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FOR THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

1873

**Being one year since leap year, and ever so
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and died into the revolutionary
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DEDIKASHUN.

I, Joshua Billings, Esq., (descended literaly from Behomah Billings), and being duli sworn, do dedikate this Allminax, body and soul, in one solid chunk, to

*THE NEW YORK WEEKLY!
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THE NEW YORK WEEKLY!!!
THE NEW YORK WEEKLY!!!!*

*Given under our hand, at our house in Fordunk village, this
12th ov August (which by the way iz a kondem hot day),
1872.*

*JOSH BILLINGS,
ALLMINACKER.*

WITNESS, }
JERUSHA BILLINGS. }

EKLIPSES.

There will be sum eklipses this year ov the sun and moon, but the grate Amerikan race horse *Eclipse* iz now no more.

He died sumtime during the present century.
Peace tew hiz assets.

THE
BILLINGS
ZODIAK FAMILY.



The above zodiak sighns are kalkulated expressly for the meridian ov Pordunk, Pa., but will answer for Nu Orleans, Nova Skoshia, or Greenland's icy mountains. Zodiak sighns, ov the latest patterns, will be furnished heads ov familys, or hot beds ov learning, at a slite advance upon kost, by speaking to Josh Billings about it.

SUM WEATHER.



SINOPSUSS OV PROGNOSTIKATED EVENTS.

The byrometer will rize very sudden this morning at Pordunk, 3 foot, and fall the like amount at Sakramento City. The diffikulty in the weather for the last 2 days, which haz predominated at Boston and around New Orleans, waz owing tew the byrometer at Pordunk being took down and sent tew the blacksmith's shop for repairs.

Clear weather haz existed at Goose kreek, and Northwest ov Montreal, with a growing tendency tew wind gustiness.



PROBABILITIZ.

Ambrozial weather will permeate all around Pordunk for the next 16 months, with rain and snow; and all sorts ov stuff in the ballance ov the United States of America.

The probabilitiz iz that the abuv probabilitiz will assimilate themselves tew the principal probabilitiz in the case.

If they don't, du notiss will be giv.

In the mean time be kalm, be dignified, and don't be skeered.

PRIVATE OPINYUNS OV JOSH BILLINGS'
FARMER'S ALLMINAX.

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“ A pearl of grate price.”

Deakon Mozes Mills.

—○—

“ I reckomend this allminax to all persons out ov a job.”

Israel Pugh.

—○—

“ Az konsise az a kambrik needle.”

E. R. Dunkan.

—○—

“ This allminax iz az phull ov sharp things az a hedgehog's back.”

Ezra Fisk.

—○—

“ Az natral in the family, and quite az catching, az the meazles.”

Dokt. J. Munson.

—○—

“ Oh lud ! i never did peruzse enny thing haff so mutch like it.”

Widdo Fane Perkins.

—○—

“ Tis too sweet for enny thing.”

Miss Matilda Ann Brown.

—○—

“ It iz a lofty produkshun, ful' ov immense wisdom, graphick delineation, and koruskating generalitys.”

Fohn Mead, A.M.

JANUARY MISCELLANY.

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ARIES, THE ZODIAK RAM.

Aries is a latin ram. He is kompozod ov wool all over, and horns in front. How Aries, the ram, got into the zodiak bothers me to this day, but he probably jumpd in out ov sumboddys back lot. This is all owing tew bad fences. Aries waz born soon after the diskovery ov this world by Kaptain Kook the perambulator. Since the days ov Aries the hydraulik ram haz been born, a very hard ram tew fleece. Aries has the post ov honor among the sighns in the zodiak, and presides over the head of the human anatomy. This iz a just kompliment tew his kapacity for putting a hed onto things. Aries, the ram, tho he haz no literary pretenshuns, haz made menny brilliant hits in hiz day.

TO MAKE GOOD MILK PUNTCH.

Take one quart ov red cow's milk.
Strain all the water out ov the milk.
Puntch the milk severely with santy cruize rum.
Ramify it well with white sugar.
Koruskate sum nutmeg on the brow ov it.
Drink tew the Amerikan Eagle standing.

(This recipee has been in the Billings family going on 300 years, and iz desighned for one person, and always hits the mark.)

Q.—What would be a good motto for a tailor? ♀



Joel Briggs was born down east,
Hiz hight was 6 feet 2,
Hiz panterloons was striped,
And hitched beneath hiz shu.

A.—Let her rip.
♂
♂
♂

		Diagnosis	KODFISH BAWLS.
1	W	♀ Bitter kold ☹	
2	T	♂ now ☿	The intimacys ov old age seem
3	F	the dog	tew konsist in drinking yung hi-
4	S	quaketh ♂ ♀	son tea together, and compareing
5	G	sighns ov thaw ☹	gouts and rumatizms.
6	M	☹ now the	
7	T	kat	—
8	W	shivereth ☽ ☼	
9	T	☽ ☼ expekt kold ●	One ov the most reliable proph-
10	F	☹ now the snow	ets i kno ov, iz an old hen, for they
11	S	snoweth ☹ ☽ ☼	don't prophecy enny egg, untill
12	G	☹ kolder but	after the egg haz happened.
13	M	raw ☐	
14	T	now	—
15	W	the	
16	T	crow	I kno ov folks who are so
17	F	croweth ☹ ☼	kondem kontrary, that if they
18	S	☽ wind north △	should fall into a river, they would
19	G	☺ ☼ now the	want tew float up stream.
20	M	tarrer	—
21	T	tareth ☿	
22	W	☹ more snow ☹	Politeness iz not only the cheap-
23	T	♂ ♀ now the	est, but the most powerful argu-
24	F	flea fleaeth ☹ ☼	ment I kno ov.
25	S	☹ kolder still ☹	
26	G	● now the	—
27	M	spark sparketh ☼	
28	T	expekt a thaw ☼ ☽	Money well spent iz well
29	W	→ Jake Dis'row →	vested.
30	T	† died 1824. †	
31	F		

FEBUARY MISSCELLANY.

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TAURUS, THE ZODIAK BULL.

One ov the best behaved animiles in the whole zodiak is Taurus the zodiak bull. He is alwus laying down flat sunning himself. He dont hav ennything tew employ hiz mind with only in fli time. Fli time iz alwus a bizzy time with Taurus. The bull down here nowdaze iz a sour headed old codger who goes swareing up and down the turnpike about sumthing, but in the daze ov Virgil he had golden horns, and poetry in hiz veins. Menny folks hav asked me what on earth they wanted a bull in the zodiak for, and i hav always sed, it waz just az necessary az tew hav bulls in Wall street. This always seemed tew satisfy their questions prodigiously. Taurus governs the nek in the sighns ov the zodiak, which haz giv rise to that tender, and klassikal sentiment, called "*bull necked.*"

PERSONALS.

Dear One.—Enklosed please find 10 Dollars—if you
kan. RICHARD.

* * * * *

Kum home! kum home! mi dear husband, i freely for-
giv yu for all i hav did. BETSEY.

* * * * *

Waz the lady in blue, who trod on the gentleman's toe
in gray, in the 8th avenew kars last frida nite corned, or
waz it the toe that waz corned?—References exchanged.

PEDRO.

Q.—Who fust struck ile?



A.—Joner.
☉ ☽

*Joel Briggs a pedlar waz,
A pedlar ov renoun,
He delt in tin ware and sitch,
And druv from toun tew toun.*

☾ ☉

Diagnosis.

KREAM PUFFS.

1 S ☽ ☉ Goose yokes
2 G fust discovered
3 M 1351.
4 T *Kold and*
5 W *shivery* ☾
6 T ☽ ♀ Jane Brown
7 F born 1826 ☽ ☉
8 S ⊕ *Snow falls*
9 G Miss Jane Brown
10 M waz a
11 T woman's righter ☾
12 W ≙ *much koldness.*
13 T ☽ now pan out
14 F slapjax ☉
15 S ☽ *big sno storm*
16 G Pete Murdok
17 M died 952 ☽
18 T *very raw* △ ♂
19 W (†) Pete Murdok
20 T died ov a
21 F broken harte [(††)]
22 S *sour rain* ☾
23 G Pete Murdok broke
24 M hiz harte trieing
25 T tew lift a
26 W meeting house ☽ *
27 T ☽ *more kold* ☽
28 F

If i had 4 fust rate dogs i would name the best ov them "Doubtfull," and all the other 3 "Useless."

Take all the phools and good luk out ov this world, and it would bother the rest ov us tew git a living.

Thare iz az mutch difference between wit and humor az thare iz between the ile and the essence ov peppermint.

Whiskey friends are the most unprofitable ones i kno ov, they are alwus reddy tew drink with yu, but when yu git reddy tew drink with them, they aint dry.

Ridikule that aint true haz no particular power.

MARCH MISCELLANY.

CANCER, THE ZODIAK KRAB.

Cancer iz a hard sheld krab, and haz 2 sets ov leggs, which are lokated on the starboard side ov their pussons, Cancer travels on hiz muscle, and thare aint no individual sighn in the zodiak ov hiz size kan whip him. I hav studdyed the krab clussly, and et him sloly, and i dont kno him yet. Crabs bight with their feet, and hang on like the rumatiz. Biled krab is good, but a man must eat them bi the day, he would starve to deth eating them bi the job. Krabs are kaught bi tieing a knot onto the end ov a string, and dropping it down into the water whare the krab iz, and when yu haul in the string, perhaps yu hav krab, and perhaps yu hav knot. This iz the way a grate menny things in this world are not kaught. In the zodiak Cancer rules the brest. I should rather hav a blister plaster in mi buzzum than a krab or a cancer.

WANTED BI A MIDDLE AGED MAN.

Enny one having a helthy goose, ov good moral karakter, will hear ov a purchaser by addressing *Solaman Wainscote, Pordunk P. O.*

The goose must be broke tew eat grass.

One that knoze how to lay 2 eggs a day preferred.

If the goose should be a leetle tuff, no matter.

What we want iz a smart goose, no kussid phool goose wanted.

Q.—Who iz the greatest hero
ov modern times? 𐄂 𐄃



Once his hoss had been a nag,
A trotting nag at that,
But now he wuz a peltter,
And enny thing but phat'.

A.—Josh Ward, herood a mile
in 4 minits. 𐄂 𐄃

𐄂 𐄃	Diagnosis.	HO KAKE.
1 S	Tooth picks	A phools money iz like hiz branes—very oneazy.
2 G	fust used	
3 M	1190 𐄂 𐄃 𐄂 𐄃	—————
4 T	* 𐄂 𐄃 eum wind	
5 W	Ω James Gordon	Thare iz this difference between a <i>jest</i> , and a <i>joke</i> —a <i>jest</i> may be kruel, but a <i>joke</i> never iz.
6 T	Bennet born	
7 F	1802 𐄂 𐄃	—————
8 S	rain with snow	
9 G	(𐄂) Bennet	Sins are the only things that i repent ov, i never kould make enny thing repenting ov blunders.
10 M	is a	
11 T	Herald 𐄂 𐄃) (𐄂 𐄃	—————
12 W	kold but windy	
13 T	𐄂 𐄃 now	Human knowledged iz not very komprehensiv after all,—i hav seen men who kould kalkulate an eklipse tew a square inch, who couldn't cum within 30 feet ov harnessing a hoss.
14 F	feel around for	
15 S	maple sugar 𐄂 𐄃 𐄂 𐄃	—————
16 G	𐄂 𐄃 wind aktive 𐄂 𐄃	
17 M	𐄂 𐄃 𐄂 𐄃 now	Flattery iz like ice kream: we want it a leetle at a time, and often.
18 T	lay in	
19 W	early rumatiz 𐄂 𐄃 𐄂 𐄃	—————
20 T	𐄂 𐄃 𐄂 𐄃 raw but kold	
21 F	𐄂 𐄃 Job was very	Sampson waz a strong man 𐄂 𐄃 𐄂 𐄃
22 S	billyus 𐄂 𐄃 𐄂 𐄃 𐄂 𐄃	
23 G	𐄂 𐄃 big rain 𐄂 𐄃 𐄂 𐄃	wind shifts some
24 M	𐄂 𐄃	
25 T	Sampson waz a	𐄂 𐄃 𐄂 𐄃 Sampson's
26 W	strong man 𐄂 𐄃 𐄂 𐄃	
27 T	strength didn't lay	in hiz
28 F	in hiz	
29 S	karakter 𐄂 𐄃 𐄂 𐄃	karakter 𐄂 𐄃 𐄂 𐄃
30 G	𐄂 𐄃	
31 M	𐄂 𐄃	

APRIL MISCELLANY.

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VIRGO, THE ZODIAK VIRGIN.

One ov the best preserved females ov the age is Virgo the Virgin. She dont look an hour older than she did in the spring ov 1818 when i fust saw her. Virgo haz lite blu eyes and yeller hair, and I should esteem her to weigh about 117 pounds. Virgo haz menny admirers, and report sez, she haz had menny good trades offered her, (one waz a duke) but she deklines matrimony. I congratulate her spunk. If she haz got a good lone hand i like to see her play it, even if she gits ukered. I hope Virgo will remain whare she iz for life, for she iz the only sighn in the zodiak that i love tew witness. Thare iz one thing about Virgo that pleazes me wonderful, and that iz, when the grecian bend waz raging on earth, and crooking most all the other wimmin, she never bent a bit.. Halle-lujah ! for Virgo.

TO KONTRAKTORS.

The widdo Betsey Brown will receive proposals sealed at her residence No. 86 Hopvine St. for the next 90 daze.

Kontraktors mast state their best offers.

Diagrams of the widdows looks can be had at the above No.

The widdo reserves the privilege ov refusing all offers.

The highest bidder gits the worm.

Agents needn't applikate.

Q.—Whi iz the kodfish
like a sailor ? 6 V3



'Twas Joels way t' stop his kart,
At every hous and shop,
Fust tew tell a bit ov nuzze,
And then propose tew swoop.

A.—Rekause he iz an old
sail. ♀ ♀ ♀ ♀ ♀

	Diagnosis.	SLAP JAX.
1 T	☿ ☿ Grecian bend	When a man measures out glory for himself he alwus heaps the haff bushel.
2 W	revived 1864 ●	
3 T	sighns ov spring †	
4 F	== == the	
5 S	cockroach cometh	A man may mistake hiz tallent, but he kant mistake hiz genius.
6 G	up like a flower ☿	
7 M	☺ liquid rains	
8 T	frogs now	It is only a step from cunning; tew dishonesty, but it iz a step that a man iz liable at enny time tew take.
9 W	warble ✕ ● ☿	
10 T	♀ sweet winds ♀	
11 F	now the goose	
12 S	skreameth ☿	There seems tew be a propriety in all things—late experiments in New York city hav proved the fact, that religion in a rat pit iz a failure.
13 G	♁ wind sow east	
14 M	bi sow ☺	
15 T	♂ now bury	
16 W	onion seed ☿	Style iz every thing for a sinner, and a leetle ov it wont hurt a saint.
17 T	smart showers	
18 F	ov wet ♀	
19 S	Mars waz	
20 G	Juno's fellow ♀ ♂	
21 M	☿ very warm △	
22 T	☺ all natur	
23 W	stands on tip toze	
24 T	more showers with	
25 F	sighns on rain ☿	
26 S	now lift lettiss ♀	
27 G	* the pilgrim	
28 M	fathers ♀	
29 T	whare am they ? ☺ ♀	
30 W		

MAY MISCELLANY.

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SKORPIO, THE ZODIAK SKORPION.

Next to the horne the skorpion seems tew me to be pretty mutch all ded loss. I never had mutch faith in enny kind ov a kriter who waz bilt only tew bite. Skorptions do the best in a hot naberhood. If a man should take all the skorptions in the world up into the northern part ov Nu Hampshire he would loze money on them. They wouldn't thaw out thare in time for bizziness. I never hav seen a skorpion only in the zodiak, and i aint sorry for this. If thare should ever be a fite in the zodiak i hope it will be krab and skorpion. This would be a fite in which no one would care whitch whipt. I kant tell yu just now how the skorpion got aboard of the zodiak, but bi looking at hiz piktur i should say he stood 2 good chances tew do it, one waz to enter hed fust, and the other waz to change ends and go in that way.

FOUND.

A maltese soprano kat, about 12 months old, singing old hundred on a picket fence, late last thursda nite, whichever person owns sed kat will find him (or her according tew circumstansis) in a vakant lot, just bak ov our hous, still butiful in death.

ALSO,

Found an old blew kotting umbrel worth nothing, in place ov a nu silk one worth 12 dollars and fifty cents, if the person who lost the blew kotting umbrel bi finding the other one, hasn't had time enuff yet tew repent ov hiz blunder, 60 days longer will be granted him tew weep over the ackcident.

Q.—What is a blunderbuss?
 ㄗ ㄗ ㄗ



Joel would swoop for enny thing,
 Tin ware for rags, or brass,
 Jews harps for kats, brooms for beans,
 Wood bowls for apple sass.

A.—Kissing the wrong
 woman ㄗ ㄗ

	V3	Diagnosis.	KOLD SLAU.
1	T	ㄗ Lap dogs	I don't kno az i want to bet enny money, and give odds, on the man who iz alwus anxious tew pra out loud every chance he kan git.
2	F	diskovered 1310 ㄗ ㄗ	
3	S	● ● ● mild and	
4	G	tender ㄗ ㄗ	
5	M	ㄗ Kaptin Kidd	A reputashun for happiness wants az mutch looking into az a reputashun for honesty.
6	T	was a	
7	W	pirate † † † ㄗ	
8	T	plaintive showers	When a man duz a good turn just for the phun ov the thing, he haz got a grate deal more virtew in him than he iz aware ov.
9	F	ㄗ ㄗ Kaptin Kid	
10	S	sailed he did [(††)]	
11	G	ㄗ soft wind ㄗ	
12	M	ㄗ ㄗ ㄗ now mux	Next tew the man who iz worth a millyun, in point ov wealth, iz the man who don't kare a kuss for it.
13	T	in the	
14	W	garden ㄗ ㄗ ㄗ	
15	T	ㄗ Horace Greeley	
16	F	born 1812 ㄗ	Self-made men are most alwus apt tew be a leetle too proud ov the job.
17	S	wet rains ㄗ ㄗ	
18	G	* ㄗ now prepare	
19	M	for dandy lions ㄗ	
20	T	wind south.	
21	W	Horace Greeley	
22	F	iz a Tribune ● ㄗ	
23	S	ㄗ nobby showers	
24	G	ㄗ now sarch	
25	M	hens for eggs ㄗ ㄗ	
26	T	ㄗ warm and pretty	
27	T	ㄗ ㄗ ㄗ frogs have	
28	W	come soft winds	
29	T	ㄗ Homer waz	
30	F	quite a poet ㄗ ㄗ	
31	S		

JUNE MISCELLANY.

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KAPRIKORNUS, THE ZODIAC GOTE.

Kaprikornus the zodiak gote iz a sheep with hair on him, and kan eat enny thing he kan swallow if it chokes him. They infest all over kreashun, but are thickker in the upper part of Nu York citty ackording tew popula-shun than otherwise. Their principal bizzness is tew fite, and giv milk, they average about a quart ov milk, and four knokdowns a day. They kant klimb a greast pole, but kan kleep up the side of a rok az natral az a wood-bine kan. They hav a krak in their foot, and also one in their voice, and a mustash on their bottom lip. Aries and Kaprikornus are the two butts ov the zodiak. In the zodiak Kaprikornus governs the kneeze, and people born under this sighn are apt tew be knok kneed.

LOST.

A bright bay poodle dorg, 5 dollars reward, ov a warm natur, and no questions asked, with one white foot behind, will be paid for hiz return, when he stole away, with flowing ears, or waz strayed by sumboddy, answers tew Kristopher Kolumbust, with a brass colar, exchange papers please copy, and haz a frantik tale.

Q.—How menny skrup'les in
one dram. 5



*His kart was a karavan,
Pi'd hi with every kind
Ov dikker yu kould name,
Besides sumthing hütched behind.*

A.—This depends upon who
takes the dram. 2f

Day	Day	Diagnosis.	KNUT KAKES.
1	G	☾ Now snatch	Silence is one of the lost arts.
2	M	☉ cowcumpbers	
3	T	☽ sighns ov hotvess ♂	—
4	W	☺ Mark Twain	
5	T	born 1839 ㊦ □	
6	F	☿ hotter ♀	When yu strike ile stop boreing ;
7	S	Mark iz a mello	menny a man haz bored klean thru
8	G	* kuss ☽	and let the ile run out at the bot-
9	M	☾ showers ov rain	tom.
10	T	☽ money iz tite! †	
11	W	☿ more warmer ↓	—
12	T	☽ Venus waz a, a	
13	F	hansum woman ⊕	Human happiness iz like Jos-
14	S	● mutch wet ☉	eph's coat, a thing of menny col-
15	G	☾ now dig	ours.
16	M	for strawberrys	
17	T	gentle wetness ☾	
18	W	☽ Job Potter died	—
19	T	1856	
20	F	sighns ov thunder	
21	S	☽ Job Potter died!	Sin in the soul iz like a sliuver in
22	G	ov death ☽ ●	the flesh ; mortifikashun iz the
23	M	more hotly □	natral way tew git rid ov it.
24	T	☽ now reap	
25	W	assparagrass ☽	—
26	T	♂ moist	
27	F	wetness ♀	☽ Love often changes coquetry to
28	S	expekt	sense, and prudery to sillyness.
29	G	muskeetoze ☽ ♀	
30	M		

JULY MISCELLANY.

PISCES, THE ZODIAK FISHES.

Pisces are the only two fishes we hav enny account ov who hav bin able tew swim on land and not tutch bottom. It is now over 4,000 years since they cum ashore and took lodgings in the zodiak. It haz alwus been a fish-bone ov kontenshun among the natral philosophers whether they belong tew the kodfish, or the sucker family. I hav bin asked mi opinyun on this topick a 100 thousand times, but hav alwus maintained grate solemnity on the subjekt. It is alwus mi way when i dont kno noothing about enny thing, to look learned, and smile wisdom. Mi private opinyun iz, that pisces iz a pickerel, or a porgy, or a perch, and weighed originally about 9 pounds, but i dont want to bet on this. I kant tell whether Pisces would bite on an angleworm or not, but i think thare iz sum law aginst fishing in private ponds. Pisces iz a game fish, but what hiz game iz i dont kno, but probably hi lo Jak, or draw poker.

EPITAFF.

Here she lize—the queen ov pize,
Aunt Sally Ann Von Blixen,
Apple, and mince, kustard, and quince,
She couldn't be beat in mixen.

Sakred this spot—stir her up not—
Her grace all lay in pi fixen,
Better sa i—go without pi,
Than wake up this old vixen.

What breed ov hens set
the best? 7 III
Q. —



For 50 miles round about,
When Joel cum along,
The women all tur ned out,
For swooping nity strong.

A.—Those without legs.
C. ③ ④

f	Q	Diagnosis.	KORN BREAD.
1	T	☉ ● Kod fish	When a man gits tew talking about himself he seldum fails tew be eloquent, and frequently reaches the sublime.
2	W	balls invented	
3	T	1620 ♀ D ④	
4	F	⊕ ⊕ ☉ sighns ov	
5	S	heat ☽ ⊕ Q	
6	G	Elizibeth Spooner	The owl iz remarkable for two things, gravity and stupidity.
7	M	born	
8	T	1365 C ♀ ④	
9	W	Ⓜ ☽ warn showers	
10	T	Elizibeth Spooner	
11	F	had the	Integrity in youth iz almost cer- tain tew bekum wisdum and honor in old age.
12	S	meazles ♀ ♂	
13	G	* warm but hot ④	
14	M	Elizibeth Spooner	
15	T	had the	
16	W	meazles	When a man iz thoroely lazy he iz good for nothing, only to shoot at.
17	T	very thick Q	
18	F	♂ ☽ ☽ ④ sighns ov	
19	S	thunder △ □	
20	G	☽ ☽ ⊕ now	
21	M	wean goslins ④ ☽	Most people prefer the stuffing to the goose,—the word for the idee.
22	T	Ⓜ ☽ it rains ☽	
23	W	Old dog Tray	
24	T	died 1492 ♀ ④	
25	F	Ⓜ expekt titening.	
26	S	now butcher	
27	G	watermellons ☽ ④	
28	M	☽ intense hot ⊕	
29	T	☽ Daniel Webster	
30	W	studdid law f Q	
31	T		

AUGUST MISCELLANY.

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AQUARIUS, THE ZODIAK WATERMAN.

Aquarius duz the sprinkling pot bizzness for the zodiak. He kan be seen enny klear day up in the zodiak laying the dust which the other zodiakers kik up. He iz a quiet old gent about 5 foot 6, and wears a wool hat, and a bullseye watch. Who hiz ansestors waz no one kan tell. He iz an old bachelor now, but they tell me, up in the zodiak, that he alwus takes the most pains when he sprinkles in front ov Virgo. Thare iz a tradishun in Poruduk, that Aquarius was once a tempranse lekturer, but gitting too thin for the bizzness waz translated, and sot to sprinkling in the zodiak. Aquarius haz charge ov the leggs amung the sighns in the zodiak, and i notis that water iz better for the legs than sum other fluids i know.

EDUKASHIONAL.

CLASS IN BOTANY STAND UP.

Teacher. What kind ov a bird iz a Heron?

Skoller. A herring iz a little fish, az full ov bones az a fine tooth comb.

Teacher. To what genus duz the Kat belong?

Skoller. The musikal genius, they *lay* around daze, and chant around nites.

Teacher. Which iz the wizest fowl?

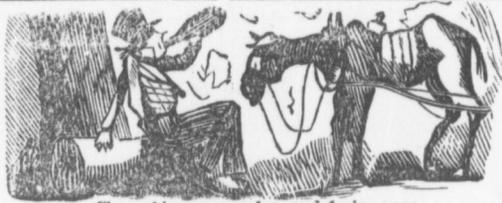
Skoller. The owl sir, bekause he hoots at most things.

Teacher. What kind ov fish are plentiest in market during dog days?

Skoller. Smelts sir.

Teacher. Class in botany may set down.

Q.—How menny gese dt z i.
take to make a fok? ☉ ☽



Sheep skins, goose yokes, and frying pans,
Baswood cheeze from Goshen,
Bob sleds, brass rings, and bears ile,
Waz sum ov Joels noshuns.

A.—One would satisfy me.
⊕ ☽ ☽

Day	Gender	Diagnosis.	MILK TOAST.
1	F	☺ Now pluck	Suckcess iz quite often like fall- ing oph from a log, a man kant alwus tell how he kum to did it.
2	S	peaches ☽	
3	G	☾ grate hotness ☽	
4	M	Andy Johnson born	-----
5	T	1812 ♂	
6	W	* hot grows ♀	
7	T	Andy waz a mar:	Most enny boddy thinks they kan be a good phool, and they kan, but to play the phool success- fully, aint so natral.
8	F	ov much	
9	S	policy ⊕ ♀	
10	G	thunder and blizen	-----
11	M	♂ now bull frogs	
12	T	rejoice ☽ wind	
13	W	south ♀ ☺	I wouldn't undertake tew kor- rekt a man's sektariaa views enny quicker than i would tell him which road tew take at a 4 corners, when i didn't kno miself which waz the right one.
14	T	☺ kot grows	
15	F	bigger ♂	
16	S	Julia Pragg born	-----
17	G	♂ 1830 ⊕	
18	M	☽ wind shifty	
19	T	Julia waz a laun-	The truly great are alwus the eazyest to approach.
20	W	dress ☽ ♂ hot	
21	T	wind	
22	F	☽ now the duk	-----
23	S	quæeth ☽ ☽	
24	G	☺ much hotly ☽	
25	M	♂ behold the	-----
26	T	♂ grasshopper	
27	W	☽ sun lightning	
28	T	♀ love	-----
29	F	lies bleeding ☽ ☽	
30	S		
31	G		

SEPTEMBER MISCELLANY.

SAGITTARIUS, THE ZODIAK BOMAN.

Sagittarius iz the William Tell ov the zodiak. He kan hit an apple on the top ov Virgo's hed 200 paces oph, and not only halve the apple into quarters, but knock the seeds 27 different direkshuns. He wins the cigars at all the target excursions in the zodiak. In shooting at a muskeeter once who had lighted onto the tail ov Leo, he aimed a leetle too delikate, and dekapitated the dorsal extenshun ov Leo. This waz looked upon bi all the other phellows in the zodiak az a supplementary shot. Leo waz laid up in the horsepittel for 6 months, but hiz codicil gru out about 2 feet more than it waz before. Sagittarius iz the comik genius ov the zodiak, and on fourths of Julys shutes pennys oph from a stik, injun fashion. In the zodiak sighns Sagittarius oversees the thighs, but for what i dont seem tew kno.

FOR IMMEDIATE ADOPSHUN.

A mail child, Eleven months old, well broke tew the bottle, 9 teeth kut, lite sunset hair, without spot or blemish, no parents ov enny ackount, hard tew kry, dont bite, shows sighns ov genius, and haz had wackshination.

Enquire within.

Q.—When duz a fly git badly stuck? ♀



When puter knives went oph slo,
Joel was a kunning kuss,
He could just turn to and swoop
An old hoss dredful cluss.

A.—When he fools with mol-lassis. ♀

☺ 21
1 M
2 T
3 W
4 T
5 F
6 S
7 G
8 M
9 T
10 W
11 T
12 F
13 S
14 G
15 M
16 T
17 W
18 F
19 T
20 S
21 G
22 M
23 T
24 W
25 T
26 F
27 S
28 G
29 M
30 T

Diagnosis.
* It iz fall
♀ ♀ warm but tender.
♀ now the leaves fall
♂ butiful weather.
♂ Sam Jones born 1900 ♀
♂ ♀ mild but lovely.
☺ Sam Jones waz a clam hunter ♀
♂ ♀ warm rains
♂ now the hog rooteth ♀
♀ smoky weather * now the Jackass warbleth ●
☺ ♀ signs ov frost
♀ ♀ now the hen elucketh ✕
♀ ● it wants tew rain.
Galen waz a doktor ♂ ♀

STEWED PRUNES.

After a man haz got a fust rate opinyun ov himself the next best thing tew hav iz the good opinyun ov others.

Heaven iz ever kind tew us, she puts our humps on our backs so that we kant see them.

Wise men hav but fu confidents, and cunning men, none.

I think i am about right when i say, that all things which do not korrup are innocent.

Be yee humble before God— but resolute before men.

OCTOBER MISCELLANY.

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LIBRA, THE ZODIAK SCALES.

Sixteen ounces to the pound wrongs no man. I dont want enny better evidence that things are strikely on the square in the zodiak than the fakt, that they keep a pair ov skales up thare, and they are alwus level. Thare iz a grate deal ov native honesty in a pair ov skales. When i begun life, i looked upon every boddy az honest az a pair ov skales, but the skales hav dropt oph from my eyes since, and i begin tew look upon things more az they am. I look upon every man now az strikely honest, who kan prove it. I want honesty weighed out to me just az i do mi sausage, 16 ounces tew the pound. Honesty that lacks an ounce in every pound aint worth a kuss. The ounce that iz lacking iz just what beats us. In the zodiak concern Libra holds the reins over the anito-mikal hoss.

THINGS THAT CAN BE DID.

One ov the smartest things a man kan do, iz to drink peper sass.

One ov the safest things a man kan do, iz to ride a saw hoss.

One ov the surest things a man kan do, iz tew slip up on the ice.

One ov the lazyest things a man kan do, iz tew eat soup with a fork.

One ov the longest things a man kan do, iz tew long for pefekt happiness.

One ov the handyest things a man kan do, is to giv hiz note for 90 daze.

Q.—Whi iz a lie called a yarn ?



'Tis the fate ov kunning men,
Ofttimes to pla the fule,
So with Joel when he swoopt
Horses for a balky mule.

A.—Bekaze it iz dubble and twisted. § ∞ 卐

∅	h	Diagnosis.	HASTI PUDDIN.
1	W	△ ≐ Whiskey	Thare aint nothing that iz a sure kure for lazyness, but i hav known a seckond wife tew hurry it sum.
2	T	invented 1612.	
3	F	∅ frosty Ω △	
4	S	Whiskey iz	
5	G	very proud	
6	M	spirited ● ∅ 8	
7	T	∅ sharp frost †	It iz the suprizes ov life after all that give it its zest,—even a rat makes things interesting bi the natral suddenness with which he cums out, or goes into hiz hole.
8	W	⊕ ≐ ∅ now	
9	T	shuv checkers ⊙ ⊕	
10	F	⊘ snow flurrys.	
11	S	∅ Col Peapod	
12	G	born 1500 ∅ ≐ *	
13	M	Col Peapod	Real good lies are gitting skarse.
14	T	waz a	
15	W	Korporal h ∅ ∅	
16	T	∅ ⊙ wind sharp.	
17	F	∅ now	
18	S	lay in	
19	G	yure winter	The greatest problem ever given tew man tew solve, and the one which he haz made the least pro- gress in, iz "know thysel."
20	M	kats ∅ ∅ † ∅ □	
21	T	∅ ∅ rain ∅ ∅	
22	W	∅ Kats are a	
23	T	kumfert ● ∅ cool	
24	F	∅ ∅ frogs quiet	
25	S	∅ wind north ∅	
26	G	∅ cider haz	
27	M	cum ∅ it rains.	
28	T	Diogoness lived in	
29	W	a barrell ∅ ⊕ now	
30	T	chonk apples ∅	
31	F		

NOVEMBER MISCELLANY.

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LEO, THE ZODIAK LION.

Leo iz the only real lion that haz been allowed tew run around loose among folks. Thus far he haz abstained from human flesh. Thare iz a report in the zodiak that he and Taurus had sum words about 15 thousand years ago, but i kant git hold ov the fakts in the case. Leo waz born in the smart little village ov Numidia in the state ov Africa, ov unknown parents, and is now 260 thousand years old. Leo will probably end his days in the zodiak, and i hav looked at Leo's piktur in the zodiak gallery and dont hesitate tew rekomend him az a good job for all in search ov a disinterested lion. The lion iz like an aukshioneer in one respekt, hiz grate strength lays in hiz jaw. In the sighns ov the zodiak Leo akts on the heart, and this ackounts for the human heart being so tuff. Next to the gizzard, the heart iz the tuffest piece ov meat in the whole human kriter.

EXAMININ A PORDUNK VALLEY RALE
RODE KONDUKTOR.

President. Have yu a gold kronometer worth 300 dollars?

Konduktor. Not mutch!

President. Do yu keep a trotter?

Konduktor. Not enny!

President. Hav yu enny diamond rings?

Konduktor. Nary!

President. Do yu own a fiteing dog?

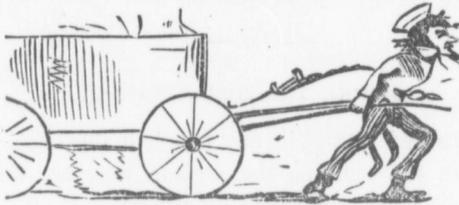
Konduktor. Nothing ov the sort!

President. How much bank stock have yu got?

Konduktor. Not a red!

President. We shant want yu,—the Pordunk valley rale rode haz got done furnishing konduktors with these things.

Q.—What did Adam and Eve weigh when they left Paradise?



He sold the mule for 3 dollars' Worth ov honey in the comb, Then got himself between the shafts, And hauled the waggin home.

A.—They weighed ankor and haint dropt it since † † †

⊕	‡	Diagnosis.	LAM CHOPS.
1	S	♁ = now	Whenever yu see a dokter who alwus travels on the run, yu kan bet he iz out ov a job.
2	G	ketch kold ♂ ☉ ●	
3	M	☾ raw but sour.	
4	T	♁ dough nuts	
5	W	found 1590 11 ♀ ♀	It iz a grate deal eazier tew be a philosopher after a man haz had hiz dinner, than it iz when he dont kno where he iz a going tew git it.
6	T	♁ more sour ♀	
7	F	vinegar invented	
8	S	1262 ☉ † ☿ □	
9	G	♁ sour inkreases.	Wit without wisdom iz like a song without sense, it dont pleaze long.
10	M	♁ ☾ △ lemons	
11	T	had 856 ☉ ♀ sour	
12	W	enuff = 11 ♂ ♂	
13	T	♁ Lazarus	I dont bet on prekoshus children, the huckelberry that ripens the soonest is alwus the fust tew deokay.
14	F	waz	
15	S	a	
16	G	poor man ♀ ♁ 7	
17	M	● ☉ sighs ov	The bulk ov mankind are mere imitators ov poor originals.
18	T	snow △ ♀ hash	
19	W	fust mixt 1645 ♀	
20	T	kold wetness ♀	
21	F	☉ ♀ □ ♀ now fri	
22	S	sassage ♂ ♀ kolder	
23	G	11 † thanksgiving'	
24	M	threatens ♂ ♂	
25	T	rain and sleet 11 ☾	
26	W		
27	T	☽ ● be wise	
28	F	and yu	
29	S	will know	
30	G	sumthing ♀ ♀ ♀	

DECEMBER MISCELLANY.

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GEMINI, THE ZODIAK TWINS.

I have asked several literary people if they would tell me whoze two children the Gemini waz, but they all shook their heds, and begun to whissell. Maybe they thought i was a kondem phool. I would just like to know all about this. Thare iz 2 things in this life for which we are never fully prepared, and them iz twins. The zodiak twins are a kuppel of nice little phellows, if their piktur aint mistaken on the subjekt. I never hav saw them only in their pikturs. Twins are two very interesting acksidents tew happen in sumboddy elses family, but one twin at a time suits me the most. In the zodiak sighns, the Gemini akt on the arms. I havè alwus noticed that when a person haz twins the sighns are in the arms.

CLASS IN METAPHISICKS STAND UP.

Teacher. Which iz the most stubbornist animile ?

Skoller. The klam, he wont budge a bit !

Teacher. Who iz the most open gaited animile ?

Skoller. The swine, he kan open enny kind ov a gate !

Teacher. Which iz the most sure footedest animile ?

Skoller. The mewel, he kan hit a man twice in a seck-
ond 10 foot oph.

Teacher. Who iz the most foolishhest animile ?

Skoller. The goose, he dont kno enuff to go in when
it rains.

Teacher. Class in metaphisicks may set down.

Q.—What iz the hardest thing a man kan do? ☹ ☺



*Hiz wife (God bless her) went out tew push,
And learn why this was sutch,
Joel dropt a tear, and sed,
"Hannah! I've swopt once tew mutch."*

A.—Tend sunboddyy else's baby. ☹ ☺ ☹ ☹ ☹

☹	呷	Diagnosis.	BROOK TROUT.
1	M	☹ The fust	The principal importance ov a mistery iz the mistery itself,—what makes a ghost so respecttable a karakter is, that noboddy ever saw one.
2	T	flea kaught	
3	W	1210 ㄥ ㄥ ☹ ☹	
4	F	☹ bitter kold ☹	
5	T	☹ the flea	
6	S	got away ♀ ☹ ☹	
7	G	♀ it snows △ now	
8	M	assasinate hogs † †	
9	T	☹ Rachel Blood-	
10	W	good born 1813.	
11	T	☹ ☹ the kold iz	Affektashun alwus looks well in a monkey.
12	F	kold ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹	
13	S	☹ ☹ Rachel	
14	G	waz a	
15	M	spinster ☹ ☹ *	
16	T	△ ☹ kolder † ☹	
17	W	☹ Rachel	
18	T	spun yarns ♂ ☹	
19	F	♀ ice 2 foot thick	
20	S	on the level ㄥ ♀ ☹	
21	G	☹ ☹ ☹ kolder	Trieing to define love, iz like trieing tew tell how yu kum tew brake thru the ice,—all yu know about it iz, yu fell] in and got ducked.
22	M	☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹	
23	T	☹ ☹ ☹ now	
24	W	attak buk wheat	
25	T	kakes ♂ ☹ ☹ ☹	
26	F	☹ awful kold ☹ ☹ ☹	
27	S	☹ ☹ ☹ hot	
28	G	lemonade	
29	M	diskovered 1306 ☹	
30	T	☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹	
31	W	☹ ☹ Good-bye ☹	A wize man never enjoys himself so mutch, nor a phool so little, az, when alone.

LATEST NUZE.

Dik Blister waz arrested yesterday bi offiser Pinkerton for trieing to pass a counterfit omnibuss, on a 50 cent driver, ov the 23' street line of stages. Held for examinashun.

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It iz sed (but not offishall) that Mr. & Mrs. Punchinello will not visit the white mountains next season. Their dauter Betsey Punchinello iz sed tew be engaged to Baron Von Chalk, and the family will enter seklushun on this ackount.

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A writer in Blackwood's magazine estimates that thare haint been, in all, over 200 fleas killed since the flood.

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On dit, that Dick Manchester has quit the 3 kard monte bizzness, and iz starring it legitimately, at Sing Sing, on a 2 years engagement.

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We are pleased tew notiss the growing popularity ov Mr. & Mrs. David Jibboom, their respektibility iz now fully established, having appeared on the avenew with a two hoss carriage, and a slitely coloured driver, with a velvet hat band, and two rows of brass buttons.

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The latest agony in poodles is saffron, with steel coloured eyes.

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Matilda O'Brigham, four days in her last place, with a karakter, will receive proposals at her residence in makrel row. No objeckshuns to going into the country for the summer az companyun tew a lady provided suitable references are given. Lessons on the piano will be taken instead ov the usual presents expekted from the family.

PORDUNK VALLEY HOTEL.

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BI LAWS AND KONSTITUSHUN.

Hash will be served up at this hotel 3 times a day, at the pounding of the gong.

Hash made out ov beefs pluck and sheeps liver will be charged extra for.

Enny man kaught sticking up hiz noze at the hash will have hiz noze lowered suddenly.

Hash iz the fust law ov natur, and this hotel will stick tew the law or burst natur.

Korn beef hash, with kold sassage in it for sunda dinner.

Hash made yesterday, and warmed up for to day, kounts the same as nu hash.

Bridle partys served with hot or kold hash, on 5 minitts warning.

No pound kake nor other nonsense allowed in this hotel.

If this hotel understands what she knows, and she thinks just az likely az not she duz, her hash kant be outmixt by enny other konsarn.

Hash served up on the jump at all hours between regular hash.

5 dollars reward paid tew enny man or woman who kan find enny shingle nales or shu strings in our hash that dont belong thare.

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