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Being the 98th year ov Amerikan liberty, and
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ber rong) since Adam did the bizzness
for us, in the gardin ov Eden.

MORAL.

In Adam's sin
We all jined in.



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THEZE THINGS ARE JISS SO,

JOSH BILLINGS.

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AFFIDAYY.

*Personally cum before me, a justiss ov the Piece, in and for,
Old Pordunk township, Josh Billings, Allminaker, who
swares tew the abuw circumstansis.*

PORDUNK, }
Oct. 22, 1873. }

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JOB X POTTER, Justiss.
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A SOLLUM PHAKT.

Kaliko bawls are a modern institushun, but kod-
phish bawls waz known tew our ansesstors.

TWELVE ANSESTRALS SIGHNS
 IN THE
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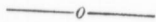


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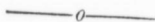
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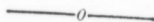
Whenever yu see a yung man hanging around a korner grosery, and drinking 3 cent gin every time he kan git enny body tew ask him, yu kan make up yure mind that he haz bin unanimously nominated for the stait prizon, and will probably git his elekshun.



Whenever yu see an old goose setting on a post hole, and trieing tew hatch the hole out, yu kan cum tew the konklushun that she is strikly a one idee goose.



Whenever a forlorn kat gits under yure windo, in a hot nite, and begins tew holler, yu may kno that kat wants sumthing,—killing, probberbly.



Whenever yu see a dog stop suddintly, in the road, with a flea onto him, and begin tew flea round, and round, after himself, untill he falls down, and rools over, yu will say tew yureself, that dorg iz like the wicked, he fleas, when no man perseweth.

OIL OF KONSOLASHUN.

The "Josh Billings Allminax," iz one ov our text books, at the Pordunk Feminine Institoot.

Mrs. Charity Skidmore, A.M.

Medisin Book—Ugh!!

Spotted tail, Chief of the Pawnees.

Full ov thought, full ov pathos, full ov phun.

John Brace, L.L.D.

It's a big thing, bi Jupiter.

Billy Murdock.

How spontaneous! How pathetic! How preponderating! How!—How are yu Josh!

Doktor Blake.

Oh yu pesky thing, Josh! yu are too killing.

Sally Ann Sprauge.

ADAM BILLINGS.

HIZ MEMORANDUM.

Adam Billings waz the fust ov the Billingses. He waz verry phatt. Little did he dream ov the glorious krop that waz a going tew spring up from hiz sowing. He waz born, az near az I can figger, about the year 1200, more or less. Hiz temper iz represented az being az even az the figger 2. Hiz habits were az pure as the mountain dew; he never drinkt enny spiritous rum, nor root elevators. He went barefutt until hiz 32d year, and ever afterwards luvd the naked futt. He waz a good danser, and realized thozе blessed old shake downs, now gone and fled. He waz named after the original Adam, and iz sed, bi them who remember them both, tew resembel him mutch in the kast ov hiz face. He waz too fond ov the marvelous, he wouldn't tell a lie exackly, but he could cum as near tew it az a swallo kan to a frog's noze, when they skim a mud puddle. Adam Billings iz now ded, i beleave, but if he aint, and this should meet hiz eye, he kant, i think, but admire the square manner in which his lovely relik haz handled his case. Adam Billings didn't leave much reputashun behind him, but what he did leave is fair tew middling. We nee'r shall see him more. Probably not. Too true. Rather melankolly than otherwise.

Thare iz naut so hard for grief tew handle,
Az the man whoze ribs are phatt's a kandle.

Q. What iz ginger pop?
 ♀
 ♀
 ✓
 ♀



*In Pordunk town thare lived a man,
 A man ov small posseshion,
 Hezekiah Birch waz his name,
 A teacher bi profeshun.*

A.—Gymnastic water.
 Δ 24 ↑

✓	D	Kronollogy.	KINDLING WOOD.
1	T	♂ ♀ Now kold	
2	F	weather 2 ♁	
3	S	♫ haz froze ♫	Snobs are alwus toadys.
4	G	♂ ♀ the tender	
5	M	bull frog ♫, ♫ ♫	
6	T	* ♀ up solid	— ∞ —
7	W	♫ ♫ ♫ and the	
8	T	melodious goose	
9	F	iz hush ♫	Diogenes hunted in the da
10	S	♀ in stillness	time for an honest man, with a
11	G	● ● and the	lantern; if he had lived in these
12	M	old she kat ♂	times, he would hav needed the
13	T	⊙ dreams beneath	hed lite ov a lokomotiff.
14	W	the ♁ ♂	
15	T	cook stove ♫ and	
16	F	♫ the luscious	— ∞ —
17	S	slapjax smokes ♀	
18	G	♁ on the table ♫	
19	M	♫ * ♀ and the	A pedant iz like a yung roos-
20	T	Widow Stebbins'	ter, he crows in season, and out
21	W	♫ ♫ wood pile	ov season.
22	T	grows less D	
23	F	every day	
24	S	♫ ⊙ ♫ and the	— ∞ —
25	G	roze that ♫ ♫	
26	M	♫ all are praizing	
27	T	iz not the ♫	Thare is no kure for vanity,
28	W	roze for ♁ ♫ ♫	gitting thoroly wet cums the
29	T	me ♫ or enny	nearest to it, for the time being.
30	F	other man !!!	
31	S		

ZEPHANIAH BILLINGS.

HIZ MEMORANDUM.

Zepheniah Billings waz a phiddler bi birth and purwashun. He also had another natral gift, and that waz tew owe everyboddy. Late in life he quit phiddling, and took up shumaking; but the world lost a good phiddler bi the operashun, and got a kussid poor shumaker. Oh! 'tis ever thus. At hiz final deth he owed upwards ov 70 dollars, and hiz leavings konsisted ov one old phiddle, and a pint ov bass wood shupeggs. He would travel on foot 7 miles tew a kuntry tavern, and phiddle all nite at a kuntry bawl for 75 cents, and owe the landlord two dollars and a half nex morning for vittles and drink. Zeph' was an unprofitable man to know, for he couldn't tend an evening meeting, on sunday, without running into det to sumboddy. It waz sed ov him, that he waz never known tew shed a tear or pa a det. He died finally, and i presume he was saved; but he may hav bin lost, for accidents will happen in the uppermost familys. He had a cool hed, and a warm harte. Bless Zepheniah Billings, he was a ripe skollar on the phiddle, and could pla "*Tare her down Sal,*" and sich dear old sweet-savoured things, klean up tew perfectshun. He haz gone now, allas! allas! but i am prepared tew say, in the language ov another, "Bully for yu, Zepheniah!" All flesh iz grass. So iv'e bin told. Funny. Mutch.

MORAL.

To kure the fdgits and calm the bile,
The phiddle is like kastor ile.

Q.—What is man?

□
☉
♁



A.—Live dirt.
♁
♁
♁

*For twenty long and weary years,
He meekly workt for others good,
And well he taught the distrik skool,
Boardin round the naborhood.*

HT	☉	Kronology.	PLUM PITS.
1	G	Now marry ☉ now	Human natur iz like cow natur, i have known them both tew giv a good mess of milk, and then kik it over.
2	M	thrash oats § now	
3	T	☿ punch fires ♃	
4	W	now ketch rats ♁	
5	T	HT now eat ☿	
6	F	☿ hash ♃	
7	S	☿ now	I luv a phool, what little i kno i have larnt by hanging around them.
8	G	♃ grease boots ♃	
9	M	☿ now pla	
10	T	♁ checkers ♃ now	Munny makes munny. We all ov us take our korn to the ritich miller tew hav it ground.
11	W	♁ sams ☿ ☉ ♀	
12	T	△ ☉ now chew	
13	F	gum § ☉ now	Thare iz tew kinds ov wise people in this world, the <i>wise</i> and the <i>unwise</i> .
14	S	[[§§] kurl hair (!)	
15	G	now mux ☿	
16	M	♀ sassage ≡ now	
17	T	♂ jerk wood	
18	W	now kil duks §	
19	T	(†) now	
20	F	kil time (†) ♁ now	
21	S	☿ swop hens	
22	G	△ ☿ * ☉ now	
23	M	yoke steers ♂	
24	T	now tell ☉ HT	
25	W	D yarns—now	
26	T	sign the pledge [?]	
27	F	☉ now go to bed ●	
28	S		

JEHOSSAPHATT BILLINGS.

HIZ MEMORANDUM.

Jehossaphat Billings waz a very kluss man; he never was known tew waste ennything by giving it away. The grate extravaganse ov hiz life, and the one he never forgot tew speak ov, was giving 3 dollars towards bilding the Pordunk meetin hous. After he giv the munny, he took such a deep interest in the work on the meetin hous, that the kommitty waz obliged tew giv him bak the munny to git shut ov him. He swore he'd sue them for the interest on the munny, but he never did. Jehoss' Billings waz one ov them kind of men who mistake avarice for ekonemy. He died at the age of 63, if i hav sarched right, from an overdose ov klam chowder drank at a free lunch. Jehossaphat Billings had his phailings, but rekless extravaganse want among the lot, he also had his virtuous, but blind and irrepressible generosity want among this lot neither. He waz buried, without enny fuss, in the year 1286. What has bekum ov him i kant state. Sleep on, Jehossaphat, in thi slumbers. I would like tew say sum more about Jehoss', but i kant without telling the truth. Truth iz sumtimes like a hot pertato, the only way tew handle it eazy, is tew drop it. I will dri up here. The end. Hush! Lay low.

MORAL.

The klussest man i ever knu,
Waz Deakon Erastus Meggs,
Tew save expense, he oft would sett,
Hiz pullets on spile-ed eggs.

31 Days.

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1874

Q.—What is hash?

4 Ω W



He sawed the wood and bilt the fires,
And while the boys were playing,
Hurried, and swept the skool hous out,
And dun a little praying.

A.—A konfudense game.
7 † ⊖

8	H	Kronollogy.
1	G	⊙ 2 Tell me
2	M	ye whispring
3	T	winds = when ●
4	W	Ω 7 7 hens
5	F	φ will lay ⊖
6	S	and
7	G	⊙ what will)(7
8	M	be next φ 7 7
9	T	⊙ 2 spring
10	W	the price † †
11	T	ov hay 7
12	F	○ 7 7 and
13	S	tell me if ⊖ 7
14	G	7 * yu kan
15	M	whare I will ⊙
16	T	φ † find an honest
17	W	man 7 † and ●
18	T	⊙ also tell me †
19	F	† whare all
20	S	† 7 ● the m dest
21	G	wimmin are 7 7 7
22	M	7 tell me † †
23	T	⊖ these things
24	W	and tell me 7 φ
25	T	7 true 7 and
26	F	* whispring
27	S	winds 7 7 ⊖
28	G	7 7 i'll be †
29	M	7 mutch obliged
30	T	⊖ to yu Δ
31	T	

SNAPPIN TURKLES.

Humility iz cupbearer to wisdom.

There iz plenty ov pholks in this world whose hartes bleed for the poor, but whose pocket-books never do.

The man who iz willing tew help everyboddy (i am sorry to say this), is willing to be cheated by everyboddy.

If i kan set the fashions for a people, i dont kare who makes their laws.

MELKISIDEK BILLINGS.

HIZ MEMORANDUM.

Melkasidek Billings waz a dandy ov the old skool, and also a lover. He loved the whole entire femail populashun. He parted his hare in the middle, and did it unkommon even. He had one grate weakness which grew on him, and that was the length ov hiz little finger-nale. Historians say that this finger-nale gru tew be a yard in length, but it strikes me this must be a profound lie. He waz a very punktillious man, in his every-day wear, and drest chuck up tew the fashun. Melkasidek hadn't mutch branes, but he didn't need much, for hiz bizzness thru life waz the lover bizzness. Just before he died he marrid, and left one dauter, a sentimental offspring, who afterwards run away, at the age of 16, with a dansing master. Mel' Billings waz ov the nuter jender, he hadn't karakter enuff to do enny hurt, and ov kourse kouldn't do enny good. He died about the right time, anno dominoze, 1695, and was buried comfortably in the grave yard, at lower Pordunk town, Melkasidek Billings waz mi ansestor, and that was kind in him. He had an epitaff on hiz stone which i dont rekolekt ov ever seeing in print before, and for the benefit ov those who studdy theze memorandums i will translate it. "*An honest man iz the nobless work ov God.*" Good, aint it? Rather!

MORAL.

Dandys are a harmless crew,
Ov the butterfly purswashun:
Happy with a necktie new,
Hero's ov sum small ockashun.

Q.—Define twins?
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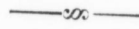
A.—Too much.
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*In this big, but pekuliar world,
 Not a friend had Hezekiah,
 The boys put pins into hiz chair,
 And water in hiz hair diah.*

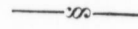
≈	𐄂	Kronology.
1	W	𐄂 Hark 𐄂 the
2	T	violet eums = =
3	F	on tip toze =
4	S	𐄂 and the
5	G	yello dandy 𐄂 𐄂
6	M	𐄂 * lion gilds
7	T	the sod 𐄂 and
8	W	krickets kraul 𐄂
9	T	𐄂 𐄂 𐄂 from out
10	F	their holes 𐄂 𐄂
11	S	𐄂 and loafers
12	G	seek the sun 𐄂 𐄂
13	M	𐄂 and dogs
14	T	Δ 𐄂 tree kats
15	W	and frogs begin
16	T	𐄂 tew jabber 8
17	F	𐄂 𐄂 and tinkers
18	S	tramp 𐄂 and
19	G	April phool 𐄂 𐄂 𐄂
20	M	𐄂 grins at
21	T	every corner 𐄂 8
22	W	𐄂 𐄂 and -- hark
23	T	from the tombs 𐄂
24	F	𐄂 𐄂 𐄂 a doleful
25	S	𐄂 [!!] sound
26	G	𐄂 mine ears 𐄂
27	M	attend 𐄂 𐄂 𐄂
28	T	𐄂 the cry 𐄂 𐄂
29	W	and so forth 𐄂 𐄂
30	T	

QUALE ON TOAST.

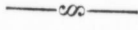
Sum polks are like kats, so well ballanced that they alwuss strike on their feet when they fall.



Lovers are alwuss defineing their extacys, but they are in no better condishun tew do it, than a drunken man iz tew deliver a tempranse lektur.



Silence iz alwus safe.



False praze iz the wust kind ov slander.

SOLOMAN BILLINGS.

HIZ MEMORANDUM.

Soloman Billings waz born the 26th ov May, 1322, old stile. He was knone fur and near for his chunks ov wisdum, but, like Soloman ov old, he could talk wisdum better than he could do it. This iz the way with all the wize men i hav met lately. Soloman Billings waz a leetle slippery, but he managed to get thru life without slipping down mutch, and died reasonably well. He waz sed, bi all who knu him tew be chuk full of wisdom; he could tell, bi looking at the egg, how mutch a goslin would weigh before it waz born, and when the best time waz tew set a hen or a gate-post. Sol's mouth waz full of wisdum; litening couldn't strike a tree, just for fun, but what he would preach a moral sermon from the tex. He waz dredful sertain ov what he did kno, and want the least bit unsertain of what he didn't kno. I find in digging down tew the hard pan of Soloman, mi ansessor, that he had a grate deal ov vanity, a large amount ov impudense, a good supply ov inkredulity, just the things, for all the world, tew make a wize phool out of. He died az afosed, and i look bak upon him az one who haz departed this life. Adew, Soloman, mi ansessor. Deth iz tuff. Sumwhat! I will add, quite.

MORAL.

Wisdum chunks are chunkier far,
Than all the chunks that chunky ar.

Q.—What iz ignorance?

Ⓜ ㊦ ㊧



The skule kommitty made him work,
(How krewel and unphealling,
For less than a bartender gits,
And nary chance for stealing.

A.—Raw Happiness.
Ⓜ ㊦ ㊧

Ω	Ⓜ	Kronollogy.	POP KORN.
1	F	Ⓜ Now the	I dont kare what a mans kondishun in life iz, if he iz too mutch for the kondishun he is a hero.
2	S	vain rooster Ⓜ	
	G	♀ * splitz hiz	
	M	thrut = and	
5	T	* hope exultant ♀	Avarice iz about the only passion that improves by age.
6	W	spreds her ☀ ⊖	
7	T	Ⓜ downy wing	
8	F	and life iz short Ⓜ	
9	S	⊖ ● but sweet	The truly brave are alwuss generous.
10	G	Ⓜ and lettiss Ⓜ	
11	M	grows apace	
12	T	Ⓜ and give me Δ	
13	W	Ⓜ liberty or ⊖	He whom prosperity makes humble and thankful, adversity haz no power over.
14	T	□ give me deth	
15	F	Ⓜ Ⓜ and what's	
16	S	Ⓜ the matter ⊖	
17	G	with Hannah ●	He whom prosperity makes humble and thankful, adversity haz no power over.
18	M	Ⓜ and hav	
19	T	yu heard Ⓜ ⊖	
20	W	Ⓜ that Deakon	
21	T	Jones *	He whom prosperity makes humble and thankful, adversity haz no power over.
22	F	* ♀ ● Ⓜ Ⓜ haz	
23	S	lost a Ⓜ Ⓜ	
24	G	Ⓜ Ⓜ heifer	
25	M	* and sich ⊖	He whom prosperity makes humble and thankful, adversity haz no power over.
26	T	iz life ●	
27	W	and wood- ♀ ♀	
28	T	♂ Ⓜ man Ⓜ	
29	F	♂ Ⓜ man Ⓜ	He whom prosperity makes humble and thankful, adversity haz no power over.
30	S	spare that *	
31	G	♀ Ⓜ tree ⊖ and Ⓜ	

DUTERONOMY BILLINGS.

HIZ MEMORANDUM.

Duteronomy Billings waz a square man. He waz az square az the bloks on a checkerboard. He waz just the same kind ov a man in the fall, az he waz in the spring ov the year; yu didn't have tew winter him tew find out who he waz. He alwus did az he agreed, but was dredful bakward about agreeing. Duteronomy waz immense in one thing, and that waz the length ov hiz noze. He had more noze ackordin, than enny man in history. One writer ov the eleventh sentury, sez hiz noze waz 8 inches in length, and another makes it a frackshun over 10 inches; i will split the difference, and call it 7. If Dute' waz alive now, i think he would sustain mi figgures. In writing theze details of my ansesstors, i am guided bi a luv to do a square thing, and if i er, it will be all owing to mi luk, I never waz right lucky since I had the meazles. They took place in the 14th year ov mi age, when i lived with mi unkle. I had them too thik. Duteronomy Billings waz named after old Duteronomy ov bible times, and az ansesstors run, he waz a very good kind ov a one tew hav. He died az he had lived exactly square. In konklushun i will say lie still dear Dute', yu hav got a square thing. Thare iz force in the idee. I may add, grate force. Very. Indeed.

MORAL.

Sum men are oktagon,
And sum three-sided are,
'Tis mortal tuff to find one,
Who iz kompletely square.

Q.—Define the hen?

∞
Δ
∫



A.—A lay member.
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∫

*The kivered o'er with sich abuse,
He never fout agen it,
The very wuss that Hez' would kuss,
Waz the simple word KONDEMIT.*

∞	†	Kronology.	KREAM OF TARTAR.
1	M	∞ Can the	Vice makes a man kunning, virtew makes him wize.
2	T	leopard change ♂	
3	W	∏ his name ○ wax	
4	T	Norval on the H	
5	F	Grampine hills	—∞—
6	S	∫ he loved not ∞	
7	G	wizely but too ∞	The ritch spend their time in kreating wants, the poor in gratifying them,—the poor are the most sensible.
8	M	∫ menny ∞ cooks	
9	T	spile ∏ thebrakeing	
10	W	∞ wares dashed ∞	
11	T	hi low Jak ∞ and	—∞—
12	F	∞ the game	
13	S	of brag iz good ∞	The man who iz the most fraid tew die, iz the one who knows least how tew liv.
14	G	∞ but holdfast	
15	M	iz better ∞ ∞	
16	T	* ∞ ∞ late than	
17	W	never too old ∞	—∞—
18	T	Δ to learn ∞	
19	F	∞ * the luxury	I had rather be a boy again, than tew be the autokrat ov the world.
20	S	ov doing	
21	G	D good ○ bye ∞	
22	M	sweetheart	
23	T	∞ and George ○	—∞—
24	W	* ∞ Washington	
25	T	waz	
26	F	the father ∞ ∞	
27	S	∞ H ov hiz	
28	G	natiff * ○	
29	M	∞ ∞ land ∞ *	
30	T		

PORKANBEANS BILLINGS.

HIZ MEMORANDUM.

Porkanbeans Billings lived and throve in the 16th sentury. He loved a horse with grate power. He could swop a horse clusser than enny man that imparshall history tells us ov. He iz sed to have swopped Deakon Absolem Featherweight, klean out ov a 5 year old sorrel horse, at one swop, and the deakon waz looked upon az almost insurmountable in a dikker. Not tew disguise the fakt, Porky Billings waz a hoss jockey ov the anshunt daze, one who hung around the village tavern, and alwuss had on hand an ole flag-tailed pelter, with a glass eye, tew trade with ennyboddy. I dont feal like bragging ov Porkanbeans az an ansesstor, but i must say, az a horse jockey, (if all reports are trew) i feal proud ov him. I forgot tew state, that Porky left no property. Thare iz a grate deal ov genius in the horse-swop bizzness but fu assetts. Porkanbeans died instantly, sumwhare about the fust of the 17th sentury. He waz struk bi the hind feet ov a mule, Moral karakter even wont save a phello-being from dissolushun, when a mule goes for him with both hind feet at once. Sich iz life. Sich iz the mule. Porkanbeans haz mi sympathy, he also haz mi tears, but i dont serpose they will be worth mutch tew him now, he iz too ded. Fairwell old phello-being, fairwell mi ansesstor, Deth iz our porshun. I think i kan say this without making a phool ov miself. Undoubtedly. Yes. Jiss so.

MORAL.

Tew swap a horse and not git beat,
Iz sumthing nice tew brag on,
I tried it once, and that's the time
I lost a horse—and waggon.

Q.—Please define a good wife? ♀ +



*Dont talk to me ov anshunt Job,
Ov biles he had a plenty,
But they were all one breed ov biles,
Leastwize 19 out ov twenty.*

A.—A silent partner in the concern. ♀

†	Q	Kronology.	SHOOTING STARS. **
1	W	☀ Grate hot *	One ov the eazyest things tew hear ov, and at the same time one ov the hardest tew find, iz a ghost.
2	T	Ω Billy Buckram	
3	F	died 1304 ☾ ☾	
4	S	☾ carry the ♀	
5	G	news to Mary ♀	
6	M	* ♀ hotter still	
7	T	i luv it * hot	— — —
8	W	inkreases ♀ ♂ ♀	
9	T	♂ □ i luv it ☉	
10	F	still hotter ♀ that	It is only a step from lazyness tew vice, and a short one at that.
11	S	old arm chair ♀	
12	G	☾ ½ awful hot	
13	M	and who shall	
14	T	† more hot Δ	
15	W	chide me ● cooler	
16	T	♃ ♀ with rain ≈	— — —
17	F	☉ † for luving	
18	S	lightning and	
19	G	thunder ♂ ♀ ☾	Thare iz lots ov people who mistake their imaginashun for their memory.
20	M	that ☀ still hot	
21	T	☾ ♀ that * Nancy	
22	W	Dodge born ● ♀	
23	T	1786 ✕ old	
24	F	♁ arm chair ☾	
25	S	☉ ☉ wind south	— — —
26	G	mad dogs ☾ ♀	
27	M	☉ ☉ seen ♀ the	
28	T	boy stood on Δ †	Bashfulness that kant be overcome iz modesty.
29	W	● the burning dek	
30	T	mutch weather ♀	
31	F		

JAMAICA BILLINGS.

HIZ MEMORANDUM.

Jamaika Billings waz sed bi good judges ov the artikle, tew be the lazyest man that ever visited this world. At the age ov 14, he waz pronounced bi the doktors too lazy tew ketch flies. He waz named after hiz unkle who had a grate speshiality in the jamaikarum line, and who could float more ardent speerits, on an evener keel, than enny human kraft in thozе daze. Jamaika lived tew a grate extent; sum say that he waz 160 when he died, and sum put it at 142, but all give in that he didn't die from enny disseaze, but kind of lazyed tew deth. He waz born tired, and never outgru it. He marrid at 37, but hi wife left him at the end of the fust month of their nupshalls, taking with her all the pussonnell affekts, whitch were a kupple ov cedar wash-tubs, and a seckond-hand buggy harness, brass-mounted. Her fust name waz Polly Ann. They never met afterwards, if they did, history dont kno it. Jamak'e Billings didn't hav enny vice tew speak ov, he waz even too lazy for that. He seems tew have spent hiz life in hanging around places, keeping ragged and phatt on nothing. He died in Old Pordunk, and I suppoze waz burried, but history dont say so, in jiss so menny words. He waz mi ansesstor, but i kant help it. Can I? I hav bin told not. Queer.

MORAL.

I never knu, in all my life,
Enny man tew go krazy,
Who alwuss took things setting down,
And kultivated hiz lazy.

Q.—What is a cock-loft?

□ ♀ ♀



*But in a districk skool i kno,
Each boy's a bile uncommon,
And must a diffrent poultiss hav,
Tew git a hed upon em.*

A.—A rooster's hed.
2 ♀ ♀

H	D	Kronology.	MUSHROOMS.
1	S	Huge heat ☉ ○	It iz az hard work tew git acquainted with a haff bred family, az it iz for them tew conceal their pedigree.
2	G	♀ David Blair	
3	M	born 1818 ≅ ♀ ☉	
4	T	* hot inkreases	
5	W	□ * David Blair	
6	T	waz an	
7	F	∴ essence pedlar ♀	—∞—
8	S	thunder showers ☉☉	
9	G	☉ now keep ☉	
10	M	♀ cool ♀ * hotter	If a man knows himself thoroughly, he iz az wize az he can be in this life.
11	T	♂ × if enny man	
12	W	attempts tew ☉	
13	T	≅ more hot ×	
14	F	haul down ☉ good	
15	S	△ hot × the flag	
16	G	∴ red hot ♀ shute	—∞—
17	M	him on the ☉	
18	T	○ spot ♀ cooler	
19	W	now ♀ Bully for	I luv tew watch the sports ov children, they kant be children but once, and then but a short time.
20	T	Dix ♀ ☉ now lay	
21	F	♀ ☉ in yure sun ☉	
22	S	strokes ☉ for next	
23	G	∴ winter ☉ it biles!	
24	M	☉ Mike Doolittle	
25	T	born 1830 ○ died	—∞—
26	W	1850 ☉ Mike done	
27	T	but little here belo	
28	F	nor dun that little	
29	S	☉ long ♀ now	
30	G	konkoct juleps ☉	
31	M		Hope claims the most, and iz satisfied with the least, ov enny pashun ov the harte.

EKLEEZIASTIKS BILLINGS.

HIZ MEMORANDUM.

Ekleesiastiks Billings waz a Puritan bi natur and occupashun. He waz az Puritan az spring lam soaked in mint saus. Sum ov the most kold and thawless stok in all Nu England oozed from Ekleeze' Billings. He was kreated nominally in the year 1570, and had hiz trunk packed tew cum over in the May Flower, but didn't cum. He cum over the next fall, and went immejiately into the pilgrim bizzness. Ekleesiastiks kept a grocery store, and never sanded hiz sugar, nor watered hiz Nu England rum without fust asking tew be forgiv for it, How pure! how lam like! Ekleeziastiks waz very tall, but then he waz very thin; he was over 6 feet perpendiklar, and not quite 7 inches thru. He weighed 146 with hiz winter clothes and cowhide boots on. He preserved his thinity unto deth. He died from eating too much garden-truk. How sad! how disinterested! Ekleesiastiks had one virtew which shines tew this day, he waz very saving ov hiz clothes. Hiz best blu koat, with brass buttons on, and a sharp tail tew it, he wore for 18 years, and then kut oph the buttons and had it prest out, and sent it tew the heathen. Ekleeze' waz both a saving and a libral kuss. He lived tew be over 90, and then died game; he wouldn't hav enny doktor. He dispized doktors bills. How touching! Truly. How touchful! Really.

MORAL.

Blest iz the man who iz partikular,
And duz all things up perpendikular,
(Chorus.) Ri fol de rol, ri folderikular.

Q.—Define honesty?

⊘
⊘
⊘



The only kind ov konsolashun
This man got, aint worth a kuss,
For 'twas PITY,—and we all kno
PITY iz but mild disguss.

—The wag of a dog's tail.
⊘
⊘
⊘

⊘	⊘	Kronollogy.	KAPER SAUS.
1	T	* Butiful weather	Genuine wit dont make a man laff enny more than logick duz.
2	W	elegant weather ⊘	
3	T	⊘deliteful weather	
4	F	superb weather ⊘	
5	S	⊘⊘divine weather	—⊘—
6	G	charming weather	
7	M	exquisittweather⊘	
8	T	emoshional wether	Yu kan buy larning, but wit and wisdum are the gift ov God.
9	W	* gorgeous weather	
10	T	*celestial weather*	
11	F	blissful weather ⊘	
12	S	⊘grate weather ⊘	—⊘—
13	G	⊘ fine weather ⊘ ⊘	
14	M	⊘ delishus weather	
15	T	heavenly weather ⊘	Energy iz another name for kapacity.
16	W	⊘ glorious weather	
17	T	magnificent ⊘ ⊘	
18	F	⊘⊘ weather ⊘	
19	S	gushing weather	—⊘—
20	G	⊘ sweet weather ⊘	
21	M	exuberant weather	
22	T	⊘ poetick weather	Yung men, like grayhounds, follow by sight; old men, like bloodhounds, follow by track.
23	W	⊘ fragrant weather ⊘	
24	T	⊘ luvly weather	
25	F	languishing ⊘ do.	
26	S	soft weather⊘mild	
27	G	weather⊘ bewitch-	
28	M	ing weather ⊘ and	
29	T	common weather⊘	
30	W		

LUKE BILLINGS.

HIZ MEMORANDUM.

Luke Billings waz a skool-master ov the Nu England type and shaddo. He waz an uprite and an austere man, az uprite az a sperm kandle, and az austere az hoss-radish. I look bak onto Luke's memoirs and pitty him, for i pitty awl distrikt-skool masters, all mothers-in-law, and all grass widders. Luke Billings spent hiz whole life in the distrikt-skool spekulashun, and died az poor az a salt kodfish. Hiz assetts konsisted ov a pocket-komb and a nu testament. He used tew board round the naborhood, and waz alwuss az hungry az a pikrel. He never had enny friends, nor enny enemys; he waz like a gide-board in this respek. Luke Billings never got marrid, he hadn't the time tew spare. He waz severely engaged, for 26 years, tew Nancy Burbanks, but they both died intestate. They sleep cluss together, in the old grave-yard, at lower Pordunk. Sleep on! sleep on! dear old virgin couple, and pay no attenshun tew noboddy. Lukey wore his hair long behind, and kept a distrikt skool 34 years 6 months and 17 daze. Oh, dear! oh, dear! Luke i pitty yu. Luke Billings iz an ansesstor that i look bak upon every now and then with my memory, and want tew fite sumboddy on hiz ackount. Fairwell, luvly Luke. Fairwell Lukey. Fairwell. Enuff sed.

MORAL.

From keeping skool and the pay,
Two things pestiverous,
I feel az tho' I'd like to say,
Good Lord! deliver us.

Q.—What is a husband?
 H
 P
 Q



A.—Gander ov the ockashun.
 S S X

*Much rather would i hav a man,
 Than offer me hiz pittty,
 Hit me rite smart long side the hed,
 For that mite make me gritty.*

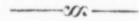
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Kronollogy.

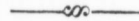
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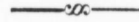
The more rare a mans qual-
 itys are, the more he will be
 found fault with,—dust on a di-
 mond iz alwus more noticeable
 than dust on a brik.



Experience teaches a good
 many things, but dont learn us
 but a phew.



I hav seen old villians who
 were komparitively pure, they
 had either worn out their vices,
 or their vices had worn out
 them, i dont kno whitch.



It requires the gratest ov skill
 tew hide a weakness.

NEBUDKENNEZZAR BILLINGS.

HIZ MEMORANDUM.

Nebudkennezzar Billings waz an orphan bi birth, and kept a hotel, he did. When yu got fride pork at hiz house, it waz fride pork, it waz. Yu didn't hav a bill ov fare tew tell what it waz, yu didn't. Hiz wife was smarter than chane litening, and kleaner than a ghost, she waz. Her hash didn't hav enny paving-stuns, nor kart-wheels in it, it didn't. Yu mite az well hunt for the lost tribes ov Izrael on her premises, az to hunt for a kokroach, yu mite. Neb's wife had red hare, and waz bony put together, and could fri pork, tend bar, harness a hoss, trade with a peddlar, and make a gin-sling that could almost talk, she could. Nebudkennezzar Billings waz a pollytishioner, and run hard for konstable in old Pordunk, for menny times, he did. It iz justiss tew hiz memoirs tew state, that tho he run well, the offiss alwuss beat him, it did. He never got elektet, he didn't. How prekarious! how impekuniuous! how transhunt! Alass! allass! Neb' waz kreated in 1502, and dissoluted in 1569, and spent hiz whole life in the hash bizzness, he did. Hiz wife waz boss while here on earth, and will undertake tew be hereafter, she will. But she kant, kan she? She kant. Happy it iz that thare iz a thussness in these things. Thrice happy. Even nobby. That's so.

MORAL.

Every man thinks he kan keep a hotel,
But O! how delusiv and rash,
For thare aint no kind ov bizzness so mixt,
Az doing a klean job in hash.

Q.—What is pitty?

H
⊙
⊗

*Eenny man who a skool haz kept
Ten years, (krewel fate allass!)
Ought tew hav hiz shuze pulled oph,
And be turn ed out tew grass.*

A.—Cheap charity.
†
♀
∞

⊖

♁

Kronollogy.

GINGER SNAPS.

1 G !!!! Hark ρ the
2 M ≅ ♁ kold wind
3 T whissells ● ≍ and
4 W ♀ the rane ≅
5 T drizzles × Δ and
6 F ♃ ⊖ ☉ the snow ☉
7 S phizzles ☉ † □ and
8 G ♃ the fire sizzles ♃
9 M □ and the s
10 T ♁ ≅ dogs ⊖
11 W ♁ bark † and
12 T Δ ♀ ♃ the boys
13 F ♁ lark × ☉ ♁
14 S ♁ Ω ♁ and the
15 G kats mew ● ⊖ and
16 M ♀ the kittles stew
17 T and the pork ♁
18 W ♁ ≍ s fries ♁ and
19 T ♁ the mince † ♁
20 F pies □ † † || ≡ ||
21 S ♁ ☉ and the ♁
22 G turkey dies ♃ ♁
23 M ♁ and the
24 T ♁ owl dreameth ♀
25 W and the goose ρ ♂
26 T ✕skreameth (!) and
27 F the girls ♂ † ρ r
28 S ♁ snikker ● and the
29 G men dikker ♁ and
30 M

Thare iz now and then, a man
who knows that he iz a phool;
sutch a man iz a hard man tew
cheat.

I hav known people who waz
virtewous just bekawze they was
lazy, they hadn't snap enuff in
them tew brake one ov the 10
commandments.

I beleave pitty iz more ov an
impulse than a principle, for we
seldum respekt those that we
pitty.

He who suspekts everybody,
should be watched by every-
body.

MUSHANMILK BILLINGS.

HIZ MEMORANDUM.

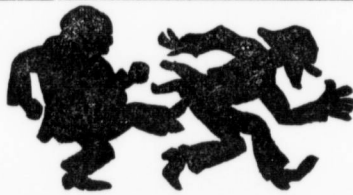
Mushanmilk Billings waz one ov mi earliest efforts in the way ov ansesstors. He waz begot during the 11th or 12th sentury, or thareabouts. He derived hiz name from his grate ability tew conquer mush and milk, Titus Odistes, a celebrated writer in thozе days, sez he haz known him tew eat a potash kittle ov pud-din and milk, at one sitting. I kant state whether this iz sutch or not, for i never met Mushanmilk personally. He died previous tew mi birth. Titus Odistes also sez, that Mushanmilk had a very sweet disposishun, how sweet, he dont tell us, but from what i kno ov the latter-day saints, amung the Billings family, it couldn't hav bin quite up tew the best brand ov Nu Orleans molassiss. He waz sed tew be number One in modesty, and sitch like, but this dont exackly conspire with what i know ov the Billings'es. Cheeck has alvus been reckoned amung our virtews. In taking a square look bak upon mi ansesstors, i find that they were rather a thin set. I find that their *ambishun* waz the result of *vanity*. Their *honesty* the effekt ov *edukashun*. Their *charity* the luv ov *novelty*. Their *philosophy*, able to bear the stummuk-ake ov others with heroik fortitude, but not worth a kuss in their own; and their *virteus* generally, more the growth ov their *pride* than ov their *humility*. What a pitty! Echo answers, "Jiss so." Man iz an angle-worm. He iz. Verily.

MORAL.

Thare aint to-day, so just a vittle,
Az mush,—rite hot, from out the kittle.

Q.—Define salt codfish?

∞
∞ ↗
∞



*Instid ov this, how trew it tiz,
The skoolmaster iz treated,
Like one we owe 50 dollars,
And wont admit we've cheated.*

A.—Vittles and—drink.
∞
∞
∞

∞	∞	Kronollogy.	KOLD KUTS.	
1	T	∏ Bitter kold ∞ ×	The more humble a man iz before God, the more he will be exalted,—the more humble he iz before men, the more he will git rode ruff shod. —∞—	
2	W	a thing ov buty ×		
3	T	∞ iz a joy forever		
4	S	thundring kold ∞		
5	F	∞ ∞ if yu must		
6	G	drink hot ∞ ∞		
7	M	∞ rum ∞ do it now		
8	T	jehosiphat kold ∆		
9	W	∞ nowdistruckshuu	The only really natral thing thare iz about any man, iz hiz consunce. —∞—	
10	T	∏ ∆ wood =slam		
11	F	bang kold ∆ ∞		
12	S	Job Stearns		
13	G	∞ ∆ ∞ born 1500		
14	M	indefatigabel kold		
15	T	Job Stearns ∞ ∞		
16	W	∆ waz an ∏		
17	T	∞ itinerant ∆ ∏ ∞	Enuff good luk will ruin enny man. —∞—	
18	F	∞ ompompanoosuck		
19	S	∞ kold ∆ Job ∞		
20	G	itinerated ∆ ∞ ∏		
21	M	∞ tin ware		
22	T	sno phals ∞ now		
23	W	stir up ∆ ∞ ∞		
24	T	∞ ∏ yure goose		
25	F	unimpeachbil kold	Whare thare iz one man obstinate bekauze he iz wize, thare iz 4,695,853 obstinate bekauze they are ignorant. —∞—	
26	S	∞ roosters freeze ∞		
27	G	yures, with spark-		
28	M	∞ ling hopes —		
29	T	Josh Billings ∞ ∞		
30	W	∞ Allminacker ∆		
31	T			Trust in God first, yure nabor next, and yureself last.—AMEN.

PERSONALS.

*** H. J. B.—If the lady with lavender poodle, would like tew swop dogs, Barney O'Toole iz her man.

B. O'TOOLE.

*** D.—Dont menshun it; mum iz the word. Star ov buty, the goose hangeth hi.

LOVER.

*** SWEETNESS.—Virtew iz her own cashier; the violet iz blu; the racoon haz a bushy tail; man waz made tew mourn; meet me at the pea-nut stand.

HARROLD.

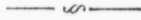
*** SPONGKAKE.—Dost luv me? The kold moon listened when yu breathed a vow in Bridget Costello's ear; dont go back on me Patrik, if thou dost, be jabbers i will have satisfackshun.

BRIDGET.

*** BILL MUSTACH.—Dont put on airs; how about that box ov 5 cent cigars yu owe for? Yure wash-woman mourns yure absence.

SAM PEEL.

THE KAMMEL LEOPARD.



The Kammel Leopard iz a 2 story and attik animal. They are as spotted az a coach-dog, and have a split futt.

They are a bad job tew mount, and a wuss one tew stik to.

They are perpindikular in the bak, and hav an ear like a yung mule. They kan kik further and faster than the mule kan.

Thare iz no more hair on their tails, than thare iz on a rope.

They chew the kud, and swallo the juce.

They kan run faster than a ghost, and jump klean away from their shaddo.

They are natiffs ov Afrika, and cum here, az our coloured brother did, on spekulashun.

They are one ov the luxuries ov civilizashun I belave, but which one ov the luxurys, i cant state.

They are useless at home, and are only worth here 25 cents for a chance tew look at them once.

Az a studdy they may be valuable, but a man who waz at all quick in the branes, could studdy one tew deth, in just about 10 minitts.

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