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(more or less) since George Washington  
smote the cherry trees with hiz little ax:

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The mule iz a stubborn fakt.

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the bath-tub full, and have a reputashun,  
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but universal, and forever more.

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N.B.—Buy yure Perfumery of  
**CASWELL, HAZARD & CO.,**  
but buy yure bread whareever yu please.

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*HARK!*

If yu dont mean bizzness, mi boy,  
beware of the widders.

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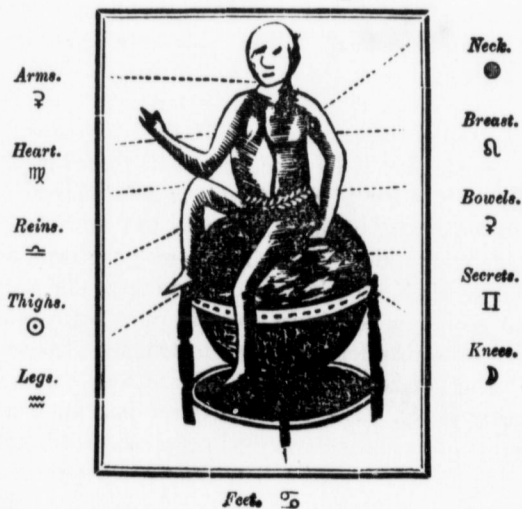
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The grate twelve original sighns in  
the Billings Allminax.

Head and Face. 𐌹



Stranger ! wouldst thou kno whar the  
sighn iz ?

Lo, and behold ! " thou paze thy munny,  
and thou takest thine choice."

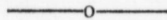
### THE BOOK CANVASSER.

The book canvasser iz a red hot being, az untiring az a fox hound, and az free from diffidence az a fish pedlar. He works hiz way into every spot in kreashun, and will often sell a book to a man, for hiz own price, who swore at first that he wouldn't take it az a gift. He will travel more miles in a day, on less hash, than a stage horse and kan stand more abuse than a chinamen. The book canvasser haz bekum the terror of the land, and mankind hide from him az they would from the taxgatherer, or a case ov the small pox. I rather like the book canvasser, when a man pitches into me, and offers to sell me 650 pages ov "*Doktor John Hirsute's modified diagnosis ov the cappilliary attrakshun,*" and stiks to it untill he gits the book onto me, i am delighted with the man, and proud ov miself. It takes genius to do these things, and i luv genius in all shapes, whether it appears az the author ov a dikshionary, or the pattentee of bar soap, warrented to take the letterings off from a mile stone in three washings. The book canvasser haz mi hottest prayers for hiz sukcess, and tho i never ov late subskribe for anny thing, not even to buy the new klergyman an independant seckond hand trotting kronometer, still i am allwus reddy to reckomend him to mi nabors.

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### SLUNG SHOT.

"*Throw fisick to the dogs,*" is a very old proverb, but whare will yu find the dog that will tutch it ?



Experience teaches us mutch, but learns us little.

*.PREVAILING SENTIMENTS OV  
THE PRESS.*

Josh Billings still livs, and his Allminax for 1877 iz full  
ov joy for the sad, and rest for the weary.

*Atlantik Monthly.*

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How natural, how happy, how concise, how forcible,  
it is, Josh Billings' Allminax for 1877.

*Appleton's Journal.*

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Welcome, sweet morsel of delight, ever funny, and  
ever profound, Josh Billings' Farmer's Allminax for the  
current year.

*Harper's Bazaar.*

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Bully for you, Josh, hit 'em agin, slay, and spare not ;  
may you outlive Methuseler, and not haul in your gang  
plank until Gabriel cries, "All a board."

*Springfield Republican.*

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Aroma of lovelyness, perfume of joy, essence of til-  
tilation, breath of beauty, seance of bliss, Josh Billings'  
Allminax for 1877.

*Lady's Book.*

### *THE CHIPMUNK.*

The chipmunk iz the smallest of the squirrell tribe. They are striped goods, having three blak lines wove into them, running the same way the squirrell duz. Az a spekulator in corn the chipmunk stands at the hed ov all the small operators, beating the blujay, in hiz yearly operashuns, about a quart. The chipmunk carrys hiz corn in hiz mouth, and when he cums out ov a cornfield loaded with the cereal, his cheeks stik out like a dach baby's. Sumtimes the chipmunk iz kaught and kept in a cage, and iz made to turn a wheel for a living, this iz the only usefull work they hav ever been known to do. I hav often lookt at them at work in their wheels, and dont kno which i pity the most, the chipmunk, or the party who has to tend them, both of them mite be in better bizzness. They are the only insekt who dig their holes and sho no pile ov dirt at the entrance. I hav asked sevrал smart men what bekums ov the dirt, but they all shook their heds and lookt awfull wize. When i waz a boy i used to ketch chipmunks bi running away from skool, and the day that I brought in two ov them waz a big day for me.

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### *CRUMBS.*

The devil iz a very cunning phellow, but the blunders he makes allwuss eats up the proffits in hiz bizzness.

—o—

A dandy iz an individul whoze usephullness in this world depends entirely upon the fit ov his clothes.

Q.—How iz yure mother  
in-law?



*Hawk eyed, and spileing for a fight,  
If enny one thinks they kan lick him,  
Just let them put up the spondulicks,  
And trot out the other game chicken;*

A.—Pretty well i thank yu,  
how iz yores?

Day	Day of Week	Items.
1	M	♂ Now dig ice
2	T	♂ kold ( but
3	W	raw ♀ ♀ meazles
4	T	discovered 1312
5	F	♂ * snowfull * ♀
6	S	Adam fell ( hard
7	G	♂ wind north (
8	M	♂ Enok Jones d.
9	T	♂ 1102 — more
10	W	snow ( Enok (
11	T	♂ Jones was a free
12	F	lover* * sighns (
13	S	ov melting ( (
14	G	destroy sum — (
15	M	hogs † it rains (
16	T	♂ litening ♂ bugs
17	W	fust seen 956 * (1)
18	T	♂ inkrasing snow
19	F	( mermonism (
20	S	invented 1832 (1) †
21	G	♂ snow 4 feet
22	M	deep † now the (
23	T	[♀] muskeeter †
24	W	lies ( ( dream'g
25	T	♂ cold ♀ ( ♀
26	F	morely ( (
27	S	♂ now — the
28	G	( ♂ kat ♂ (
29	M	huggeth the ( (
30	T	— ( — ( stove
31	W	

PETS.

A man with much welth, and no pedigree, should do az the bob tailed kats do, set down on himself, and keep still.

Tricks upon travellers are all-wuss dangerous experimets, i hav known a ded hornet to wake up sudden, and sting just once more.

Familiarity iz a dangerous experimnet, the most familiar thing in the whole world iz a puppy, and the oftenest stept on.

This is my plan,—to beleave all things that i hear, but to put mi faith, and munny, in but few.



### SUM ABRUPT LETTERS.

*Dear Bob*—The most disgusting kriter to me, in the whole ov the United States of Amerika, iz an overgrown boy, ov about fifteen summers, who haz bekum the terror ov the whole family, and spends hiz spare time hammering the cow, and stirring up the pig, and chickens. If the father, or father-in-law, ov one ov these youths, will lend him to me, if i doat civilize him, or kill him in ninety days, i will agree to forfit 50 dollars, and the cloth for a new alpaka dress.

P.S.—Send on the boy at once, at mi expense, i am just now out ov a job—J.B.

—o—  
*Dear Steve*.—It iz hard work to be in luv and not akt phoolish, but luv iz the only thing i kno ov that makes pholly excusable. Luv haz made sum kind ov a phool ov every man it haz attacked since the days ov Adam, and it made the biggest kind ov a phool ov him. Wisdom, and ambichun iz no protekshun aginst the disseaze, for Soloman evaporated before it like the dew before the morning sun, and even good old David wilted like the hewn grass.

—o—  
*Dear Hank*.—When yu strike ile pull out yure auger at onst, and begin to barrell the ile, menny a man haz kept on until he bored klean thru and sum other phellow kaught the grease at the bottom.

### BULBS.

Ministers often point out to us, poor sinners, the strate and narrow gauge, az the only way to git to heaven, while they hav got a private turnpike ov their own that 2.40 kan be made on.

—o—  
Waiting to be whipt iz the most uninteresting period in boyhood life.

Q.—What iz the smartest thing  
that a mau kan do ?



An ugly lump is the Tarrier Bull,  
For fighting alkawuss raddy,  
With Mike O'Rourke he travels,  
And his name iz one eyed Teddy.

A.—To drink pepper ass.

?	?	Items.
1	T	The kold — —
2	F	chatters — Bill
3	S	Comstock deceased
4	G	!! 1746 ⊙ sigh ov
5	M	snow ∅ Bill ⊙
6	T	Comstock died ov
7	W	⊥ a broken heart
8	T	more koldful □
9	F	Bill Comstock †
10	S	tried to lift a ⊙
11	G	ton * kolder † but
12	M	couldn't — snow
13	T	≅ falls ⊥ sun in
14	W	apogee ⊕ bitter
15	T	kold ≅ rats are
16	F	skarse § it storms
17	S	C:h:r:i:s:t:o:p:h:e:r
18	G	Columbus ™ †
19	M	⌘ discovered □
20	T	Amerika*koldness
21	W	waxes \$~\$ now
22	F	2f    the    □
23	T	bull frog ™ holds
24	S	● his tung ∅
25	G	snow rages † Sam
26	M	:  : Patch died   \$
27	T	poor * 1837 * √3
28	W	

VAGRANTS.

Life aint mutch more than a farce enny how, but it iz quite necessary that the play should go on, and the farce be well akcted.

The man whoze ambishun iz simply to liv, iz of no more importanse in this world, than an extra rat iz.

If Adam and Eve had remained in the garden ov Eden untill to day, they would hav simply been two fat, overgrown babys.

The gratest cumfort i hav seen in marrid life waz whare one ov the partys wanted everything their own way, and the other party waz willing they should hav it.

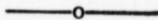
### *THE ALLIGATOR.*

The alligator iz an original kriter, a chip of the old block, and az ugly to kontemplate az a congo darkey. They are residents ov Florida, and gro 12 feet, and nine inches and then halt. Their teeth are all tushes, and their mouth iz az full ov them az a buzz saw iz. Their eyes are sot up, and down, in their hed like a chinamans, and they have an appetight equal to 18 distrikt skool masters. They are the krokerdiles of America, and lay eggs az eazy az a hen duz, but dont kackle when they cum oph from the nest. They are grate cowards but aint afrade ov yung pork, or little darkeys, and kan eat all the time, or go without eating, az long az a gold fish kan. The alligator waz made for sum usefull purpose, but like the muskeeter, the bedbugg, and the kokroach, their usefullness haz been karephully hid from us. Yu kan shoot a hundred alligators a day on the St. Johns river, but you kant bag one, and thare aint enny more game in them, than thare iz in a rotten log. They are long lived, and liv, if mi memory serves me right, 4 thousand years, and their grate strength lays in their tails. They hiss when they are angry like a tea kittle, and want az mutch room to turn round in az a fore and aft skooner.

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### *DEW DROPS.*

I hav known whiskey to make a man generous, but when he got sober agin, he would git square with himself, bi being meaner than ever.



The man who iz rekless ov hiz life holds it at just about its market value.

Q.—What are the 2 luxuries  
ov life?



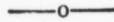
*Darwin sez, we hail from the munky,  
And Darwin knows all about this thing,  
But while i respekt mi poov relashuns,  
From whitich, pray tell me, did the munky spring.*

A.—Eazy boots and a snug  
conscience. M =

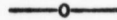
⊙	h	Items.
1	T	It blows ♀ ♀
2	F	□ Robert Burns
3	S	wrote poetry (M)
4	G	⊂ more wind ×
5	M	† Fulton was * a
6	T	♂ steambote ⊙
7	W	♂ † Capting
8	T	— wind travels —
9	F	around loose □ §
10	S	⊗    now set hens
11	G	□ kold and raw †
12	A	kongress sits*more
13	T	⊗ windy ⚡ Bob
14	W	Fletcher loved ♂
15	T	not ≡ wisely but
16	F	too well ⊂ Bob
17	S	⊙ Fletcher loved
18	G	whiskey ♀ wind
19	M	Easty*Bonaparte
20	T	♂ was a † ♂
21	W	⊗ Frenchman ÷
22	T	⚡ rain M with
23	F	⊙ w-i-n-d ⊙
24	S	♀ buty ~~~~~ is
25	G	short lived    ⊗
26	M	⊂ it blows † ⊗
27	T	⊙ ≡ ⊗ now
28	W	⊙ twitch teeth ⊂
29	T	more × ♂ ♀
30	F	♀ ⊂ wind ♀
31	S	

NUTMEGS.

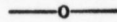
Enny man kan beat me out ov  
mi munny, and mi opinyuns, eazy  
enuff, but no man kan beat me out  
ov mi faith.



One ov the most unhappy kriter  
ters in this world iz a neglected  
pet, they are wuss off than a  
vagrant.



The middle course iz the best,  
even a moderate deakon iz better  
than a red hot one.



Yung man, dont ask enny fa-  
vours, it iz better to hav the world  
owe yu 10 dollars, and finally git  
cheated out ov it, than to owe  
them one.

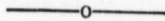
### *THE LOAFER.*

The loafer iz a thing who iz willing to be despized for the privilege ov abusing others. He occupys all grades in sosiety from the judge on the bench clear down to the ragged critter who leans against the lamp posts, and fites flies in August. He haz no pride that iz worthy, and no delikasy that enny boddy kan hurt. During his boyhood he kills kats, and robs all the hens nests in the naborhood. During hiz middle life he begs all the tobacco he uses, and drinks all the cheap whiskey he kan at sumboddy else's expense. During hiz old age he winters in the alms houses, and summers in the sugar hogsheds, and when he cums to die, he iz buried in a ditch, like an omnibuss horse, with hiz old shuze on. The loafer cares nothing for publik opinyun, and this alone, will make enny man a loafer. The loafer rather covets disgrase, and when a man gets az low down az this, he haz got as low down az he kan git in this world without digging. We hav no reliable ackount ov the fust loafer, and probably shant hav ov the last one, but in mi opinyun, they hav existed just about az long az man haz. If Cain want a loafer, pray what waz he?

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### *TIT BITS.*

Woman hav allwuss been more than a match for man. Adam held the best kards, but he didn't kno how to play them well.



There is one trate of the human karakter that the devil himself must envy, and that iz, the more we hav injured a man the more we despize him.

Q—Who fust struck ile ?



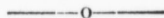
A.—Jonah.

*Long, lank, lean, and lemon colored,  
An orphan, without friends, or place,  
A target for every ones brik bat,  
The yaller dog runs a dusty race.*

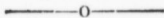
		Items.	BIRDLINGS.
1	G	* Pensive showers	<p>One of the most diskourageing features ov modern civilizashun, iz the average kuntry hotel.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">—o—</p>
2	M	♀ April Phool Π	
3	T	begot 896 Π Δ	
4	W	♂ † more wetness	
5	T	Babes in the ♀	
6	F	≡ woods ♂ lost	
7	S	1122 (‡) wind ≡	
8	G	south ♂ now the	
9	M	¶ frogs squeal	
10	T	§: some more ♀	
11	W	wetness Ω now	
12	T	investigate ☉ for	
13	F	hens eggs ☿ a	
14	S	Ω kloudless day	
15	G	Peter Bacon died	
16	M	1492 ♂ cool but	
17	T	♂ pretty ☿ Peter	
18	W	☉ * Pacon had no	
19	F	mother ≡ in law	<p>The most kritikal people to suit, are thoz who board at the alms houses.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">—o—</p>
20	S	wind veers northy	
21	G	( now the gentle	
22	M	Π kokroach ☿	
23	T	cometh *sum more	
24	F	♂ wet * Amos	
25	W	☉ Bostwick born	
26	T	1827 ☿ hard Ω	
27	S	showers ☉ Amos	
28	G	Bostwick had but	
29	M	♂ * one eye * ¶	<p>Thare may be sutch a thing az a man who haz stole once, and then quit, but i hay not the honor ov hiz acquaintanse.</p>
30	M		

### ARTIKLES OV FAITH.

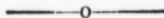
Heaven bless the stummuk ake, if it want for this, menny ov us deakons wouldn' t hav no good excuse for hot rum.



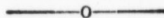
The saddest ov all sights sad in this world, iz a child with a broken spirit.



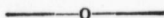
Man kant make cirkumstances, but he kan 'ake them bi the horns, insted ov the tale.



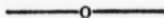
Dont parade yure sorrows before the world, but bury them az the dogs do their old bones, and then growl if enny boddy offers to dig them up.



Klubs are a place whare most people go to git rid ov themselves.



A trained child to me iz a kind ov horror, i like to see them rekless with innosense.



The boy who iz pikt out to be the genius ov the family is allwiss sure to be the biggest dohed in the whole lot.

Q.—What kind ov a pen do plagiarists use? V3



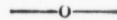
m A.—A steal pen. q

*Thou newel!—thou art mi horror,—  
Desaitfull, and dang'rous kriter,—  
As humbly as satan himself,  
And besides a pizon hitter.*

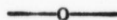
Q	P	Items.
1	T	Butiful ☉ May ☿
2	W	( now the † tud
3	T	murmurs ≅ soft
4	F	showers ♀ Kate
5	S	Sturgiss admitted
6	G	1842 ☐ ♀ Kate
7	M	Stuigis ☿ was a *
8	T	doktriss ☽ more
9	W	hazy* <sub>7</sub> ow prepare
10	T	☉ for arly lettiss
11	F	rain ☽ munny iz
12	S	♂ tite ~ brite and
13	G	klear (\$) Solaman
14	M	☿ § had wisdum §
15	T	klearing weather
16	W	now probe ☽ for
17	T	:(-): hoss radish
18	F	☉ sum more †
19	S	☿ sum more †
20	G	☿ ≅ rainness ☿
21	M	~ § Jabez Tucker
22	T	☿ obituated ☉
23	W	1776 —●— a †
24	T	☿ ☿ sweet day
25	F	Jabez fit = ♀
26	S	(~) and died ☽
27	G	☿ into the ☿
28	M	revolushun ☉ ☿
29	T	☉ ☿ more rain
30	W	now insert † ☿
31	T	△ onion seed ☉

SHADOWS.

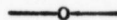
After a man has reached the hight ov hiz ambishun the fust thing he duz, iz to be disgusted with it.



It aint safe to endorse ennybody, we kant even tell ourselves what kind ov a man we shall be on the 25th day of next june.



I prefer the gravity ov the owl to the loquacity ov the magpie, it iz better to look wize, than to talk phoolish.



The cheapest and best way to convince a phool, is to agree with him.



### SHORT REPLYs.

*Dear Luke.*—I kant bear to see enny man strike a dog, i kno dogs are full ov fleas, but i kno they are full ov affeckshun too. I am very sad when i think that affeckshun iz no protekshun to man, nor kritter in this kold, and ironklad world. It would seem that a lamb ought to git along thru life more fluently than a hornet duz, but they duzzent, and i also notiss that the most suckcessful hornets are thoz who are built with a stinger on both ends ov them. I love the lambs, but respekt the hornets.

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*Dear Mose.*—All the humorist that i am acquainted with are sad, and sober kusses. I never knu a fust rate humorist who waz a good laffer, they are willing to make other people laff, but prefer themselves to stand by and look on. If Mark Twain should be kaught laffing, hiz friends would inmejatly put him to bed and send for hiz family physician. Nasby, the grate politikal satirist, waz never known to smile but once, and then he, and Pogram, were in the bak end ov the grosery at the cross-roads, but the cauze ov hiz mirth iz a profound sekret to this day. The best laffers i hav ever knu, ware thoz who laffit at their own jokes.

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### SPLINTERS.

If yu are determined to bet enny how, bet yure bottom dollar the fust time, and then go into sum more respectable bizzness.

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There are no weeds in this world that wilt so quick az the weeds ov the widower.

Q.—What iz yure favourite name for a boy?



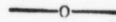
The poodle iz a frowsy bird,  
A hiding place for fleas, and vermin,  
Wimmin lug them round for pets,  
And call them "luv," and "duv," and "charming."

A.—George Washington, Lafayette, Napoleon, Ulysses Grant.

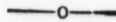
⊙	h	Items.
1	F	¶ Luvly moments
2	S	wind bammy D
3	G	june bugs are ☿
4	M	here ☽ very wet
5	T	Patience Burbank
6	W	∩ run away ●
7	T	1840 (Π) sun hot
8	F	≡ Patience fied
9	S	with = a pedlar §
10	G	Ω hot showers □
11	M	* the violet haz *
12	T	♀ cum ∪ gentle
13	W	softnes § prevails
14	T	£ now * jerk ≡
15	F	D lettiss † sum
16	S	wet h now pik §
17	G	the goose ≡ more
18	M	softness 2f fleas
19	T	discovered 1309 ‡
20	W	♀ hotness exists
21	T	expekt pak pedlars
22	F	≡ ¶ wind rizes ●
23	S	Π Sam Brewster
24	G	elekted constable
25	M	1865 ≡ signs of
26	T	droughth ¶ be kind
27	W	* to your mother
28	T	in law & very hot
29	F	aw-stik-in-beans
30	S	

POSTSKRIPTS.

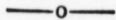
The man who iz eazily influenced and yet wont be advised, iz a dredphull hard kriter to steer.



Necessity iz the very best gift ov heaven, without it poor human natur would only be a herd ov loafers.



What a man gits for nothing, he iz very apt to value at just about what it kost.



Opportunitys are like birds, they will slip out ov yure hands if yu giv them haff a chance.

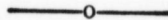
### *THE SPIDER.*

One ov the most ingenions, and hardest workers among the whole lot of little bugs in kreashun iz the common spider. They will do more work on a web, in six hours, than a man could do in his whole life time, and do a mutch better job into the bargin. Spiders are the meanest reptiles that hang around the footstool, for they are the only ones that i kan think ov now, that sets traps for their viktim. They are az mean az a man in this spekt. There iz no fun in a spider, he iz az lonesum az a mizer, he spends hiz whole life making webs, and watching them, and allways lays at the mouth ov hiz hole, reddy to back in out ov danger. A man will go out ov hiz way rather than step on a cricket, and would rather skare a fly than kill him, az sазy az he is, but he goes for a spider with both feet, and seems to feel melanolly if he happens to miss him. Spiders hav no friends in this world, and the reazon must be bekauze their natur is viscious, and cunning. These two traits will make even man an outlaw, and they akt just the same way on the spider. I dispize the spider, and aint afraid to tell him so.

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### *DREGS.*

Every man thinks he iz the principal bull frog in the puddle, and rather than argy the case, i am willing to think so too.



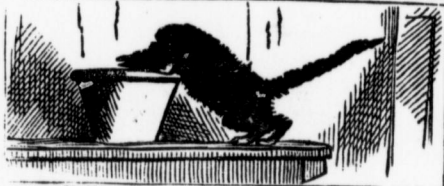
Mizery luv company but iz allwuss jealous,—there never waz a man yet but what thought hiz lame back was a good deal lamer than hiz nabors.

31 Days.

JULY.

1877.

Q.—What iz a mint Julep?



Full of cunning, and low deceit,  
With stolen cream, and chickens fat,  
Sweetly in dreams he lays at yure feet.  
Judas Iskariott, in shape of a kat.

A—A refuge for cheap  
whiskey.

⊙	Π	Items.
1	G	¶ Warm hotnes-
2	M	⌘ now the frog
3	T	sweats * thunder
4	W	≡ and litening †
5	T	~ Amos Jones ♀
6	F	⌘ sloped * 1839
7	S	south wind Π ¶
8	G	Amos waz a wood
9	M	sawyer § more hot
10	T	~ now borrow
11	W	⊙ umbrellers ☼
12	T	thunder § showers
13	F	let us hlv ~
14	S	peace*increasing
15	G	hotness † now pik
16	M	⊕ green corn ~
17	T	wind southly Π—
18	W	⌘ virtew iz its †
19	T	own reward *very
20	F	dusty § now inhale
21	S	juleps ♂ hot grows
22	G	Mary Walker ♀
23	M	* born    1840 ⌘
24	T	kloudy * Mary had
25	W	☼ a little ~ lam
26	T	cooler □ Job waz
27	F	(☼) a pashunt ☼
28	S	follow † very hot
29	G	~ now chew *
30	M	ice : ♀: go slow
31	T	

VAPOR.

The man who gits hiz edu-  
kashun from the daily papers, if  
he happens to miss one, haz lost  
all he iz going to kno for the next  
24 hours.

—○—

The hardest man to convince  
in an argument iz the one who  
alwuss sez "yes" to everything  
yu say.

—○—

I would rather a boy ov mine  
would be haff full ov deviltry,  
than chuck full gravity,—but i  
haint got enny boy yu know.

—○—

The road to ruin iz down hill,  
and McAdamized at that.

### *THE MILKSOP.*

The milksop iz a human being who has not the stamina ov a man, nor the weakness ov a woman. He iz a hibrid ov the nuter gender, without karakter enuff to make him respekted, or dispized; These kind ov pholks are inno-sent enuff if they are well watched, but they need az mutch watching az a blind baby duz. They occupy quarters about haff way between a phool, and an ideot. If milksops would only keep still but few would suspekt them, but how strange it iz, that the thinner a man iz, the more anxious he iz to get into a strong light.

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### *THE MIZER.*

The mizer digs hiz heart out hollow to stow away hiz munny in. He akumulates bi littles, and never opens his harte, only on a krak, to let another shiling in. An old mizer iz a sad sight enuff, but next to an ideot, a yung mizer iz the most revolting thing on earth. Mizers enjoy what they dont use, looze what they save, and die possessed ov the only treasure that iz of no use to them. The most terrible sarkasm iz a mizers phuneral, the heir often makes it gorgeous, and expensiv, and then pitches hedlong into the pile the old phool haz left.

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### *CHALK MARKS.*

Advice iz generally like the bred and cheese we giv to beggars, throwm over into the fust vacant lot they cum to.

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Bigots, enthusiasts, and clothes pins, all hav the same sized heds on them.

31 Days.

AUGUST.

1877.

Q.—Pleze to define beauty ?



A.—Buty iz a blank cartridge.

Short haired, and nervous as a ghost,  
 Answering to "Bill," or "Ned," or "Fan,"  
 Death on rats, and sirloin steak,  
 Behold the sparkling, Black and Tan.

Day	Day of Week	Items.	COQUETS.
1	W	Fiery hot ♀ now	
2	T	□ the kow pants	
3	F	☁ thunder with	I hav seen men load a gun
4	S	litening † Bill	klean up to the muzzle to kill
5	G	⊕ Sprague died	a chipping bird with, and git
6	M	1500 † more hot	knokt hed over heels when the
7	T	Bill Sprague waz	gun went off, and miss the bird
8	W	a fiddler ⊙ hotter	besides.
9	T	Bill fiddled with †	—○—
10	F	● hiz left hand §	
11	S	⊕ † heavy rain	The man who livs the life ov a
12	G	sun in apogee ♀	toadey iz a kind ov human spit
13	M	more cool ⊕ now	box.
14	T	keep cool ♀ hot	—○—
15	W	⊕ the grasshopper	
16	T	☞ iz a burden	
17	F	☉ more hot ⊕	
18	S	Moses waz a * §	Yu will find plenty ov folks
19	G	meek man † hot	who are red hott to hunt tigers
20	M	wetness ⊙ the ♀	and wild kats, only muzzle the
21	T	⊕ rackoon ⊕ iz	kussid krittters, and put them 10
22	W	a kuss ♀ Sarah	or fifteen miles off.
23	T	□ Pettibone born	—○—
24	F	1846 ⊕ red hot †	
25	S	Sarah waz kross	
26	G	eyed ♀ ⊕ still †	
27	M	hotter ⊕ in the ☁	The man who haz got nothing
28	T	□ midst ov €	but the truth to tell allwuss uses
29	W	life * we * are	the fust words he kan lay hiz
30	T	□ in death ☉ ⊙	hands on.
31	F		

### *L A Z Y N E S S .*

Lazyne<sup>s</sup> seems to be az natral az onions, and just about az helthy too. The lame, and the lazy, hav allwuss been provided for, sumboddy haz allwuss waited on them, and sumboddy allwuss will. I dont luv lazy pholks, i dont even respekt them, but i kant help but admire the way they eat. I never knu a lazy man that didn't hav a good appetight and a square digestion. Lazyne<sup>s</sup> iz the fust law of natur, and for that reazon iz entitled to sum respekt. Lazy folks are allwuss good natured, i hav seen them so docile that they wouldn't fite flies. Lazyne<sup>s</sup> iz often mistaken for shifflessness, but thare iz az much diffrence az thare iz between a hornet, and a fly. I had rather watch two raskalls than one shiffless kuss. Thare are sum things that will hurry lazyne<sup>s</sup>, but death is the only sure kure for shifflesnes.

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### *L A F F T E R .*

Laffter iz the joy ov the soul comeing to the surface to hav a good time. The mule kant laff, and the devil wont. Laffing iz az natral az the meazles, and almost as ketching, but the man who will laff when he dont feel like !t, iz a grate koward to say the least, and may be a grate villain. Next to logick, to prove things, cums laffing, and the hardest man for ennyboddy, or enny thing, to beat, iz he who laffs at every thing.

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### *G I M B L E T S .*

I hav figgered onto it, and find that civilizashun kosts about 90 cents on the dollar.

—○—  
One quarrellsum dog will demoralize all the curs in hiz naborhood.

Q—Who iz the best lawyer?



*What he kant sterl must be tied down,  
Ever redly to caw, and to go,  
There's nothing so full of the devil,  
As the life, and labors, ov a tame krow.*

A—He who ditz the best bizness.

Day	Initial	Items.	MISFITS.
1	S	Delitosum ×	
2	G	weather † rain	There are two kinds of men
3	M	listen to the ♂ †	that fear makes phools ov, them
4	T	● mocking bird	who are afrade of nothing, and
5	W	Pete Brown § ¶	them who are afrade of every-
6	T	● was diskovered	thing.
7	F	1856*Windy Pete	
8	S	waz diskovered ☽	
9	G	stealing chickens	I would respেকfully say to all
10	M	§ more weather §	thatkl ass, "who want to be an
11	T	now brile quails †	angell, and with the angels dwell,"
12	W	☼ wind easterly	pleaze drop that noshun, and go
13	T	△ hope deferred	at sumthing usefull, if the Lord
14	F	maketh the harte	wants enny more angels, he will
15	S	sik* more softness	let yukno in due time.
16	G	● Lucy Smith §	
17	M	married 1800 ~	
18	T	☽ it rains    ☉	
19	W	† Lucy married §	
20	T	well ☽ now *	Civil war iz like a fite in the
21	F	☼ bile ☽ beans	family, its seldum, if ever, waz
22	S	♂ ¶ more mild	known to be healed.
23	G	♂ strike while ♀	
24	M	● — the iron ☾	
25	T	iz hot ☽ ¶ cool	
26	W	but ♂ pleasant	If thare iz no hereafter, kats
27	T	10 mills make ⋈	and dogs are better off than we
28	F	one cent ~ very	are.
29	S	¶ slick weather †	
30	G		



### *THE DUK.*

The duk iz a foul, naturalists say so, and common sense teaches it. Wild duks are very good shooting, and very good missing too, unless you understand the bizziness. I hav shot at them all day, and got nothing but a few tale feathers, but that satisfied me, for i am crazy for all kinds ov sport, you know. There are sum kind ov duks that are very hard to git even if you do kill them. I shot one whole afternoon, three years ago, at sum dekoxy duks, and never got one ov them. I never have told even mi wife ov this, and hope no one will repeat it.

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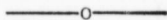
### *THE SANDY HILL CRANE.*

The crane iz neither flesh, nor foul, but a sad mixtur ov these two things. He mopes along the banks ov kreeks, and wet places, looking for sumthing he haz lost. He haz a long bill, long wings, long legs, and iz long all over. He livs upon lizzards, and frogs, and sleeps standing on one leg, like a gide board. Sumtimes he tips over in hiz dreams, and then hiz bill enters the ground like a pikax. When he flies thru the air he iz az graceful az a wind mill that haz broke away from its fastenings. Cranes are not very plenty on this earth, but at the last quotations, the supply just about equals the demand.

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### *BLOSSOMS.*

The reputashun that a man gits from hiz ansesstors often wants az mutch altering to fit him, az their old clothes would.



How menny people thare are in this world who work for the devil all the time, and then look to the lord for their pay.

Will yu define luck?

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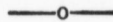
*This Nu Foundland weighs 94 pounds,  
And to save children iz willing,  
If yu haint no pond, nor children to save,  
The dog aint worth a shilling.*

A.—Luck is driftwood.  
J  
H  
P

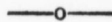
○	≡	Items.
1	M	Bracing weather 7
2	T	now squeeze 8 □
3	W	11 13 apples for
4	T	sider 11 more cool
5	F	Sam Lewis 10 10
6	S	11 died 13 1492 1
7	G	frost □ ÷ Sam ●
8	M	1 was 1 = a hard
9	T	1 shell @ Babtiss
10	W	mutch frost 1 □
11	T	1 now exkavate
12	F	-p-o-t-a-t-o-s-e-
13	S	1 11 kold grows
14	G	1 Solaman 10 10
15	M	1 had 1 mutch 1
16	T	1 wives 11 1 1
17	W	hails 1 1 haste
18	T	1 makes waste 1 1
19	F	1 snow falls 1 1
20	S	1 now 1 chew 1
21	G	1 sassage 1 more
22	M	1 1 cool 1 Kate
23	T	1 1 Savage died 13
24	W	1749 1 mutch 10
25	T	1 frosty 1 Kate
26	F	1 1 had a pug 1
27	S	1 nose 1 1 13 now
28	G	1 1 lift turnips
29	M	1 kolder 1 1
30	T	1 1 go slo 1
31	W	

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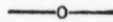
I never knu a man to brag ov  
hiz munny, or hiz pedigree, who  
had enny thing else worth brag-  
ging about.



The meekest Moses in the  
whole lot iz the man who haz  
found out that he kant git the  
thing he wants the most.



Thare are but very few people  
in this world who hav got the  
nerve to be allways sassy to the  
devil.



Before a vice ov enny kind  
kan bekum very dangerous it  
haz got to bekum respektable.

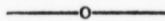
### AN EPISTOL.

*Dear Snyder.*—Yu tell me that yu hav got the blues, and want to kno how to git shut of them. The following resipees will heal yu in 90 days if yu stik to them klussly. To wit, marry sum delikate only dauter of 22 summers (more or less) and take yure mother in law home with yu to board, this will oii the pores of the sistem, and the blues will eskape like steam out of the noze of a tea kittle. Once more, hire out to keep a distrikt skool for 9 dollars per month, and hash around the naborhoo<sup>d</sup>, or take a 3 year old kiking heifer to brake to milk, this will open yure swareing valves, and so hurry the blood, that the blues will leave yu in disgust, and fasten their fangs on to sum other phellow. Againly, go down into sum marsh in the kingdum ov Nu Jersey fishing for frogs in the month ov August, and fish with one hand, and slap muskeeters with the other, and the blues will take the hint and vacate yure natur like a shooting-star. Try either of the abuv alteratives, dear Snyder, and if they dont work, go into the bak yard of sum Irish woman and kut her clothes line when it iz filled with the weeks washing, and if yu dont git the blues taken out ov yu, and a good deal else besides, yu are a morbid kuss and wont pay for experimenting on.

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### BUBBLES.

Hero's are skarse, but the man who kan make poverty respektable, is one ov them.



If yu would eskape envy, abuse, and taxes, yu must liv in a deep well, and only cum out in the nite time.

Q—Who iz the dearest old aunt? 2f



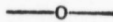
The Rackcoon has a striped tail,  
And steals green korn amaving,  
His hide is worth 6 bits perhaps,  
But coons wont pay for raising.

A.—The one who se bank account iz all right. □

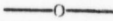
Days	Initials	Items.
1	T	☉ Sloppy times ♂
2	F	now the pig 2f ☉
3	S	☉ yells * more
4	G	☉ kold † Warren
5	M	David failed ☉
6	T	☐ mutch weather
7	W	♂ Warren ⊕
8	T	Davis * failed ⊕
9	F	☉ ♂ in the pea
10	S	☉ nutt trade ☐
11	G	wet sloppines ☐
12	M	☉ § Judas waz a
13	T	☉ ded beat ☐ *
14	W	! i n j k r i e a j s j i n g !
15	T	weather ☉ expekt
16	F	☐ pak pedlars ♂
17	S	♀ more kold ●
18	G	a stich in ☐ ⊕
19	M	☉ time saves ♂
20	T	☉ nine ☐ snow
21	W	☐ storm ☉ Mag
22	T	Birch * died 1826
23	F	☉ hi ☉ winds †
24	S	Mag want ⊕ ☐
25	G	⊕ a suckcess ☐
26	M	☉ sour ☐ kold
27	T	☐ sour ☐ kold
28	W	Ben Franklin △
29	T	☐ flu a ☐
30	F	♀ kite ☐ †

MAKE WEIGHTS.

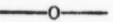
Mankind are a race ov coquets, even virtew herself luvv once in a while to flirt with the the devil.



Luvvers will manage to liv on luv for a very long time, with an ockasional chance at beefstake and onions.



Biographys are delitesum reading, we kompare all the virtews ov the persons karakter with our own, and all hiz failings with our nabors.



I know numbers who owe mutch ov their virtew to their ekonemy, they are too stingy to pay the market price ov iniquity.

### *THE OWL.*

The owl iz a grizzly grey package, and haz a grate round face az sober, and intelligent az a cheshire cheese. They kant see bi dalite, but can see by starlite to pik up a pin. They hunt for a living, and are very smart, and sudden, on a field mouse, or a meddo mole. The most wonderphull thing about an owl iz the sollum importance ov the whole kriter, az he sits on hiz perch, looking over kreashun, just az tho he owned the whole ov it. Next to a newly elekted Justiss ov the Peace, seated on hiz throne, with a poor devil before him, charged with the emoshional krime ov stealing a string ov onions, the owl haz more rare, and unfathomable wisdum in hiz face than enny thing on earth. I hav looked at them for haff an hour stiddy, in a shop window, to see if they winkt, untill i waz ashamed ov mi impudense, but these owls, i found out afterwards, waz stuffed. I would thank enny one to tell me if an owl ever duz wink, and if so, how often. Owls liv to a good old age, but are not good for diet, they are one ov the fu things we kno ov, that the more yu bile them, the tuffer they gro. Biled owl iz the most ungratefull vittles that enny man ever sot in front ov. I never et enny biled owl but once, and that waz 40 years ago, and i kan taste it now, every time i think ov it.

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### *REMNANTS.*

I kno ov people so fond ov contradikshun that it wouldn't surprize me to hear them disputing with a guide board, at the forks ov sum kuntry road, about the distance to the next town.

—o—  
Falling in lov iz like falling down stairs, we never kan tell exackly how the think waz did.

31 Days.

DECEMBER.

1877.

Q.—Who iz the biggest hipokrit ? \*



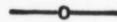
*As lean in flesh as a grid iron,  
Sollum he sits, the old Fox hound,  
His ears hang down like wet rags,  
And his keen nose studdys the ground.*

A.—He who calls vice pleasure. S

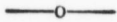
⊙	h	Items.
1	S	Raw ꝥ kold ♂
2	G	ꝥ now jam fires
3	M	more ≙ rawy ≡
4	T	Peter denied hiz
5	W	♀ master ꝥ kold
6	T	□ grows ♀ Diok D
7	F	h ꝥ Blister died
8	S	h ꝥ Blister died
9	G	Π 1839 ≙ more Ω
10	M	inklement ● Dick
11	T	D Blister * waz * a
12	W	⊕ konfidence man
13	T	h dredphul koldy h
14	F	ꝥ now dig ⊕
15	S	ice ● it snows ⊕
16	G	h munny ⊕ h
17	M	iz power Π wind
18	T	⊕ ⊕ □ nor east
19	W	Jackson waz a ♀ ♂
20	T	ꝥ dimokrat D big
21	F	◇ snow ** in time
22	S	ꝥ f ov peace Π
23	G	prepare hꝥ for ⊕
24	M	ꝥ ⊕ war hꝥ ●
25	T	♂ intense ꝥ kold
26	W	* Molly Fristow *
27	T	born ♂ 1840 ≡
28	F	ꝥ kolder Π Molly
29	S	♂ waz * a shep ♂
30	G	♂ lifter — Good Π
31	M	⊕: Bye everyboddy

FROST WORK.

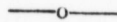
It ought to be a fair trade to svop religions, but whare will yu find the christian party that iz willing to do it.



I find it iz a great deal eazier for mi philosophy to ackount for original sin, than for an attack ov the jumping tooth ake.



Temptashuns iz what tries a mans moral grip, Adam and Eve were very good plums untill the devil shook their bush, then they let go their holt immijately.



Marrid life iz too often a mere trial ov enduranse.

### *THE MUSKEETER.*

Muskeeters are a game bug, but they wont bite at a hook. Thare iz millyuns ov them kaught every year, but not with a hook, this makes the market for them unstiddy, the supply allways exceeding the demand. The muskeeto iz born on the sly, and cums to maturity quicker than enny other ov the domestik animiles. A muskeeter at 3 hours old iz just as reddy, and anxious to go into bizzness for himself, az ever he iz, and bites the fust time az sharp, and natral, az red pepper duz. The muskeeter haz a good ear for musik, and sings without notes. The song ov the musketo iz monotonous to sum folks, but in me it stirs up the memorys ov other days. I hav lade awake, all nite long, menny a time and listened to the sweet anthems ov the muskeeter. I am satisfied that thare want nothing made in vain, but i kant help thinking how mighty kluss the musketoze kum to it. The muskeeter haz inhabited this world since its kreashun, and will probably hang around here until business closes. Whare the muskeeter goes to in the winter iz a standing konumdrum, which all the naturalists hav giv up, but we kno he dont go far, for he iz on hand early each year with hiz probe fresh ground, and polished. Muskeeters must be one ov the luxurys ov life, they certainly aint one ov the necessarys, not if we kno ourselves.

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### *SNOW BALLS.*

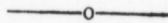
Thare iz a time for all things, and the best time to hold our tungs, iz when we feel az tho we had the most to say.

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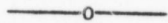
The man who gambles, or drinks whiskey, kant chooze his assoshiates.

*JOSH BILLINGS' DIARY.*

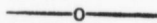
Save yure best shuze for Sunday, and dont be ashamed  
ov yure poor relashuns.



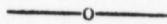
Marry yung, and if yu make a hit, dont brag about it.



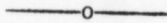
Be kind to yure mother in law, and pay for her board  
at sum fust klass hotel.



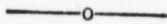
Play billyards, and old sledge ockashional, but dont  
labor at it.



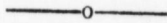
Go to bed arly, and gat up arly, and be karpfull what  
yu dream about.



Never run in debt, not if yu kan find enny other place  
to run into.



Dont miss enny phun, not if yu hav to go ten miles  
out ov yure way to find it.



Never drink too mutch butter milk, and however mean  
yu may be, dont abuze a cow.



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