler for correct English. He dictated all the retail advertising.

LONG AND SHORT.—A tall Eastern girl named Short, long loved a certain big Mr. Little, while Little, thinking of Short, loved a little lass named Long.

PHILADELPHIA COURT had a rather queer case before it the other day. A woman riding in a crowded horse-car, and not holding on to the strap, was thrown by a jolt.

A North Carolina paper is reliably informed that a man living near Flat Fork Church, Stanley county, in that state, had a presentiment that if he would dig up the ground near a certain rock on his land, he would find something valuable.

GOOD ADVICE.—He who holds an office should be careful not to employ vicious subordinates, as it is very certain that their bad conduct will be imputed to him.—Isocrates.

A prescription is wanted which will prolong the existence of a dying echo.



T. RANKINE & SON'S STEAM BISCUIT MANUFACTORY, MILL ST., ST. JOHN, N. B.

E. T. KENNEDY & CO., 37 Prince William Street....ST. JOHN, N. B., STEAM HEATING ENGINEERS, RUBBER AND LEATHER BELTING.

TO CONSUMPTIVES. THIS advertiser having been permanently cured of that dread disease, Consumption by a simple remedy, is anxious to make known to his fellow sufferers the means of cure.

ERRORS OF YOUTH. A GENTLEMAN who suffered for years from Nervous Debility, Premature Decay, and all the effects of youthful indiscretion will furnish the secret of his recovery.

WE are now showing our Retail Counters and in our various Departments, AN UNUSUALLY ATTRACTIVE STOCK OF NEW and DESIRABLE GOODS.

DRY GOODS. at the LOWEST CASH PRICES (without discount and price.) Manchester, Robertson & Allison, 27 King Street, St. John, N. B. Great Bargains.

TO FARMERS. LABOR MADE EASY. THE VAN-ALLEN Common Sense Dash CHURN. SATISFACTION GUARANTEED.

JUST RECEIVED. An Assortment of DRY GOODS. Consisting of Distinct, Brilliant, Printed, Headed and Unbleached Cotton, Black and Scarlet Muslin, etc.

Agricultural.

DIARRHOEA IN CALVES.

Look to the food of your cows; they must pick up something which affects their milk—therefore change the diet.

MEALY POTATOES.

We have found from our own experience, says the Housekeeper, that potatoes are very watery from the month of March till they are quite done.

FEARS.

Soil.—A strong loam, perfectly drained to the depth of four feet, made rich with well rotted manure, is most suitable.

THE TIME TO PLANT.

It is useless to put seeds in the ground, the American Garden sensibly says, before the soil becomes warm and dry.

FAIR NOTES.

A Chester county orchardist had intended to graft some of his trees over again, but he had heavily under them, and that brought them to perfection.

DOMESTIC ITEMS.

FRANKLIN.—Salt of lemon is the best thing to remove stains of iron-roust; but it should be used sparingly, as any excess will destroy the fabric.

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Jokers' Corner.

An old bachelor, upon reading that "two lovers will sit up half the night with one chair in the room," said "Loving must be inconvenient, for it could not be done unless one of them sat on the floor."

"What can I do to make you love me?" asked a youth of his girl the other evening. "Buy me a ring, stop eating onions, and throw your shoulders back when you are walking," was the immediate reply.

"Don't come to see me any more just yet; John's father has been having his boots half-soled, with two rows of nails around the toes," wrote a guiltless girl to her lover.

"I like your imprudence," said a pretty girl, when her sweetheart tried to kiss her. "None of your cheek," quoth he, as he sought his way to the mouth of the creature.

"My son," said an affectionate mother to her son who resided a short distance, and expected in a short time to be married, "you are getting very thin."

"Please sister Sarah, can't I have another piece of that nice custard pie you made?" "Why, deary, you are too full for utterance now; look at that luscious dumpling on your plate not half eaten."

"On the road to Eprom, a moustached youth, on the top of a drag, evidently ambitious of being mistaken for an officer, thus saluted a fat cookman, who was grudgingly driving his massive pie side flocks rather empty yet. "That other piece of pie is missing."

A tattered memorandum book was recently found on the steps of a very humble dwelling out West. Some of the entries are as follows:

"My father had a slight misunderstanding with a neighbor about a division fence which he had inherited from my grandfather. After several disputes he consulted a lawyer, who had a good many children, but little practice. This was fatal. A suit was commenced."

"Several years ago my lawyer said I must get ready for the trial. I did so, and went to court at every term. But it was postponed on every pretence which human ingenuity could invent."

"1871. March term—Counsel for defendant moved a continuance, because he was engaged in the Court of Common Pleas. Court granted the motion, but intimated, with great dignity, that such an excuse would never avail him again."

"1872. March term—Counsel had made an engagement to meet a client from New York, who could not conveniently leave his business again. Continued, the Judge suggesting that New York clients might find counsel nearer home."

"1873. September term—Carried the title deeds to my lawyer. Surveyor examined the premises, said the defendant had encroached on me. But another surveyor (partner and pupil of the first one) said that my deed spoke of a back-sack stamp in the line of the fence, a foot in diameter; whereas, the only tree anywhere near the fence was a pepper-tree not more than seven inches and half across; so postponed to employ other surveyors."

"December term—Counsel agreed that Court might visit the premises in dispute. Judge refused to do so, but said the Jury might do so, provided that nobody went with them to explain and confess with them the morning a heavy snow fall, and boundaries were covered. Case continued."

"1874. September term—Motion to postpone on the ground that the defendant's attorney wished to be absent hunting, for a few days. Motion prevailed. I remonstrated, but my counsel said the lawyers were very accommodating gentlemen, and the courtesy of the bar required it."

"1875. March term—One of the Jurors taken sick. Motion to go on with the trial with eleven Jurors. Defendant's counsel objected with great strength of voice and demanded a full jury trial, pure and simple. I think he called it the "palladium of our liberties." Case postponed."

"September term—Received a bill for retainers, term fees, clerks' fees, and expense. One item was for the amount of a retainer which my lawyer had declined from the defendant. Offered him the farm, provided I gained the case. He said this would not be deemed honorable practice, but he would take it, and give me credits far and near."

"Took the cars for the West, coming mostly on freight trains and after nightfall."

"Don't—Don't forget inscription for tombstone. Here lies one who died of a lawsuit bequeathed by his father."

"This talks an old man about his boys; From 18 to 20 they knew more than I did; at 25 they knew as much; at 30 they were willing to hear what I had to say; at 35 they asked my advice; and I think when they get to 40 they will acknowledge that the old man does know something."