

NOTE OF INTERROGATION.

Mr. Pope, sneering at the ignorance of a young man, asked him if he knew what an interrogation was? "Yes, sir," said he, "'tis a little crooked thing that asks questions."

NOTHING TO BOAST OF.

"The British Empire, sir," exclaimed an orator, "is the one on which the sun never sets." "And one," replied an auditor, "in which the *tax gatherer* never goes to bed."

NOTIONS OF HAPPINESS.

"Were I but a king," said a country boy, "I would eat my fill of fat bacon, and swing upon a gate all day long."

NOT NECESSARY.

"You flatter me," said a thin exquisite the other day to a young lady who was praising the beauties of his moustache. "For heaven's sake, ma'am," interposed an old skipper, "don't make that *monkey* any flatter than he is."

"NOT ON COMPULSION, HAL."

A married woman about to sign a legal deed was asked as usual, whether her husband had *compelled* her to sign it? "*He compel me?*" said the woman, "no, nor twenty like him."

NOT RIGHT.

A prisoner being called on to plead to an indictment for larceny was told by the clerk to hold up his right hand. The man immediately held up his left hand. "Hold up your *right* hand," said the clerk. "Please your honor," said the culprit, still keeping up his left hand, "I am *left handed*."

"NOT ROMANTIC ENOUGH."

"Would you not love to gaze on Niagara forever?" said a romantic girl to her less romantic companion. "Oh, no; I should not like to have a cataract always in my eye."

NOT SO EASY.

A certain learned sergeant, who is apt to be testy in argument, was advised by the court not to *show temper*, but to *show cause*."

NOT TO BE TEMPTED.

"Come down this instant!" said a boat-swain to a mischievous son of Erin, who had been idling on the round top; "Come down, I say, and I'll give you a good dozen, you rascal!" "Troth, sur, and I won't come down if you'd give me *two dozen*."

NOT UNPLEASANT.

"Is the smoke of my cigarette unpleasant to you, sir?" "Oh, no, madam! I would rather inhale smoke from your beautiful lips, than taste kisses from any others."

ODD FAMILY.

Blaney said in reference to several persons, all relations to each other, but who happened to have no descendants, that it seemed to be *hereditary* in their family to have no children.

ODD QUESTION.

Councillor Rudd, of the Irish bar, was equally remarkable for his love of whist and the dingy color of his linen. "My dear Dick," said Curran to him one day, "you can't think how puzzled we are to know where *you buy* all your *dirty shirts*."

ODD REASON.

A celebrated wit was asked why he did not marry a young lady to whom he was much attached. "I know not," he replied, "except the *great regard* we have for each other."

OLD AGE.

A very old man, who was commonly very dull and heavy, had now and then intervals of gaiety; some person observed, "*he resembles an old castle which is sometimes visited by spirits*."

Socrates learned to play on musical instruments in his old age; Cato, at eighty, learned Greek; Plutarch, at about the same age, studied Latin, and Franklin learned to speak French towards the close of his life.

OLD FRIENDS.

Colman, the dramatist, was asked if he knew Theodore Hook. "Yes," replied the wit, "*Hook and Eye* are old associates."

OLD JOKE.

As a wag at a ball, to a nymph on each arm, Alternately turning, and thinking to charm, Exclaimed in these words, of which Quinn was the giver:

"You're my Gizzard, my dear; and my love, you're my Liver."

"Alas!" cried the fair on his left—"to what use?"

For you never saw *either served up with a goose*."

OLD STORIES OVER AGAIN.

Bubb Doddington was very lethargic. Falling asleep one day, after dinner with Sir Richard Temple and Lord Cobham, the latter reproached Doddington with his drowsiness. Doddington denied having been asleep, and to prove he had not, offered to repeat a Lord Cobham had been saying. Cobham challenged him to do so. Doddington repeated a story; and Lord Cobham owned he had been telling it. "Well," said Doddington, "and yet I did not hear a word of it; but I went to sleep, because I knew that about this time of day *you would tell that story*."

OLD THINGS.

The king of Arragon said, "there are four things in the world worth living for: old wine to drink, old wood to burn, old books to read, and old friends to converse with."

OLD TIMES.

A gentleman in company with Foote, took up a newspaper, saying, "he wanted to see what the ministry were about." Foote, with a smile, replied, "look among the *robberies*."

ONE AT A TIME.

When Mr. Penn, the proprietor of Pennsylvania, and the most considerable man among the Quakers, went to court to pay his respects to Charles II, that merry monarch observing the Quaker not to lower his beaver, took off his own hat and stood uncovered before Penn, who said, "Prithee, friend Charles, put on thy hat." "No, friend Penn," said the king, "it is usual for only one man to stand covered here."

ONE BITE AT A CHERRY.

A young fellow once offered to kiss a Quakeress. "Friend," said she, "thee must not do it." "O, *by Jove!* but I must," said the youth. "Well friend, as thee hast *sworn*, thee may do it, but thee must not make a practice of it."

ONE GOOD TURN DESERVES ANOTHER.

Dr. A., physician at Newcastle, being summoned to a vestry, in order to reprimand a sexton for drunkenness, he dwelt so long on the sexton's misconduct, as to draw from him this expression: "Sir, I thought you would have been the last man alive to appear against me, as I *have covered up so many blunders of yours*."

ONE THING AT A TIME.

A very dull play was talked of and one attempted a defense by saying, "It was not hissed." "True," said another; "no one can *hiss* and *gape* at the same time."

ON THE RIGHT SIDE.

It was said of one that rememoered everything that he lent, but nothing that he borrowed, "that he had *lost half* of his memory."

ON THE "STRAIGHT" ROAD.

"I have no apprehension that the devil will ever come for me," said a youth of questionable morals. "He will not be silly enough to take the trouble," said a bystander, "for you are going straight to him."

ON TIME.

Two Irishmen were in prison—one for stealing a cow, and the other for stealing a watch. "Hullo, Mike, an' sure what o'clock is it?" said the cow stealer. "I've no timepiece handy, but suppose it's just about milking time," replied the other.

ORATORS.

To wonder now at Balaam's ass is weak, Is there a day that asses do not speak?

OUR ENGLISH LOVE FOR DINNERS.

"If an earthquake were to engulf England to-morrow," said Jerrold, "the English would manage to meet and dine somewhere among the rubbish, just to celebrate the event."

OUTWARD APPEARANCES.

Man is a sort of a tree of which we are too apt to judge by the bark.

PADDY'S LOGIC.

"The sun is all very well," said an Irishman, "but the moon is worth two of it; for the moon affords us light in the night time, when we *want it*, whereas the sun's with us in the daytime, when we have *no occasion for it*."

PAID BACK WITH HIS OWN CHANGE.

An American general was once in company where there were some Scotch. After supper, when the wine was served up, the general rose and addressed the company in the following words: "Gentlemen, I must inform you that when I get a little groggy, I have an absurd custom of railing against the Scotch; I hope no gentleman

in the company will take it amiss." With this he sat down. Up started Mr. —, a Scotch officer, and without seeming the least displeased, said, "Gentlemen, I, when I am a little groggish, and hear any one railing against the Scotch, have an absurd custom of kicking him out of the company; I hope no gentleman will take it amiss. It is hardly necessary to add that that night he had no occasion to exert his talent."

PAINTED CHARMS.

Of a celebrated actress, who, in her declining days, bought charms of carmine, and pearl powder, Jerrold said, "Egad! she should have a hoop about her, with a notice upon it, 'Beware of the paint!'"

PAINTING.

A nobleman, who was a great amateur painter, showed one of his performances to Turner. That great artist said to him, "My Lord, you want nothing but *poverty* to become a very excellent painter."

A gentleman seeing a fine painting, representing a man playing on the lute, paid this high compliment to the artist. "When I look on that painting, I think myself *deaf*."

PASSING THE BOTTLE.

Foote being in company, and the wine producing more than concord, he observed one gentleman so far gone in debate as to throw the bottle at his antagonist's head; upon which, catching the missile in his hand, he restored the harmony of the company by observing that, "*if the bottle was passed so quickly*, not one of them would be able to stand out the evening."

PAYING DEAR FOR HIS WHISTLE.

In Columbia, a week or two since, a man whistled to his neighbor as if calling a dog, and got soundly whipped for it. That was "paying dear for his whistle."

PERFECT BORE.

Some one being asked if a certain author, whom he had long known, was not "*a little tiresome*?" "Not at all," said he, "*she was perfectly tiresome*."

PERSONALITIES OF GARRICK AND QUINN.

When Quinn and Garrick performed at the same theatre, and in the same play, one night being very stormy each ordered a chair. To the mortification of Quinn, Garrick's chair came up first. "Let me get into

the chair," cried the surly veteran, "and put little Davy in the lantern." "By all means," rejoined Garrick, "I shall be ever happy to *enlighten* Mr. Quinn in anything."

PERSONAL REFLECTION.

A petulant old lady having refused a suitor to her niece, he expostulated with her, and requested her plainly to divulge her reasons. "I see the villain in your face," said she. "That's a *personal reflection*, madam," answered the lover.

PERTINENT QUESTION.

Judge Jeffreys, of notorious memory, (pointing with his cane to a man who was about to be tried,) said, "there is a great rogue at the end of my cane." The man pointed at inquired, "*at which end, my lord?*"

PHILOSOPHICAL BEGGING.

Diogenes did beg more of a prodigal, than of the rest who were present, whereupon one said to him. "See your baseness, that when you can find a liberal man you shall take most of him." "No," said D., "but I intend to beg of the rest again."

PHYSICIANS.

Addison very humorously compared physicians to an army of ancient Britons, as described by Julius Caesar. He says of them, "Some slay on foot, and some in chariots. If the infantry do not so much execution as the cavalry, it is because they cannot convey themselves with so much velocity into all quarters, nor dispatch their business in so short a time."

PIECE OF RESISTANCE.

"Do come and dine with me," said John to Pat; "you must, though I have only a piece of beef and some potatoes for you." "Oh! my dear fellow! don't make the laist apology about the dinner, it's the very same I should have at home, *barrin' the beef*."

PILL GRATIS.

A person desirous of impressing Lord Ellenborough with his importance, said: "I sometimes employ myself as a doctor." "Very likely," remarked his lordship, "but is any one fool enough to *employ* you in that capacity?"

PLURAL NUMBERS.

A boy being asked what was the plural of penny, replied, with great promptness and simplicity, "two-pence."

POETS AND PULLETS.

Mrs. Partington says there must be some sort of kin between poets and pullets, for they both are always chanting their lays.

POLISH MONARCH.

A Polish monarch left his companions when hunting, and a few days after was seen working as a porter. When asked the reason of this strange conduct, he replied, "the load I have quitted is heavier than the one I carry. I have slept more the last four nights than I did during my reign. I now live and am king of myself. Elect whom you choose. It were madness for me to return to court."

POLISHING.

A person in a public company accusing the Irish nation with being the most unpolished in the world, was answered mildly by an Irish gentleman, "that it ought to be otherwise, for the Irish meet with hard rubs enough to polish any nation on earth."

POLITICAL BRAYING.

A political editor of a village newspaper cries aloud to his party, "Let your trumpets bray in the front of the battle." A good many political partisans can bray well enough without such instruments. The use of trumpets is a needless expenditure of brass.

POLITICAL CORRUPTION.

Curran, when opposed to Lord Clare, said that he reminded him of a chimney-sweep, who had raised himself by dark and dusky ways, and then called aloud to his neighbors to witness his *dirty* elevation.

POLITICAL LOGIC.

If two decided negatives will make Together one affirmative, let's take P—t's and L—t's, each a rogue *per se*, Who by this rule an honest pair will be.

POOR LAW.

"Pray, my lord," asked a fashionable lady of Lord Kenyon, "what do you think my son had better do in order to succeed in the law?" "Let him spend all his money, marry a rich wife and spend all hers, and when he has *not got a shilling* in the world, let him attack the law." Such was the advice of an old chief justice.

POOR LIMBS ON A STATELY TREE.

Lord Coke calls the law, "a stately tree." It may be a very nice tree, but it does have some wretchedly poor limbs.

PORTER.

A person named Porter being very drunk, a friend asked him what he had been about. "Only turning a *little gin* into Porter," replied he.

POSERS.

A coxcomb in a coffee house boasted that he had written a certain popular song, just as the true author entered the room. A friend of his pointed to the coxcomb: "See, sir, the real author of your favorite song." "Well," replied the other, "the gentleman *might* have made it, for I assure him I found no difficulty in doing it myself."

Foote was once met by a friend in town with a young man who was flashing away very brilliantly, while Foote seemed grave: "Why, Foote," said his friend, "you are flat to-day; you don't seem to relish a joke!" "You *have not tried me* yet, sir," said Foote.

In a chancery suit one of the counsel, describing the boundaries of his client's land, said, in showing the plan of it, "We lie on this side, my Lord;" the opposite counsel then said, "And we lie on that side." The Chancellor with a good natured grin, observed: "If you lie on both sides, whom will you have me believe?"

A lecturer wishing to explain to a little girl the manner in which a lobster casts his shell when he has outgrown it, said: "What do you do when you have outgrown your clothes? You throw them aside, don't you?" "Oh, no!" replied the little one, "*we* let out the tucks!" The doctor confessed she had the advantage of him there.

POST.

A drunken fellow ran against a post; supposing himself to be imposed upon he began beating it with his fists, and upon being informed it was a post, said, "why *d'ld* he not blow his horn?"

POSTHUMOUS.

A young man having asked an Hibernian who was looked up to as a scholar, what was meant by the posthumous works of such a writer. "Why, said the other, posthumous works are those books which a man writes after he is dead."

POT VALIANT.

Provisions have a greater influence on the valor of troops than is generally supposed, and there is great truth in the remark of an

English physician, who said "that with a six weeks' diet he could make a man a coward." A distinguished general was so convinced of this principle, that he said he always employed his troops *before their dinner had digested.*

POWERFUL TELESCOPE.

An Irishman, with his telescope, insisted that he could bring his old pig, which was a mile off, on the hillside, so near that he could plainly hear him grunt.

PRESSING REASON.

A tailor sent his bill to a lawyer for money. The lawyer bid the boy tell his master that he was not running away, but very busy at that time. The boy comes again, and tells him he must have the money. "Did you tell your master," said the lawyer, "that I was not running away?" "Yes, sir," answered the boy, "but he bade me tell you that *he was.*"

PREVIOUS ENGAGEMENTS.

The late Lord Dudley and Ward was one of the most absent of men. Meeting Sydney Smith one day on the street, he invited him to meet himself! "Dine with me to-day—dine with me to-day; I will get Sydney Smith to meet you." The witty canon admitted the temptation held out to him, but said "*he was engaged with him elsewhere.*"

"PRIDE HAS A FALL."

A modern tourist calls the Niagara river "the pride of rivers." That pride certainly has a tremendous fall.

PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST.

A debtor observed to his creditor, "that it was not his *interest* to pay the *principal*, nor his *principle* to pay the *interest.*"

THE PRINCIPLE OF GOVERNMENT.

I shall not easily forget the sarcasm of Swift's simile as he told us of the Prince of Orange's harangue to the mob of Portsmouth. "We are come," said he, "for your good—for *all your goods.*" "A universal principle," added Swift, "of all governments; but like most other truths, only *half told*; he should have said, *goods and chattels.*"

PROBABILITY.

Jonathan and his friend Paddy were enjoying a delightful ride, when they came in sight of what is very unusual in any civilized State now-a-days—an old gallows, or gib-

bet. This suggested to the American, the idea of being witty at the expense of his Irish companion. "You see *that*, I calculate?" said he nasally, pointing to the object just mentioned, "and now, where would *you* be if the gallows had its due?" "Riding alone," coolly replied Paddy.

PROFESSION.

A quack doctor sent for a farrier to look at his horse. After the horse was sound the doctor asked the man what he was indebted for the cure? He replied, "You know it's not the rule to take fees of the profession."

PROFESSIONAL AIM.

In a duel between two attorneys, one of them shot away the skirts of the other's coat. The second, observing the truth of his aim, declared that, "had his friend been engaged with a *client*, he would very probably have *hit his pocket.*"

PROVERB REVERSED.

Example is better than precept they say, With our parson the maxim should run t'other way;
For so badly he acts, and so wisely he teaches,
We should shun what he does, and should do what he preaches.

PROVING EACH OTHER FOOLS.

Two conceited coxcombs wrangling and exposing one another before company, one told them, "that they had both done like wits," "for wits," said he, "never give over till they prove one another fools."

SAGACIOUS ANIMAL.

A wag describing an elephant, remarked, "that this sagacious animal always carries his *trunk* before him, and can never be robbed."

PUBLIC GRATITUDE.

Voltaire relates, with great simplicity, that at the first representation of one of his tragedies, the audience, who saw the author in a box with an extremely beautiful young Duchess, required that she should give him a kiss, by way of acknowledging the public gratitude. The victim, a partaker in the general enthusiasm, felt apparently no repugnance to make the sacrifice.

PUGILISTIC PUN.

When Jack Marten, the pugilist, married Elizabeth Martin, of St. Giles, the in-

corrigible punster remarked, that it was too bad to knock his wife's *out* on the very first day of her marriage.

PUPIL OF ZENO.

A youth who was a follower of Zeno, on his return home, was asked by his father, "what he had learned?" The lad replied, "that would hereafter appear." On this, the father being enraged, beat his son, who bearing it patiently and without complaining said, "This have I learned, to endure a parent's anger."

"PUPPIES NEVER SEE TILL THEY ARE NINE DAYS OLD."

It is related, that when a former Bishop of Bristol held the office of Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cambridge, he one day met a couple of under-graduates, who neglected to pay the accustomed compliment of *capping*. The bishop inquired the reason of the neglect. The two men begged his lordship's pardon, observing they were *freshmen*, and did not know him. "How long have you been in Cambridge?" asked his lordship. "Only *eight days*," was the reply. "Very good," said the bishop, "*puppies* never see till they are *nine days old.*"

PURE-FOLKS.

Very pure folks won't be held up to the light and shown to be very dirty bottles, without paying back hard abuse for the impertinence.

PICKINGS AND STEALINGS.

The coat of a horse is the gift of nature. That of an ass is often the work of a tailor.

Mr. John Rubb, candidate for some petty office, publishes in a Mississippi paper that the Whigs are the corruptest party in the world. *There lies the Rubb.* *Prentiss.*

The question is discussed in some of the Missouri papers whether raising hemp is a good business. A much better business than being raised by it.

To keep your friends, treat them kindly; to kill them, treat them often.

You may wish to get a wife without a failing; but what if the lady, after you find her, happens to be in want of a husband of the same character?

Some dogs are kept about houses simply to give the alarm at the approach of burglars. Like certain spice trees, they are valued only for their bark.

A sweet girl is a sort of divinity, to whom even the Scriptures themselves do not forbid us to render "lip service."

A British writer says that the gentle sorts of animals are gradually becoming more ferocious, and the ferocious ones more gentle. Perhaps the time may come when the gentle lion, at sight of the ferocious sheep, will run with all his might—and *mane*.

Those who oftenest suffer from fullness of the stomach, are generally those who were never troubled with fullness either of the head or heart.

It should be remembered that the bare assertion is not necessarily the naked truth.

A few days ago we had the gratification of seeing a little boy taken from under a sand bank that had fallen on him. His terror had not turned his hair white, but he was decidedly sandy haired.

Cruel men are the greatest lovers of mercy; avaricious men of generosity, and proud men of humility—in everybody but themselves.

Those who have most treasure have generally most anxiety. The Colchian ran with the golden wool was, no doubt, even though he had wings, in constant apprehension of being fleeced.

Which may be considered the *faster* man, he who is running like a greyhound, or he who is stuck inextricably in the mud?

Punch says: "If you wish to see the teeth of a beautiful young lady, praise her rival before her face." We think the object may often be effected as well by a pretty compliment to herself. And her teeth appear to the best advantage when we are not afraid of them.

We should not, in our attempts to elevate ourselves, lose sight of safety. He who stands upon a tall man's shoulders, can look over the heads of those around him, but his footing is much less secure than theirs.

There is many a man whose tongue could govern multitudes, if he could only govern his tongue.

We are often asked why it is that so many married women of genius are unhappy in their domestic relations. It can only be because they choose unwisely. What could be expected from the mating of the eagle with the barn door fowl?

A young lady isn't apt to find out that she ever had a heart till she has unhappily lost it.

The most placid and smiling countenance oftentimes masks the most dangerous temper. The most terrible thunderbolt we ever saw, was shot from a cloud arched by a beautiful rainbow.

Rejected courtesy becomes enmity. If the extended hand is refused, the mere closing of the fingers changes it into a fist.

You may often see a couple cooing like turtle doves when 'tis all nothing but mock turtle.

Ivy will not cling to a poisonous tree or other substance. What a pity that the tendrils of a woman's heart have not the same wholesome and salutary instinct.

They tell us that "truth never dies." But if her home is, as we are informed, "at the bottom of the well," it seems a little strange that she never "kicks the bucket." Yet from her dark home in the still depths, she oftentimes follows up the feeding rill to its source upon the mountain top, and rises from the fountain like Venus from the foam of the sea, as beautiful as the fabled goddess, and infinitely more worthy of the admiration of earth and heaven.

In fishing, we have occasionally seen a big pike watching a bait, and evidently weighing the chances between getting a good dinner and *being* a good dinner. He should have been able to weigh very accurately, he had so many scales.

A brave man bears his certificate of courage in his eye, and in his whole deportment; but the poltroon carries his in his pocket.

It is considered very creditable to men to have hearts of oak, but not half so creditable to have wooden heads.

An American writer says of the present generation, that, "the young men are going one way, and the young women the opposite way." That's right, they will meet all the sooner.

A couple of agricultural editors are discussing the relative value of different grains. Unquestionably, grains of sense are the most valuable.

A New Orleans poet calls the Mississippi the most eloquent of rivers. It ought to be eloquent, it has a dozen mouths.

A Florida paper speaks of the stranding of a whale or some other big fish upon the beach, and says that the citizens had to use a ladder some twenty feet in length to get on his back. We should think such a fish difficult to scale.

It is a serious question whether every fisherman, however honest he may think himself, ought not to be indicted for *hooking fish*.

A lady bathing in the sea may not be in a distressing predicament, though she is unquestionably in a *great pickle*.

"How do my customers like the milk I sell them?" "Oh, they say it is of the first water."

"I know I am a regular bear in my manners," said a fine young farmer to his sweetheart. "No, indeed, you are not, John; you have never hugged me yet. You are more sheep than bear."

To make a pretty girl's cheeks red, pay her a compliment. To redden those of an impudent man, slap them.

It is the received opinion that men find straightforwardness the best for success. And yet men, like fish, often get bravely ahead by a very crooked process of self-propulsion.

The greatest thoughts seem degraded in their passage through little minds. Even the winds of heaven make but mean music when whistling through a keyhole.

The slanderer is like the chameleon—he destroys his prey by a dart of his tongue.

There is no objection to *broils* in a house, so they be confined to the *kitchen*.

Flowers fling their wealth upon the vacant air, and rich men often fling theirs upon the vacant *heir*.

"I haven't another word to say, wife—I never dispute with fools." "No, husband, you are very sure to agree with them."

Position is something, but not everything. The eyes are in the rear of the nose, but can see much further than it can smell.

Some old women and men grow bitter with age. The more teeth they drop out the more biting they get.

He is a first rate collector who can, upon all occasions, collect his wits.

When a young man complains that a young lady has no heart, it is a pretty certain sign that she at least has *his*.

"I would do anything to gratify you; I would go to the end of the world to please you," said a fervent lover to the object of his affection. "Well, sir, go there and *stay*, and I shall be pleased."

Old friends often fall away from us as we grow old. Even our hair and teeth are oftentimes no better than other old friends in this respect.

If the editor of the — isn't a rogue, he ought certainly to bring an action for slander against his own face.

Much smoking kills live men and cures dead swine.

Three years ago, a man in Mississippi cheated us out of twenty dollars, and now his son has cheated us out of about the same sum. The young man's propensity is probably the *only thing he ever came honestly by*.

Hit a man upon whatever part of his body you will, the blow is sure to go against his stomach.

It is said that a Chinaman, no matter where he finds himself, is never perplexed. He always has his *cue*.

"Haven't you finished scaling that fish yet, Sam?" "No master, 'tis a very large one." "Oh, well, you have had time enough to scale a mountain."

The rhyming of silly boys and girls, and the whistling of the wind through a hollow tree, are equally signal instances of "music caused by emptiness."

Some men give as little light in the world as a tallow farthing candle, and when they expire, leave as bad an odor behind them.

"Do you think me guilty of a falsehood?" asked Mr. Knott of a gentleman he was addressing. "Sir, I must render a verdict of Knott guilty."

The late comet was a good deal like the production of some of our voluminous story writers—a long tail from a small head.

"That's very singular, sir," said a young lady when we kissed her. "Ah, well then, we will soon make it plural."

Surely it is a blessed privilege to be kissed by the breeze that has kissed all the pretty women in the world.

A man's boots and shoes get tight by imbibing water, but he doesn't.

Walk fast till you get upon the right ground, and then *stand fast*.

When a malignant man strikes at the great benefactors of his race, he deserves, like the Indian who madly fired his arrow at the sun, to be smitten with the curse of blindness.

Never look to an exclusively political paper for good reading matter for your family. You might as well try to get wool by shearing a hydraulic ram.

The largest bridge in the world is considered *peerless*, for the reason that it has more *piers* than any other.

An inventor has made application at the patent office for what he calls an improved lever. He professes to be "able to raise anything with it." We wonder if it will answer for raising children and the wind.

The leaves of most books are inferior to those of the book of nature. They have the greenness without the freshness of the leaves of spring, and the dryness without the beauty of those of autumn.

We know some men who are good natured only when they are no longer sober. Like small beer, they get sour if not soon *drunk*.

An impudent fellow accosted a young lady rudely, and she set a dog on him. She was *chaste* and he was *chased*.

One tear of a woman is oftentimes more formidable than the "three tiers" of a ship of the line.

If you don't want to spoil your children, you may have to spoil a good many rods in raising them.

An editor in Texas boasts that he has made something of his party in that quarter. He must be a near relative of the woman who made the pound of butter from the cream of a joke.

Men and women, who read a great many light and superficial works, will have a mere mass of crude and worthless knowledge, unless they read books filled with stern, strong, hard thought. The birds have to pick up pebble-stones to aid in the digestion of the softer contents of their craws.

The sweetest serenade that a woman hears in all her life, is the first low tone of her first born.

"Marry me, my dear girl, and you will have seen the end of your troubles." "Which end, sir?"

The elephant is not the greatest beast in the world. He abhors tobacco.

Two young Cincinnatians ran away with a couple of vessels from that city last week. The vessels were of that kind St. Paul calls "the weaker vessels."

It takes a member of the Illinois legislature a considerable time to get rich in the service. He receives one dollar a day and pays two for board; the rest he is expected to "give to the poor."

It is vain to hope to please all alike. Let a man stand with his face in what direction he will, he must necessarily turn his back on one-half of the world.

Why does a shipbuilder daub the outside of his vessel all over with tar? Would it not be sufficiently pitched by the ocean?

It is the general impression that buffalo tongues are more prized than any other, but we believe as a general rule lawyers' tongues sell highest in market.

A gentleman killed himself in Florida for the love of a Miss Bullitt. The poor fellow could not live with a Bullitt in his heart.

"You are an old sheep," said a promising specimen of Young America to his mother. "Well, you little rascal," exclaimed she, seizing the broomstick, "if I am an old sheep, I lam'd you, and I'll lam you again."

Homer begged from his countrymen, and all succeeding generations have been continually stealing from him.

The Pittsburgers are fortunate; they get their delicious pure drinking water from the Allegheny river which bounds one side of their city, and are supplied with exhaustless quantities of Monongahela, which laves the other.

It is more respectable to black boots than to black characters,—to sew shirts than to sow strifes.

Memory is not so brilliant as hope, but it is more beautiful, and a thousand times as true.

We wind up clocks to make them keep running, and banks to stop them running.

It may be difficult for you sometimes to get away from bad company, but don't for that reason throw yourself away.

The greatest truths are the simplest; the greatest men and women are sometimes so, too.

A popular writer says it is not the drinking, but the getting sober that is so terrible in a drunkard's life. Some persons, influenced probably by this important consideration, seem to have deliberately resolved never to get sober.

Several young ladies are studying dentistry. We suspect their object is to get near the gentlemen's lips.

QUEEN BESS.

A courtier came running to her, and with a face full of dismay, "Madam," said he, "I have bad news for you; the party of tailors mounted on mares, that attacked the Spaniards, are all cut off." "Courage, friend!" said the Queen, "This news is indeed bad, but when we consider the nature of the quadrupeds, and the description of the soldiers, it is some comfort to think that we have lost neither *man* nor *horse*."

QUEEN ELIZABETH.

When Queen Elizabeth visited Falkenstein, the inhabitants employed their parish clerk to versify their address. The mayor being introduced, he, with great gravity, mounted a three-legged stool and commenced his poetical declamation, thus:

"O, mighty Queen,
"Welcome to Falkenstein!"

Elizabeth burst out in a loud roar of laughter, and without giving his worship time to recover himself, she replied:

"You great fool,
"Get off that stool."

QUEER PARTNERS.

Jerrold, at a party, noticed a doctor in solemn black waltzing with a young lady who was dressed in a silk of brilliant blue. "As I live, there's a blue pill dancing with a black draught," said Jerrold.

QUICK LIE.

A conceited coxcomb, with a very patronizing air, called out to an Irish laborer, "Here, you bog-trotter, come and tell me the greatest lie you can, and I'll treat you to a jug of whiskey-punch." "By my word," said Pat, "an' your honor's a *gentleman*."

QUID PRO QUO.

A physician of an acrimonious disposition, and having a thorough hatred of lawyers, reproached a lawyer with the use of phrases utterly unintelligible, "For example," said he, "I never could understand what you lawyers mean by docking an

ental." "That's very likely," answered the lawyer, "but I will explain it to you: it's doing what you doctors never consent to—*suffering a recovery*."

Smith and Brown running in opposite ways round a corner, struck each other. "Oh dear!" says Smith, "how you made my head ring." "That's a sign it's hollow," said Brown. "Didn't your's ring?" said Smith. "No," said Brown. "That's a sign it's cracked," said his friend.

An Irish lawyer famed for cross examining, was, on one occasion, completely silenced by a horse dealer: "Pray, Mr. —, you belong to a very honest profession?" "I can't say so," replied the witness; "for, saving you *lawyers*, I think it's the *most dishonest going*."

QUITE NATURAL.

"Did any of you ever see an elephant's skin?" asked the master of an infant school in a fast neighborhood. "I have," shouted six-year old, at the foot of the class. "Where," inquired old spectacles, amused by his earnestness. "On the elephant!" was the reply.

RAISING RENT.

"Sir, I intend to raise your rent," said a landlord to a tenant, to which the latter replied, "I am much obliged to you, for I cannot raise it myself."

RAKE'S ECONOMY.

With cards and dice, and dress and friends,
My savings are complete;
I light the candle at both ends,
And thus make both ends meet.

RANDOLPH'S WIT.

Once after the celebrated John Randolph, of Roanoke, had been speaking in Congress, several members rose in succession and attacked him. His reply was as witty as it was prompt. "Sir," said he to the speaker, "I am in the condition of old Lear—

The little dogs and all,
Tray, Blanche, and Sweetheart,
See—they bark at me."

RATHER FEROCIOUS.

As Burke was declaiming with great animation against Hastings, he was interrupted by little Major Scott. "Am I," said he indignantly, "to be teased by the barking of this *jackal*, while I am attacking the royal *tiger* of Bengal?"

RATHER SAUCY.

"You had better ask for manners than money," said a finely dressed gentleman to a beggar who asked for alms. "I asked for what I thought you had the *most*?" was the cutting reply.

READY RECKONER.

A mathematician being asked by a wag, "If a pig weigh 200 pounds, how much will a great boar (*bore*) weigh?" he replied, "Jump into the scales, and I will tell you *immediately*."

REASON.

"I wish you at the devil," said somebody to Wilkes. "I don't wish you there," was the answer. "Why?" "Because I never wish to see you *again*."

REASONABLE PREFERENCE.

Whether tall men or short men are best,
Or bold men, or modest and shy men,
I can't say, but this I protest,
All the fair are in favor of *Hy-men*.

REASONS FOR DRINKING.

Dr. Aldrich, of convivial memory, said there were five reasons for drinking:
Good wine, a friend, or being dry,
Or lest you should be by-and-by,
Or any other reason why.

REASON FOR MATRIMONY.

Cato the elder, when aged, buried his wife, and married a young woman. His son said to him, "What! have I offended, that you have brought a stepmother into your house?" The old man answered, "Nay, quite the contrary; thou pleasest me so well that I should be glad to have more such."

REASON FOR POLYGAMY.

An Irishman was once brought up before a magistrate, charged with marrying six wives. The magistrate asked him how he could be so hardened a villain. "Please your worship," said Paddy, "I was just trying to get a *good one*."

REASON FOR RUNNING AWAY.

Owen Moore has run away,
Owing more than he can pay.

REASON FOR THICK ANKLES.

"Harry, I cannot think," says Dick, "what makes my ankles grow so thick." "You do not recollect," says Harry, "how great a calf they have to carry?"