Carving.

BILL NYE RELATES WHY HE BANI-HE HIS CHILDREN FROM THE TABLE.

"Children and fools tell the truth," I have heard, and certainly children have a faculty of working the truth in at the wrong time. Truth is a good thing-in its place. But the great harm comes from using it at an oppornot to make themselves or their chil- structions to local land officers: dren too conspicuously in print.

Guests were invited to dinner, and while in my Baronial half the welkin rang and the cold baked bean was passed around amid joyous laughter, and witty remarks rang out on the warm air, while the gorgeous flagons be received with a wild and tumultuous applause.

as an applauder, or to come in on time with his or her welcome plaudit, that guest was marked by the eagle eye of the carvist, and he was given the neck of the turkey and the wing of the duck as a mark of respect.

Habitual guests at my house have learned this, and when I ladle out the gravy and a "Jew de spirit," as A Ward called it, they know that they can take their choice between beisterous laughter and starvation. In "colat." For each slash of the carv those who have been in the habit of there is a proper moment for mirth, just as there is for napkins, fuger bowls or coffee.

I do this partly because I want to further publicity to the matter in draw attention from my carving. My carving is like my dancing. It is not conventional. It is simply original, bold and audacious. I try to introduce joints where nature did not intend to have them, and I seek to make a short cut across a fowl in a way that is productive only of chagrin, vexation and fragments of hen. Man is a weak, fallible creature, and he ought not to seek to monkey with the anatomy of a fowl or to improvise joints and apertures where they do not belong; for at such time as you think not tendered to the Lollygonian. the knife will slip, and it will tip over because the Chinese Six Comthe celery glass and fill the bosom of a panies knew their coin had prewarm personal friend with gravy. viocsly done the talking. The To attract attention and keep up Tacoma "News" says the price the spirits of the company, therefore, \$1.871. I make it a kind of business, as it were, to fill the air with harmless discovered almost every day in amusement at the same time that I shed stuffing through the atmosphere Southern Oregon, says the Grant's and mutilate the bosom of a ben. This Pass "Argus." Arnett Bros., gives me an opportunity, occasionally, have found a gold bearing quartz will be to gather up the sage, breadcrumbs ledge extensive in width and and gizzards out of my lap, and return length with gold plainly visible them to the platter without exciting remark. has discovered a gold and silver A few weeks ago, on an occasion of this kind, a cousin of mine-a young lawyer connected with the Omaha road, and young man of good parts, and whose business it is to stand between the Omaha road and substantial justice, at so much a year and travel ing expenses-was present. I had just said something smart to keep the company good natured while I asked a young lady at the other end of the table to please return the duck which I had inadvertently presented to her with the carving fork stuck in it. Every one was laughing joyously and trying to conceal it by putting their napkins in their mouths, when my cousin turned to my little daughter and said:

It is stated at the Land Office that under the present practice in that office, when public lands within a township are open to entry, through the filing of plats of

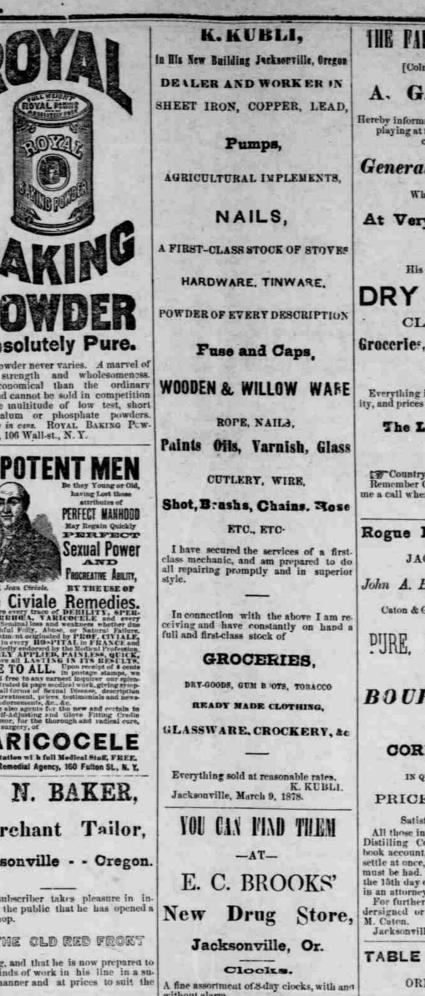
survey, there is a rush of speculators and lan I grabbers, who often succeed in securing the best lands, to the great injury of bonafide settlers. Moreover, this class of persons are able frequenttune time. I am the only and original ly to learn when the plats of surfather of one of the class of children vey are to be received in advance who are loguacious and truthful in a of the settlers, who are thereby way that makes the parent heart bloed placed at a disadvantage. To sometimes. If this little incident did correct this abuse as far as possinot happen to make me its victim, I ble, the Commissioner of Land would scorn to tell it, for people ought Office has issued the following in-

"Hereafter, when an approved plan of survey of any township is transmitted to you by the Surveyor-General, you will not regard such plat as officially received at and filed in your office until the and glittering cut glass and silver of a following regulations have been neighbor shone resplendent beneath complied with: First-Yon will the mellow light of the chandelier and forthwith post a notice in a concandelabra, the humble writer of these spicuous place in your office speclines, as the host, would ever ard anon ifying the toweship that has been make a brilliant remark which would surveyed, and stating that the plat or survey will be filed in your office on a day to be fixed If a guest sought to evade his duty by you and named in the notice, which shall not be less than thirty days from the date of such notice, and that on and after such date of such notice, and that on and after such day you will be prepared to receive applications for the entry of lands in such township. Second-You will also send a copy of such notice to the Postmasters of the Postoffices nearest the land, and a copy to this way the meal passes off with much the clerk of each court of record in your district, with the request ing knife there is a suitable joke, and that the same be conspicuously posted in their respective offices. eating at my table are aware that Third-You will furnish the public press in your district with copies of such notice as a matter of news. You will give such

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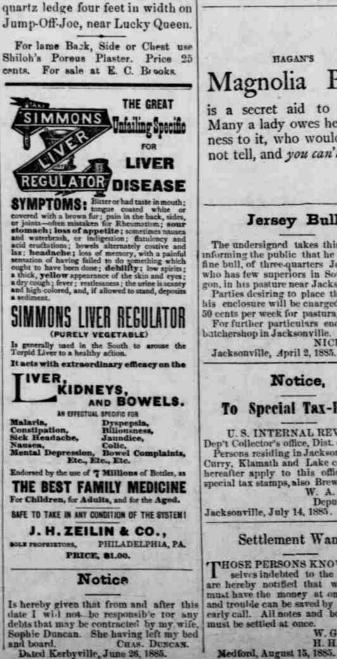
"Yes, indeed, said the ungrateful, unfilial and irreverent heir apparent to a great name; "you better believe he's funny-when we have company."

And yet people wonder why I am not the same genial host I used to be, and why the children do not eat at the first table, and why there is a sound of kicking against the door of an adjoining room, and the occasional wail of a hungry child as the meal progresses.

Eli Perkins once told me that he was teaching his little girl to tell the trath. I asked him who he employed to attend to the irksome task, and whether he was not rash to take up a branch of the science for which there was getting to be so little use.

It is said that truth is mighty and will provail. It is certainly mighty in

the mouth of a child. Still, we may always expect more or less of it from children—until they get to moving in good society and learn better. Is hereby given that from and after this date I will not be responsible for any debts that may be contracted by my wife. Sophie Duncan. She having left my bed and board. CHAS. DUNCAS. Dated Kerbyville, June 26, 1885.



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