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Josh Billings says he don't care how much people talk, if they will only say it in a few words.

A convict, on being offered the choice of being taught one of several trades, chose that of a sailor.

The longest word in the English language is smiles, because there is a *mile* between the first and last letters.

The man who had "a will of his own" didn't get on very well at home, because his wife had a "won't of her own."

The *Gol en Age* says that you may know an old bachelor by the fact that he always speaks of a baby as "it."

"Where do wicked little boys go to who fish on Sunday?" asked a teacher in a Sunday-school. "O, wno to 'Cullom's Rifle,'" was the prompt reply.

A CASE OF GERMAN HUMOR.—The Berlin *National Zeitung* has the following piece of solemn humor:

The latest American progress in building will be the "mammoth hotel," soon to be erected in Chicago. This enormous hotel is to have a frontage of three English miles; the height of seventy-seven stories will measure 3,480 feet from the ground floor to the roof. The hotel will have no stairs; but 500 balloons will always be ready to take visitors up to their rooms. No room-waiters are to be employed, but visitors will be served by a newly patented automatic, put up in every bed-room, who will do all shaving, shampooing, etc., to the guests by a very simple and ingenious mechanism. Supposing the guest requires hot water, the automatic will be able to call down stairs, "A bucket of water up to Room No. 1,003,107," and the water will be up in seven seconds by a patented elevator.

Half an hour before table d'hote, instead of the ringing of bells, a gun (24 pounder) will be fired on each floor, to call the guests to get ready for their meals.

The tables in the dining-rooms will measure four miles each, attendance to be performed by twelve waiters on horseback, on either side of the table. Music during table d'hote will be played, gratis, by eight bands of seventy-seven men each.

For the convenience of visitors, a railway will be built on each floor, as well as telegraph offices. The price of one bed-room will be from \$1 to \$10. The cost of this building is estimated to be \$980,000,000. The billiard-room will contain 900 American, 99 French and 1 English table, and, most of the visitors being expected to be Americans, the billiard-room will be fitted out with a spittoon of 100 feet in circumference.

CHINA.—A country where the roses have no fragrance, and the women no petticoats; where the laborer has no sabbath, and the magistrate no sense of honor; where the roads bear no vehicles, and the ships no keels; where old men fly kites; where the needle points to the south, and the sign of being puzzled is to scratch the antipodes of the head; where the place of honor is on the left hand, and the seat of intellect is in the stomach; where to take off your hat is an insolent gesture, and to wear a white garment is to put yourself in mourning; which has a literature without an alphabet, and a language without a grammar.

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