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We remain, faithfully yours,



## THE CHRISTMAS TURKEY.

At midnight, on the barnyard fence, The Turk sat dreaming of the hour ;
When grease and stuffing should be blent, With him whom guests would soon devour.
" I've gobbled oft at them," he cried,
" When strutting in my glee,
And now, alas! at Christmas tide
I know they'll gobble me."

It is a foul proceeding, but The butler will proceed
To murder most foul, as Hamlet says, He'll do the bloody deed.
There's no hereafter for us Turks, No next world full of bliss ;
They stuff us by the merry thought, Our necks twirled is in this.


## Too Green to Burn.

Some "drummers" were sitting about the Queen's Hotel the other night swapping chestnuts, when one of them got off the following : "A Montreal drummer sold his last bill of goods, died, and went to the infernal regions. There he was shown about the place by Lucifer himself. He was shown the pits of molten lead for Toronto drummers, and the sulphur caves designed for the torture of London drummers, and the lakes of fire awaiting his own clan. Then he was taken to a room of great heat, where a number of drummers were suspended by the neck. 'This,' said Lucifer, 'is the drying-room.' 'The dryingroom ?' asked the drummer. 'Yes,' responded the other: These are Hamilton drummers. They are too green to burn at first, so we hang them up to dry."

## Useful Recipes.

TAFFY.-Two cups brown sugar, $1 / 2$ cup of butter, 4 tablespoonfuls of molasses, 2 tablespoonfuls of water, 2 tablespoonfuls of vinegar. Boil fifteen minutes.

Eye Salve.-Powdered Opium, 12 grains, Red Precipitate, 12 grains, Simple Cerate, $1 / 2$ ounce. Mix and apply twice daily; good for inflamed and sore eyes, styes, etc.

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Medical Advice.-Patient : "My throat isslightly inflamed, doctor." Doctor: "Yes." P.: "I will, therefore, "stay in doors for a week or so." D. : "Yes." P.: "I will gargle several times a day with chloride." D.: "Yes." P. : "And be careful in my diet" (moves to the door). D. : "Yes, and my fee?" P.: "Booked to my credit for my own professional advice."
When you pass a stone wall, why do you always want to look over it? Because cannot look through it.

## Never too Late to Mend.

There is good and bad in the wayside inns, On the highways of our lives,
And man can never be free from sins, No matter how hard he strives;
Yet even when down destruetion's grade Our thorny pathway tend,
In spite of a thousand errors made, "It is never too late to mend."
There are crosses heavy for me to bear, And passions to conquer, too ;
There are joys and woes that each must share Before the journey is through.
But men may be poor for honor's sake, And truth and right defend,
And hope will never this promise break, "It is never too late to mend."
'Tis never too late for a noble deed, For, blessed by the angel's tears,
It plants in the breast of man a seed That will grow in after years ;
And words of kindness, of hope and cheer, Will always comfort lend;
We must live for love, and banish fear"It is never too late to mend."
" It is never too late to mend," my lad No matter what people say,
And no man's nature is wholly bad, Even if old and gray ;
And in our journey toward the grave, Until we reach the end,
There is time to change and time to save"It is never too late to mend."

Why should ladies not learn French? Because one tongue is enough for any woman.

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A NICE young man got into a tramcar, and saw to his delight the only vacant seat was by the side of a young lady acquaintance. He made for that seat with joyous strides, and her eyes answered his with delighted looks. But just as he got there, an elderly party walked up and dropped into the coveted seat. The young man approached more slowly, and accosted the young lady : "How is your brother?" he asked; "Is he able to get out?" "Oh, yes!" she answered. "Will he be very badly marked?" he continued, and the old gentleman grew suddenly interested. "Oh. no!" she said, "with the exception of a few marks on his forehead." "Were you not afraid of taking it?" the young man continued, while the oid gentleman broke out in a cold perspiration. "Not at all" she replied: "I had been vaccinated, you know." The seat was vacated instantly, the two innocent young hearts beat as half-a-dozen, and the prattle of "nice talk" strewed that part of the tram, while an old gentleman scowled upon them from a distant corner.

## Before and After.

"My dear," sard Mrs. Popperham to her husband last evening, "I was looking over a bundle of old letters to-day, and found this one which you wrote to me betore we were married, when you were young and sentimental."
"What does it say ?"
"I'll read it."
"Sweet ldol of my lonely heart: If thou wilt place thy hand in mine, and say, dear love, I'll be thy bride, we'll fly to sunny Italy, and there 'neath soft cerulean skies, we'll bask and sing and dream qf naught but love. Rich and costly paintings by the old masters shall adorn the walls of the castle I'll give. Thy bath shall be of milk. A box at the opera shall be at thy command, and royality shall be thy daily visitor. Sweet strains of music shall lull thee at eventide, and warbling birds shall awake thee from thy morning slumbers. Dost thou consent? Say yes-oh fly with me."
"And I flew," said Mrs. Popperman, " but if I had been as fly as I am now I wouldn't have flown."
"Why, my dear ?"
"Why not? Have you done as you promised in that letter? When we were married did we fly to Italy and bask 'neath soft cerulean skies,' didn't
we go to Hoboken and spend two weeks fishing for eels on the end of a wharf ?"
"Well, yes."
"And how about the pictures? You know very well that every rich and costly painting in this house is a chromo from a tea store.
"Well ?"
"" Thy bath shall be of milk.' Do I bathe in milk, or isn't it like pulling teeth every morning to get ten cents out of you to buy milk for the baby ?"
"Kinder."
"Royalty shall be thy daily visitor." The only daily visitors I have are the book agents and the clam peddlers."
"Taint my fault."
"'Sweet strains of music shall lull thee to sleep at eventide.' Oh, yes. The only chance I have to listen to the sweet strains of music is when you and I go out walking at night and follow a monkey and a hand organ around the block."
"Oh, I am so sleepy."
"I dont care if youre. Where are the warbling birds you promised me? I hear Mrs. Maginnis's crowing roosters next door every morning. Perhaps they are what you meant."
"Well, never mind."
"But I will mind. I was to have a box at the opera. Where is it ? The only time I go to an opera is when you get bill posters' tickets to a dime museum."
"It's too bad."
"It really is too bad. And then you said we'd talk and dream of nought but love. Since I married you we have talked and dreamt of naught but rent. Good night sir," and Mrs. Popperman turned out the gas and jumped into bed leaving Mr. Popperman to bark his shins against the bureau in trying to gorpe to bed in the dark.

Bank Notes.-Few of the persons who handle Bank of England notes ever think of the amount of labour and ingenuity that is expended on their production. These notes are made from pure white linen cuttings only, never from rags that have been worn: They have been manufactured for nearly two hundred years at the same spot-Laverstoke, in Hampshite, and by the same family-the Portals, who are descended from some French Protestant refugees. So carefully is the paper prepared that even the number of dips into the pulp made by each workman is registered on a dial by machinery, and the sheets are carefully counted and booked to each person through whose hands they pass. The printing is done by a most curious process in Mr. Coe's department within the bank building. There is an elaborate arrangement for securing that no note shall be exactly like any other in existence. Consequently, there never was a duplicate of a Bank of England note except by forgery. It has been stated that the stock of paid notes for seven years is about $94,000,000$ in number, and they fill 18,000 boxes, which, if placed side by side, would reach three miles. The notes, placed in a pile, would be eight miles high ; or, if joined end to end, would form a ribbon 15,000 miles long; their superficial extent is more than Hyde Park ; their original value was over $\$ 3,000,000,000$, and their weight over 112 tons.

Patient (to doctor): "I have a touch of ague." Phy-ician: "Yes, sir.", Patient: "I shall keep, within doors for a week." Physician: "Yes, sir." Patient: "Shall diet myself carefully." Physician : "Yes, sir." Patient : "I shall take ten grains of quinine twice a day," Physician: "Yes, sir." Patient: "How much is your bill?" Physician : "Half-a-guinea,"

Why does an Indian wear feathers? To keep his wigwam.

## How Could he Leave her.

We shall never forget that evening we spent at Magruders years ago. We admired Miss Magruder, and we went around to see her. It was summer-time, and moon-light, and she sat upon the piazza. The carpenters had been there that day glueing up the rustic chairs on the porch, so we took our seat on the top step in front of Miss Magruder, where we could gaze into her eyes and drink in her smiles. It seemed probable that the carpenter must have upset the glue pot on the spot where we sat, for, after enjoying Miss Magruder's remarks for a couple of hours, and drinking in several of her smiles, we tried to rise for the purpose of going home, but found that we were immovably fixed to the step; Then Miss Magruder said, "Don't be in a hurry ;" and we told her we believed we wouldn't. The conversation had a sadder tone after that, and we sac there, thinking whether it would be better to ask Miss Magruder to withdraw while we disrobed and went home tn Highland costume, or whether we should give one terrific wrench and then ramble down the yard backward. About midnight Miss Magruder yawned, and said she believed she would go to bed. Then we suddenly asked her it she thought her father would have any objection to lending us his front steps for a few days, because we wanted to take them home for a pattern. We think Miss Magruder must have entertained doubts of our sanity, for she rushed in, called her father, and screamed. Magruder came down with a double-barrelled gun. Then we explained the situation in a whisper, and he procured a saw and cut out the piece of step to which we were attached. Then we went home wearing the patch, and before two o'clolk crushed out our young love for Miss Magruder. We never called again, and she threw herself away on a dry-goodsman. There is melancholy satisfaction in recalling these memories of youth, and reflecting upon the influence of glue upon the emotions of the human heart.


Scene-Wayside Northern hotel ; dramatis persone -a party of bicylists, several of whom had put up at this hostelry for the night a few weeks previously; time--morning, when about to settle bills.

Spokesman, for party ; "Why, how's this? You" have gone up 30 per cent. on the prices you gave us when we stopped here before !"
Hotel proprietor: "Yes, I know it ; I hadn't seen you feed then."

When is a man like frozen rain? When he is (hale.)
If a pig wanted to build a house, how would he set about it? Tie a knot in his tail, and call it a (pig'stye.)

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We all are coasting the hill of life,
We meet on our way much toil and strife ;
While smootly we glide, there's joy in our cup,
But the trouble, alas! is to drag our sleigh up.
On the hill of life there are many upsets,
And the sleigh drags harder to him who frets.


What is vinegar without a mother? It is orphan very poor.

Why is a balky horse like the capitol of Turkey ? He is Constant-in-no-pull.

Why is a man trying to kiss an Irish girl like a traveller ascending Mount Vesuvius? Because he is trying to get at the mouth of the (crater.)

What do cats have which no other animals have ? Kittens.

Why is a man taking a nap like a man reading a paper? He is enjoying his s-nooze.

Why are most young ladies like throwing sizes at dice? Because they are hard to shake.

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## Useful Recipes.

To Preserve Bouquets.--Put a little saltpetre in the water you use for your bouquets, and the flowers will live for a fortnight.
To Kill Cockroaches.-Mix equal parts red lead, Indian meal and molasses to a paste ; put it on iron plates and set it where they congregate.
How to Preserve Buttek.-First work out all the milk thoroughly, then salt with Rock Salt, according to taste, pack into Air-Tight Jars or Cans, and keep in a cool place. By observing the above rules you can keep butter fresh for years. Tie a bladder over the jar or can.

To Preserve Cider.--Add ten ounces of Sulphite of Lime to every barrel of Cider, mixing the Lime first with a little Cider, shake together well, or take one pound of White Mustard Seed, put it into a bag and hang it into the bunghole of the barrel ; it gives the Cider a pleasant spicy taste and arrests fermentation.

PoIson.-For dogwood or ivy poisoning the following is said to be an infallible remedy : Boil wood ashes enough to make a strong lye ; wash the poisoned part in this ; let it remain a few minutes and wash off in soft luke warm water; when dry anoint with grease. Repeat this process as the poison developes itself and one or two applications will cure the most obstinate case. $\qquad$
What is the most uncertain age? The sausage.
When is a mother patching her little Willie's pants tike a commercial transaction? When she gets her little Bill reseated.

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De sarmin dat I preach about desarves a tickler mention:
You ${ }^{\text {E d darkies }}$ wid dem jack-knives quit whittlin de定 5 . benches,
Don't fro sheep's eyes and peanut shucks at de nigger wenches,
And if yo sturb de meetin and giggle, snore or holler,
Your preacher he will bounce you-you can bet yer bottom dollar ;
An while I pound de Scriptur wid Apostolic knoks; Jes git your coppers ready fur de contrabution box,
I'll lucidate dis tex to you, deep from wisdom it is dug,
" Whar de ole hen scratches-dar she specs ter find a bug.'
When de wiley politition about de lection time
Am taffying de working man in languidge most sublime,
Wid a smile dats soff and bland an voice as smoove as oil,
He calls him nature's nobleman, horny handed son ob toil ;-
Button holes him, shakes his hand, his babies he will hug,
De ole hen dere am scratchin-an she specs ter find a bug.

When de merchant leabs his counter an his bright York shillin smile,
Wid long sanctimonious face he marches down de aisle;
He takes his seat in church, prays long wid Amen shout-
Hollers galory hallelujeram, jes mind what he's about, Annuder scoop ob sand to his sugar he will lug

When some ole maid ob forty summers, or sommers dar about,
Stuffs cotton round her skeleton ter make herself look stout,
Wid false hair and smile upon her brow,
And lots ob paint upon her face,
In a feller's fections she tries ter win a place;
She giggles and she simpers an a poodle dog she'll lug
"An whar de ole hen scratches-dar she specs ter find a bug."

De lawyer an de doctor, de preacher and de judge,
Will put on airs as wise as owls, but dat am only fudge,
De book an surance agent an de man wid lightnin rod,
Will be tickler frens wid ebery one until dey get der job;
An up an down froughout de lan der gripsack dey will tug,
"An whar de ole hen scratches-dar she specs ter find a bug."

You lazy Mokes dat never work,
But only rob some chicken roost ;
You'd better grab the whitewash brush
An gib yerselbs a boost-
You'd better quit your loafin,
Or you'll nebber hab a dime
Sabed up in yout ole weazles
Fur de water million time.
De quire will now arise an sing
Please sing a leetle fasser,
An Deacon Jones you jess wake up
An pass around de sasser ;
Your belubbed pasture now perspires,
Dat sarmin made him tug.
"And whar de ole hen scratches-dar she specs ter find a bug."

## Let Everybody Read This !

Drunkenness expels reason, distempers the body, diminishes strength, inflames the blood; causes internal, external, eternal incurable wounds, is a witch to the senses, a demon to the soul, a thief to the purse, a guide to beggary, lechery, and villiany. It is the wife's woe, and the children's sorrow. Makes a man wallow worse than a beast and act like a fool.

He is a self murderer, who drinks to another's good health, and robs himself of his own.

## Luck and Labor.

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Luck lies in bed and wishes the postman would come and bring him the news of a legacy.

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crushed with littleness. Little wonder that he is a bald-headed care-worn looking man. Even though all his trials have been little ones.

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Why is a lover's heart like a sea serpent ? Because it is a secreter of great sighs.

## Slightly Mixed.


#### Abstract

"I'm a whoopin' old gorilla fronı DeKalb county," he proclaimed to the awe-stricken pedestrians, as he made a clean sweep of Whitehall and Alabama streets, " an' when thar's a muss spected, ye can count on this roarin' ole brinstone chawer to do his an' a dozen other galoots' shar of fitin'." All day he promenaded the thoroughfares, trying to raise a rumpus with some one, and trying to raise the hair off of his head with "crooked water." Just as the shades of night were drawing the curtain of darkness about the city, says the Atlanta Constitution, he paused in front of a lamp-post, and after eyeing the light a few moments, incoherently asked if the prescription clerk was in. Wazzer mazher wi' ye?" he growled, as no reply came to his query, "donsh yer know Ish shick'n need 'tenshun?" No answer was elicited by this piteous appeal, and the exasperated hero determined to "tar ther durned thing all ter pieces."

With a wild yell, he made a terrific onslaught, and to his surprise, landed on the other side of the street. "Well, I shwar," he muttered, gazing back toward the lamp-post and rubbing his bruised body anxiously, "reckon better lem 'lone 'n zat drug sthore ; 'cause man wha' can jerk me in fronsh door 'n fling me out back door zat quick ain't to be fooled with."


Why is it wrong to sit in the free seats at church ? Because you learn to be good for nothing.

Why is a coquette like Cupid? Because she keeps her (beau) in a quiver.

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## The Dude.

by h. C. dodge.
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this dude so besets B is his billiards, bills, bouquets, and bets $\underset{\text { cheek, }}{\text { C }}$ is his cheek, cigarette, cane
and collar,
D is his drinks and collar, D is his drinks on another man's dollar $\underset{\text { English eye glass and }}{\mathrm{E}}$ is his the English airs, $\mathbf{F}$ is the free lunch that he never
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whom he will not endorse
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tired out quite, $Z$ is the zigzag he walks when
he's tight.

## Pocket Piece

Keep good company or none. Never be idle. If your hands cannot be usefully employed, attend to the cultivation of your mind. Always speak the truth. Make few promises. Live up to your engogements. Keep your own secrets, if you have any. When you speak to a person, look him in the face. Good company and good conversation are the very sinews of virtue. Good character is above all thinge else. Your character cannot be essentially injured except by your own acts. If any one speaks evil of you let your life be so that none will believe him. Drink no kind of intoxicating liquors. Ever live (misfortunes expected) within your income. When you retire to bed, think over what you have been doing during the day. Make no haste to be rich, if you would prsoper. Small and steady gains give competency with tranquility of mind. Never play at any game of chance. Avoid temptation; through fear you may not with. stand it. Earn money before you spend it. Never run into debt unless you see a way to get out of it again. Never borrow if you can possibly avoid it. Never speak evil of any one. Be just betore you are generous. Keep yourself innocent if you would be happy. Save when you are young to spend when you are old. Read over the above maxims at least once a week.

If man would walk in wisdom's ways,
Five things attend with care,
Of whom you speak, to whom you speak, And how, and when, and where.

## Short Summer Sermons

BY BROTHER GARDNER.
Brudder Amibad Cantilever, it am reported dat you am about to take unto yerself a wife. Dat de report am true your recent ackshuns am proof. You has bin seen pricin' second-hand stoves, squintin at fo' dollar bedroom sweets, an' ruslin' 'roun' arter bric-abrac. Marriage am nuffin you need be ashamed of, an' I reckon you kin depend on dis club to warm up de house fer you an' leave behind some hard-bottomed cheers an' a few articles of tinware.
Brudder Cantilever, marriage am a lottery or a dead sure thing-jist as you make it. If you git stuck on sight-fall in luv wid a gal fur her small feet, taperin' waist, dimpled chin or warblin' mouf, an' marry her off-hand at about twelve weeks notis, you neen't be astonished if dar am a dynamite 'sploshun afore you hav bin hitched a week. Small feet an' a good temper doan' allus go together. Slim waists an' kitchen economy may not work in de same harness. De gal who charms you by de way she drums de pianner may flatly refuse as a wife, to run dem same fingers ober de wash bo'd. Firstly, doan' get married until you know what you are bein' jined to. Study de gal. Let de feet go an' watch her temper. Let de bangs go an' watch her economy. Nebber you mind about de way she dimples her chin, but ax yerself if she'll make de bed wid de foot lower dan de head. You has got to do all de studyin'. Not one gal out of a thousand eber stops to size up a luver. If his Grecian nose or curley ha'r or droopin' mustache strikes her fancy she'll nebber stop to study his natur' nor to worry ober his habits. She is marryin' dat nose, or head or mustache. A month after marriage, when he hauls her aroun' by de hair an' slaps her dimpled jaw she's perfectly astonished to think she made sich a mistake.

Secondly, Brudder Cantilever, arter de knot has bin tied make up yer mind dat de fucher won't be all plain sailin'. You are gwine to be tried an' tested an' trubbled, an' you hev got to call up, all yer manhood. You will h'ar de saucer scrapin' de bottom of de flour bar'l when you haven't got a cent in yer pocket. De woodpile will run out in Jinuary an' de sugar an' bacon will seem to be carried off by de rats. If yer wife am eber so good natured she will hev her trials and tribulashuns, an' dar may be times when she'll riz up an' claw fur you. In de y'ars gone by my ole woman has rushed upon me wid de rolin'pin, an' I has retorted in a way to make her ears ache, but all de time I knowed she was savin' an' goodhearted, an' she knowed I'de empty my pockets of de las' shillin' to buy her a new set of false frizzes. If you am suited to each odder an occashunal row in de fam'ly will prove a stickin'-plaster to hold you de clusser together. If you ain't suited-if you diskiver dat you hev struck a patch of Canada thistles an'can't sot still, an' if de odder party diskivers dat she has taken a tumble of de monument of Romance an brought up with a thud in de mud-hole of Reality, you jist absquatulate apart. Go quietly an' decently an' git onhitched by divorce, an' let de wisdom gained by experience stan' at yer right hand when ye make anoder choice. Brudder Cantilever, my feelins an' de feelins of dis club am wid ye, an' our good wishes, together wid at least $\$ 2$ wurth of tinware, kin be counted on whenever de fatal occashun arroves.

When a girl is kissed by her lover, what newspapers would she mention? No Guardian, no Spectator, no Observer, but as many Times as yout please.

Why do white sheep eat more than black ones? There are more of them.

Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star.
BY O. P. DILDOCK.
Twinkle, twinkle little star, Up among the nebular;
How I wonder all the same, Where you were before you cal ?
You are singing, are you not, When the blazing sun is sot ? Tell me truly, is it right, To be on the blaze all night?
I do not know who you are, Though your face seems famil-yer, Nameless little globe of fire, Twinkle, twinkle little stire.

How you snicker in the summer ${ }^{*}$ At the ice man and the plumber, And the dealer in stove coal,
How you wink one eye and smole.
Ah ! how mischievously you grin At the midnight squalling twin.
Who with its daddy walks the floor ;
Twinkle, twinkle little store.
Yes you twinkle all you can
At the poor old married man,
Bald headed snatched by mother-in-law, Twinkle, twinkle little star.
When you are blinking with one eye,
At the man with too much rye ;
Like his tangled legs so queer,
Twinkle, twinkle little steer.
Then you shine in balmy June,
While lovers on he door step spoon ;
As he sits up cher ar to her,
Twinkle, twink.. little stuer.
When the swift toboggans dash,
Then I know you'r on the mash,
Or when on the gliding skate,
You are sure to $\sin$ till late.
But when Biddy in the kitching, Smiles on Patrick so bewitching; Let them have their little spark, Do not twinkle, keep it dark.


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The slightest technicality or flaw, will in law break a man's will. A woman's will is never broken.

A postage stamp has generally been supposed to be of the mail gender, but some insist that is a fee-mail. We insist that it is a male. be cause it won't go out without having some licker, by gum !

Who ever heard oysters whoop? But they do, for we've seen 'em- 'Kaw!'

Change is the eternal law of nature, but it takes an eternal shange out of some natures.

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The Small Boy.


We are familiar with one form or another of this interesting youth. The time has been when we were thrilled with a wild desire to slay him in cold blood. He is always popping up in unexpected places at unexpected times. His mission on earth seems to be the mortification of his parents, older brothers and sisters, and friends. And never was mission more faithfully performed. His keenest delight is in "giving somebody away." It is joy to him to inform sister Mary Jane's beau in Mary Jane's very presence that her four front teeth are false.

I have even know him so dead to all sense of family pride as to enter into a detailed description of and make agonizing references to the price of her back hair. He likes to terrorize his mother by asking her "whose spoons those are" when she is giving a "high tea." He is always on hand when the Minister call's, and makes himself generally useful in a giggling, grinning way during the prayers customary on such oscasions. His every word fills his parents with fear. They know the appalling disclosures he can make if he will and he generally wills. His big brother loves to meet the small boy when-when he the big brother-is out for the first time with a girl.

It is at this trying moment in big brother's life that the boy comes out strong with remarks about big brothers incipient moustache, and " maybe you think you're smart sparkin' that girl," you better git home 'fore 10 o'clock or pa'll lock you out and thrash you in the bargain." There is murder in big brother's heart at this moment, and there should be a statute providing for his freedom from punishment in case he carries out the desire of his soul against that boy. The small boy is good and ripe at about ten or twelve years of age. He has no heart, no soul, no feeling at this time. The exposure of sacred family secrets is his highest joy. He gives the delighted neighbourhood full particulars of the last row between pa and ma, He is a blot on the family escutcheon, a thorn in the family side.

What is better than presence of mind in an accident? Absence of body.

## What Did the Privates Do?

Our dailies teem with daring deeds, And books are filled with fame ; Brass bands will play and cannons roar In honor of the name
Of men who held commissions and
Were honest, brave and true,
But still the question comes to me,
What did the privates do?
Who were the men to guard the camp When foes were hovering round ?
Who dug the graves of comrades dear? Who laid them in the ground?
Who sent the dying message home
To those he never knew?
If officers did all this, What did the privates do ?
Who were the men to fill the place Of comrades slain in strife?
Who were the men to risk their own To save a comrade's life ?
Who was it lived on salted pork And bread too hard to chew ?
If officers did this alone What did the privates do?
Who laid in pits on rainy nights All eager for the fray?
Who marched beneath the scorching sun Through many a toilsome day ?
Who paid the sutler double price And scanty rations drew ?
If officers get all the praise Then, what did privates do?

All honor to the brave old boys Who rallied at the call!
Without regard to name or rank We honor one and all.
They're passing over, one by one, And soon tbey'll all be gone
To where the books will surely show Just what the privates done.

Story of Midhat Pasha and the Assassins. When Midhat Pasha was vali, or governor of the vilayet of Rustchuk, he had numerous political antagonists, one of whom engaged two assassins to murder him. These men went to Rustchuk for that purpose, but were followed by Wallachian spies in Midhat's employ, who informed him of the plot against his life. On their arrival at Rustchuk, the assassins were arrested, and on being brought before Midhat at first denied, but at length admitted, that they had been commissioned to kill him. He then asked them how much they were to be paid for assassinating him, and was informed that 25,000 piastres was the sum agreed upon. Midhat replied, "If you will kill the man who sent you I will give you 50,000 piastres." The men, who willingly consented to this proposal, were paid 25,000 piastres down, and were requested to return for the balance as soon as they had despatched their former employer. When, after doing so, the men returned to demand 25,000 piastres, they were asked if they had killed him, and on replying that they had, Midhat said, "These men have committed murderhang them;" whereupon both assassins were strangled.

What length had a ladies' skirts ought to be? A little above two feet.

Why are buckwheat cakes like a caterpiller? It's the grub that makes the butterfly.

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Judge and Counsel_-A barrister equally famous for his talent and his ugliness attacked his opponent in most violent fashion. The judge invited him to moderate his tone. Lawyer (resuming): "The wretch, however, wears his character stamped on his face; he is the ugliest man I know." Judge (with a smile of ineffable blandness) : "Counsel, you are forgetting yourself ! ! !"

## Mind Your Own Business

Meddlesome people are too plentiful for the comfort of quiet people. These meddlesome ones crowd the thoroughfares of our great cities; they insinuate themselves into the seclusion of our homes ; they perambulate the country at large. They are as the lice of Egypt, and more impudent and industrious in prying into other people's affairs. Mr. Spurgeon draws the following caustic portrait of the class. If some of the members would look at the picture it might be a sort of mirror which would reduce their impertinence, though there is no no hope of apermanent cure :-
" How came you to have such a short nose ?" asked "How came you to have such a short nose?" asked
a city dandy of a country boy. "So that I could not a city dandy of a country boy. "So that I could not be poking into other peoples business,' was the reply. There are several who ought to join the "Anti-poke-your-nose-into-other-people's-business-society." The nasal organs which adorn (?) the faces of some folk remind us of the manufacturer who met with an accident in which his nose received an ugly scratch. Having no court plaster at hand he stuck on the injured organ one of his gummed labels bearing the usual inscription, "Guaranteed length, three hundred and fifty yards. This was surely a mistake; but there are noses about which would seem to be of any length when the question is as to their power to poke into the longest rat-hole. Paul Pry is a leading member of this family, and we fear he bears a charmed life, after the manner of the Wandering Jew. It has been well said that there are two reasons why some people don't mind there own business ; one is that they haven't any business; and the other is that they haven't any mind.
"At the least sign of prying, cautious people draw back, unless they want their private affairs to be advertised. When people begin to tell you all about your neighbors, it will be wise to keep your mouth shut, for these same folks will soon be telling the neighbors all about you. Dogs that fetch will carry. Never pour precious liquor into leakeng vessels, nor tell your private tales to common informers. Bad name that! We beg the tattlers pardon, we mean common chatterboxes.
"These meddlesome people are a curse to society ; for they invent and misrepresent, and exaggerate, and insinuate till they seperate true friends, and cause heartburns and jealousies. Oh, for the race of people with salted tongues, who would be silent sooner than speak evil of their fellows !"
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He's a tireless searcher for all kinds of virtue, like the author and scribe of this poem ;
He don't play the fiddle, part his hair in the middle, nor dress like an Anglican dude.
When he goes to a party with Meigs or McCarty he never is noisy and rude ;
He lives in frugality and sweet conjugality, and wants pie but two times a day ;
He never eats onions nor treads on your bunions, nor growls when you get in his way ;
He's wise and he's witty, presevering and gritty, and has a magnificent head;
He's all light and sweetness, he's thorough completeness, he's perfection, in short-but he's dead!

## A Psalm of Life

There be but little in life to live for. The world is a hollow mockery, full of troubles, trials and bad piano players.
We go forth in the morning full of hope, and come home at night full of bad whisky.
We dabble in politics and bet all our wealth on the leading men, and the other fellow getteth elected and we are left to mourn.
We run for office, and our friends manage for us, and spend our money, and behold we cometh out badly scooped and crushed financially.

We marry for wealth, and our girl's ofd man assigns.
We deny ourselves many things in order to lay up some cash in the bank, and the cashier fleeth the States. And in an evil hour when we dream not of it, the merchant presenteth a bill for our wife's new bonnet, and the farm and stock goeth under mortgage to pay it.

Woe unto man ! Of how little consequence is his joy.

In infancy he is full of colic and catnip, and in youth he goeth about with a thern in his heel.

In the evening of life he lieth down full of rheumatism, aches and antibilious pills.
The places that once knew him know him now only by the promisory notes and accounts he has left unpaid. And this is the end of man.

In youth he dances into the ring eager to knock somebody out, but the first thing he knoweth he is ornamented with a black eye.

He cometh forth in fine raiment and standing collar, and at noon time he goeth about with one suspender and with the seat of his pants patched with an old sock.

He carrieth a torch in the procession, and whoopeth it up for his party, and behold the man who staid at home is appointed to office.
Such is the career of men.
"Lol in an hour when he dreameth not of it, a breechy mule kicketh him athwart the center, and he dieth.

## A Little World.

Within the Metropolian Police District of London, there are 687 square miles, and about $4,900,000$ inhabitants. It contains more Roman Catholics than Rome itselt, more Jews than the whole of Palestine, more Irish than Dublin, more Scotchmen than Edinburgh, and more Welshmen than Cardiff. It has 1,000 ships and 9,000 sailors in its port every day. It has a birth every four minutes, a death every six minutes, and in its 7,000 miles of streets more accidents every day than occurs on all the oceans put together. It opens an average of twenty eight miles of new streets, and builds 9,000 new houses every year. It has over 200,000 habitual criminals. Its beer shops and gin houses, if placed continuously side by side, would extend a distance of seventy five miles. Its influence wlth all parts of the world is represented by an annual delivery in its postal districts of 250,000 , ooo letters.

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> Physic beats faith cure, be- cause it has the inside track.

When a couple is about to elope, the yong man asks: elope, the yong man asks:
"Does your mother know "Does your
" Was Rome founded by Romeo ?" inquired a pupil of a teacher." "No my son." replied the wise man.
was Juliet who was found dead by Romeo."

An Oregon girl's kiss can only be compared to falling in a mud hole. So much mouth that you might as well open the door and kiss the cold, clammy night air.

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## Hang up the Baby's Stocking.

Hang up the baby's stocking; Be sure you don't forget-
The dear little dimpled darling ! She ne'er saw Christmas yet ;
But I've told her all about it, And she opened her big blue eyes,
And I'm sure she understands it, She looked so funny and wise.
Dear ! what a tiny stocking ! It doesn't take much to hold
Such little pink toes as baby's Away from the frost and cold.
But then, for the baby's Christmas It will never do at all ;
Why, Santa wouldn't be looking For anything half so small !
I know what we'll do for the babyI've thought of the very best plan,
I'll borrow a stocking of grandnia, The longest that ever I can ;
And you'll hang it by mine, dear mother, Right here in the corner, so,
And write a letter to Santa, And fasten it on to the toe.
Write, "This is the baby's stocking That hangs in ihe corner here ;
You never have seen her, Santa, For she only came this year;
But she's just the blessedest baby, And now, before you go,
Just cram her stocking with goodies, From the top clean down to the toe."
"John," she said, to the young man who had been courting her for five long years, "John, I sat for my photograph to-day, I suppose you want one?" "Oh, yes, indeed." "By the way, John, I had them taken especially for some friends in Scotland, and they want my autograph on the cards. Now, John, I don't know whether to sign my maiden name or wait a few months until after I am married. I suppose you do intend to get married in a few months, don't you, John?" It was a desperate move, but she won, and in two months both will be made one.

At the Fair.- "This way, gentlemen, to the American dwarf, to be seen only through a hundredfold magnifying glass ; totally invisible to the naked eye!"
How it Happened.-" If you are a quiet, honest citizen," said the magistrate, "How did these skeleton keys and brass knuckle-dusters happen to be in your coat pockets?" "I reckon, your Honor, me and the policeman must have changed coats in the scuffle We was very much excited."
When was England to be bought cheapest? When. King Richard oflered his kingdom for a horse.
How would you prove that a horse has six legs ? He has fore legs in front and two behind.
What game besides leap frog do frogs play at ? Croak-a.

What game does a ladies bustle resemble? Backgammon.

Why should girls like a north-east wind? Because it brings the chaps to their lips.
Why is kissing your girl like eating soup with a fork ? Because it takes a long time to get enough.

## Dunder's Experience.

"You know my poy Shake?" queried Mr. Dander, as he looked over the desk at the Central Station yesterday. "Why, I have heard you speak of him now and then," replied the Sergeant. "Shake vhas an awful shmart poy; He goes alone from Detroit to Chicago, und doan' haf his pocket picked, und he subscribes mit der Bolice Gazette, und keeps posted on all der latest styles, Did somepody come here to make complaint on me?" "Not that I know of." " Vhell, mebbe dot poy Shake he doan' fool me again. A few days ago he says he reads in his paper dot it whas all der rage to holdt fowl conwentions. All der beoples who vhas inwited to be present must pring a rooster along und shpeak aboudt him. In dot vhay eaferpody knows der best breed of fowls, und nopody gets shtuck on oldt hens." "I see." "Dot looks all right to me, und I tells Shake eef he likes to holdt some conwention in der barn I vhas agreeable. He works hardt for two days to make ready, und last night dot party comes off. I see more ash feefteen beoples come aroundt mit shickens in baskets, und Shake comes to me und says: 'Fadder, you vhas an oldt man. You doan' care for shickens like I do, und it vhas petter dot you go to bedt early. Maybe dis conwention doan' preak up py midnight.' Vhell, I dunno. I like to hear if somepody has hens dot lays eggs py night und on Sundays. Undt so I walk aroundt for a while und by und by go mit der parn. I look in py der cracks, and eafeybody vhas excited. I vhas going to creep in, vhen some bolicemans rush oop der alley und shump into der parn, und der conwention adjourns like some grease. Eight roosters vhas left pehind, und a fat boliceman mit a redt face grabs me und yells out; 'You vhas a nice man to haf some cock-fighting mit your parn ! To-morrow you look oudt for some Police Court !' I toldt him it
vhas a fowl conwention, after der latest shtyle, und he shakes his fist at me und says I shall get three months in der shug. I look aroundt for Shake, but he goes down to his uncle's "in Springwells. Sergeant?" "Well." "Vhas I too plame?" "I don't see it," "Dot's how I feel. If dot Bolice Gasette says it vhas all right to hold some fowl conwention, how vhas Shake too plame? If Shake tell me dot he likes to find oudt aboudt hens, how vhas I too plame? I vhas going home. If some bolicemen comes aroundt und bluffs me again, I shall know my gait. I vhas headquarters for two campaign clubs last year, und I pays taxes in two wards. Nopody mit brass buttons on him must walk in my door und tell me dot shentlemens can't come to my parn to spheak aboudt hens !"

## Weather Wisdom.

A prominent attorney, of Philadelphia, claims that the weather invariably repeats itself, and gives the following as the result of his observations:

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Those ending in I have a late spring.
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" Do you know, Jones, if Johnston uses tobacco in any form ?" Jones- "Well, I got a whiff of his cigar this morning, and judging from the smell of that, I should say that he does not."
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## MOON＇S PHASES．

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A clergyman was telling a marvellous story，when his little girl said：＂Now pa，is that true，or is it only preach－ ing $?^{*}$

No matter how desperate your case，if you have plenty of money your lawyer wifl assure you that success is quite feasible．

We never should sit down and say－
＂There＇s nothing left but ve sorrow．
We tread the wildernes to－ day，
The promis＇d land to－morrow．
－＂Habit＂is hard to over－ come，If you take off the first etter it does not change＂ s bit．＂If you take off another you have a＂bit＂left，If you take of another the whole of＂it＂remains．If you re move another it is not＂re． move another up．All of totally used up．All of which goes to show that if you wish to be rid of a it it off habit you
altogether．

A good wife never grambles， A good horse never stumbles， A good child never tumbles， A good cart rever rumbles，
A good preacher never mum－ bles，
Good yarn never jumbles，
Honest work never humbles．

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"Philander," said a pretty girl to her bashful beau, "I wish you'd tie this ribbon at my throat ; I can't see how to do it without a glass,"
"Of course, I'll only be too glad to," he said, and at once grappled the strings.
After an unsuccessful effort of five minutes, during which he got as red as a brick house, he stammered :-
" I-I - don't think I can tie a respectable knot, Miss Mary."
"Suppose, Philander," she whispered, with a pretty little blush, "Suppose you call in a clergyman to assist."
Like the unveiling of a beautiful mystery, the situation unfolded itself to Philander, and he feels better now.

## Useful Recipes.

To Remove Ink Spots and Iron Mould From Clothing, Stains Uponthe Hands, Etc.-Powdered Oxalic Acid, 1 ounce, Cream of Tartar, 4 ounces. Mix. Wet the finger, dip into the powder and rub the spot gently until the stain disappears, then wash with clean water and dry. Great caution must be used to keep the powder from children, as it is very poisonous.

What roof covers the most noisy tenant ? The roof of your mouth.

Place three sixes together so as to make seven. Six and six-sixths.

On which side of a donkey would you look for the most hair? On the outside.

What is the most difficult surgical opperation? Taking the jaw out of a woman.

Why is blind man's buff like sympathy ? Because it is a fellow feeling for another.
What is the difference between a new dime and a rusty cent? Nine cents difference.

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## Asking Papa.

A young man who had formed an attachment for a yourg lady, went to her father's house to ask his consent to their union. The old gentleman, who was terribly deaf, was standing on the doorstep as his daughter'slover approached. Thefront door commanded a view of a meadow on which a cow was feeding, and while Mr. C. was looking in that direction, the youthfui lover, whose heart was overflowing with emotion, commenced the task he had come to perform.
"I am acquainted with your daughter," said he in a loud tene.
", She is a fine beast," remarked the old gentleman, looking at the cow.
"Your daughter," screamed the young man. "I have the honor to be well acquainted with her."
"She is a noble animal," was the quiet response.
"I was speaking about your amiable and accomplished daughter, sir."
"She is very kind indeed; never breaks down fences ; never kicks over the pail when she's milked; never" strays away like the other brutes I have."
"You don't understand me, sir. I was speaking of your daughter at boarding sehool."
"No, I never put a board on her face ; she never does any mischief here at all.
"Your daughter !" shouted the young man, frantic with excitement.
"Did you say I ought to?"
" No, sir ! I was speaking of your daughter-the young lady away from home."
"Oh, yes ; I have plenty of room, but I think she is too old to keep much longer. To tell you the truth, I have made up my mind to shut her up in the stable
and feed her on chop stuff for a few weeks."
"Great heavens!" remarked the young man to himself. "What shall I do ? This deafness will be the death of me."
" I should like to say a word to you respecting your daughter."
"I shall let the butcher have her by and by-if he will give me my price," said the old man with emphasis.

As a last resort the young man used pencil and paper-showed the letters of introduction, handsomely endorsed by men whose opinion was good authority on the question on the tapis, and secured the old man's attention. After a little cross-questioning and a little hesitation, the old gentleman gave his consent, and when the parties were married, he declared it was the best haul he had made in all his life.

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