

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?"



## REASONS WHY.

A man said the only reason why his dwelling was not blown away in the late storm was because there was a *heavy mortgage* on it.

A peddler sold a large quantity of stuff which he called the *Madagascar Rat Exterminator* in a neighborhood, and yet the vermin were as alive and active as ever. On being told that it had no effect, "Perhaps," said the imperturbable peddler, "yours may not be *Madagascar rats*."

Footo was once asked why learned men are to be found in rich men's houses, and rich men never to be seen in those of the learned? "Why," said he, "the first know what they want, but the *latter* do not."

## REFLECTION.

An overbearing barrister, endeavoring to browbeat a witness, told him he could plainly see a *rogue* in his face. "I never knew till now," said the witness, "that my face was a *looking glass*."

## REFUGE.

A boy who in term time picked a pocket, fled inside the bar for protection. He was asked the reason of this strange conduct, and replied, that in the multitude of "counsellors there is safety."

## REGRET.

A gentleman, regretting the loss of his first in the presence of his *second wife*, was told by her that "no one had more reason to wish his former spouse alive than she had."

## RELIGIOUS IMPRESSIONS.

"Do you go to Sabbath school, my lad?" kindly asked a missionary of a depraved little Dubuque urchin. "Nary," answered the innocent, "but I've got a fighting cock that can walk over any bird in this town that wears gaffs."

## REMARKABLE ECHO.

A certain Chief Justice, on hearing an ass bray, interrupted the late Mr. Curran in his speech to the jury, by saying, "One at a time, Mr. Curran, if you please." The speech being finished, the judge began his charge, and during its progress the ass sent forth the full force of its lungs; whereupon the advocate said, "Does not your lordship hear a remarkable *echo* in the court?"

## REPLY.

A farmer meeting the parson of his parish, and not giving way to him, was told

that he was "better fed than taught." "True," replied the farmer, "you teach me and I feed myself."

## REPRESENTING A PRINCE.

A prince laughing at one of his courtiers, whom he had employed in several embassies, told him he "looked like an owl." "I know not," answered the courtier, "what I look like; but this I know, that I have had the honor several times to represent your majesty's person."

## REPROOF.

"I can't find bread for my family," said a lazy fellow in company. "Nor I," replied an industrious miller; "I am obliged to *work* for it."

## REPUTATION.

Reputation is to notoriety what real 'urtile is to mock.

## RETORTS.

Two men, in dispute, reflected upon each other's veracity. One of them replied, that he was never whipt but once by his father, and that was for telling the truth. "I believe then," retorted the other, "the truth was whipt out of you, for you have never spoken it since."

Two girls of fashion entered an assembly room at a time when a fat citizen's wife was quitting it. "Oh," said one of them, "there's beef *a-la-mode* going out." "Yes," answered the object of ridicule, "and *game* coming in."

Mr. Colt, superintendent of the canal at Fort Stanwix, being provoked by an Irishman, gave him a sturdy kick. "By St. Patrick," retorted the Irishman, "if you kick so while you are a *Colt*, what will you do when you come to be a horse?"

In 1793, when a war with France was agitated, on account of the conduct of that country to the Dutch, a gentleman in company said impetuously, "Damn the Dutch, burn their towns." "Rather," replied a lady, "*un-dam* them and sink them."

## REVERSE.

An Irishman, who lived in an attic, being asked what part of the house he occupied, answered: "If the house were turned *topsy-turvy*, I'd be livin' on the first floor."

## REVERSE JOKE.

A soldier, passing through a meadow, a large mastiff ran at him, and he stabbed the

dog with his bayonet. The master of the dog asked him why he had not rather struck the dog with the butt end of his weapon? "So I should," said the soldier, "if he had run at me with his *tail*!"

## RIGHT ORGANS

Spurzheim was lecturing on phrenology. "What is to be conceived the organ of drunkenness?" said the professor. "The *barrel organ*," interrupted an auditor.

## RINGING THE CHANGES.

At a tavern one night, Messrs. *More, Strange, and Wright*, Met to drink, and good thoughts to exchange;

Says *More*, "of us three,  
"The whole town will agree,  
"There is only one knave, and that's  
"*Strange*."

"Yes," says *Strange*, (rather sore,) "I'm sure there's one *More*,  
"A most terrible knave and a bite,  
"Who cheated his mother,  
"His sister and brother."  
"Oh yes," replied *More*, "that is *Wright*."

## ROGERS, POET AND SKIPPER.

Rogers used to say that, "a man who attempted to read all the new publications must often do as the flea does—skip."

## ROSES OR TULIPS.

A fashionable countess asking a young nobleman which he thought the prettiest flowers, roses or tulips? He replied, with great gallantry, "Your ladyship's two lips before all the roses in the world."

## ROWING IN THE SAME BOAT.

"We row in the same boat, you know," said a literary friend to Jerrold. This literary friend was a comic writer and a comic writer only. Jerrold replied, "True, my good fellow, we *do* row in the same boat, but with very different *sculls*."

## ROYAL JEST.

A captain, remarkable for his uncommon height, being one day at the rooms at Bath, the late Princess Amelia was struck with his appearance, and being told that he had been originally intended for the church, "Rather for the *steeple*," replied the royal humorist.

## RUB AT A RASCAL.

George Colman being once told that a man whose character was not very immaculate had grossly abused him, pointedly re-

marked, that "the scandal and ill report of some persons that might be mentioned was like Fuller's earth, it *dubs your coat* a little for a time, but when it is *rubbed off* your coat is so much the cleaner."

## RULING PASSION.

Henry Beaufort, cardinal of Winchester, who was extremely rich, cried out upon his death bed, "Will not death be hired? Will money do nothing? Must I die that have such great riches? If the whole realm of England would save my life, I am able, either by politics to get it, or by riches to buy it."

## RUM AND WATER.

A certain Scotchman, who is not a member of any temperance society, being asked by a dealer to purchase some fine old Jamaica, dryly answered: "To tell you the truth, Mr. —, I canna' say I'm fond of rum, for if I tak' mair than *six tum'lers*, it's very apt to gie me a headache."

## RUNNING WILD ARABIANS.

A traveler relating some of his adventures, told the company that he and his servant made fifty wild Arabians run; which, exciting much surprise, he observed there was no such great matter in it, "for," said he, "we ran, and they ran after us."

## SADDLE ON THE RIGHT HORSE.

As a man who, deeply involved in debt, was walking in the street with a very melancholy air, one of his acquaintances asked him why he was so sorrowful. "Alas," said he, "I am in a state of insolvency." "Well," said his friend, "if that is the case, it is not you but your *creditors*, who ought to wear a woeful countenance."

## SAFE APPEAL.

A physician once defended himself from raillery by saying, "I defy any person whom I ever attended to accuse me of ignorance or neglect." "That you may safely do," replied an auditor, "for you know, doctor, *dead men* tell no tales."

## SAGE ADVICE.

The advice given by an Irishman to his English friend on introducing him to a regular Tipperary row, was, "Wherever you see a head, *hit it*."

## SAILOR'S WEDDING.

A Jack Tar just returned from sea, determined to commit matrimony; but at the altar the parson demurred, as there was