

CLIPPINGS.

In a box—the Beecher jury. Wine improves with age, but kisses don't. In regard to the tax on whiskey, that's easily rectified. A Williamsburg woman has an artificial jaw. Did she wear the other one out?

These stormy Sunday evenings are death on the wood-piles of families with interesting daughters. Kalakaua is home, and doubtless is, ere this, getting mixed up under the cross questioning of his wife. The want of the age is some other method of freezing a novelist's hero than with horror.

When a Comstocker wants to disparage another he says: "When you thoroughly prospect him, you will find no bonanza in him." Brother Hammond is familiarly addressed by the California miners as "Old Pard," and is in sore distress to learn what they mean by it.

A Kentucky paper speaks of a man who had a narrow escape from a sun stroke, he having stood only two feet from a man who was struck. The song of the Washington youth—"I want to be a lobby man and in the lobby stand, with brass upon my forehead and greenbacks in my hand."

It is said that two Wabash avenue lovers will sit up half the night with only one chair in the room, but that is easily explained to anyone who has been there. All the old axes and buck saws found in the ruins of Pompeii are of light make, as if constructed for women's use. Those old ancients knew their little business.

A Sunday-school boy complains of the dilatoriness of the officers of the school in procuring Minister Schenck's new work on draw poker for the library. "J. Gray—Pack with my box five dozen quills." There is nothing remarkable about this sentence, only that it is nearly as short as one can be constructed, and yet contains the whole alphabet.

Vermont clergymen are never permitted to kiss the ladies they have just made brides. The dear creatures put up their hands with the remark: "There, that'll do. I've seen you fellows afore."

"Anything to beat Satan," was the legend suggested to a Danbury politician when asked to name something appropriate as an inscription on a banner for a Young Men's Christian Association. "If you men," remarked a Washington lady at a reception recently, would let the women's dresses alone, there would be much less foolishness and misery in the world." A painful silence followed, and we suppose it proved the truth of the remark.

That cooper was most unfortunate, though indefatigably industrious. He labored on for a whole summer in the repairing of impossible casks and barrels, with a comparatively clear conscience, but when old Dobbs fetched along a bung-hole and requested him to put a puncheon to it, that cooper stepped down and out.

A party of men animatedly engaged in discussing politics before a country store the other day attracted the attention of an aged agriculturist. "There's somethin' the matter here," he observed to his wife; and, drawing in his team

he lightly shouted to a consumptive individual on the outskirts, "What's afoot?" "Twelve inches," was the sardonic reply. The aged agriculturist swore some and drove on.

"Hil Samuel, has you moved yet?" inquired one colored man of another whom he met at market yesterday. "No, I've still in de old place," was the answer. "But I war' told dat you war' gwine to get out ob de neighborhood," concluded the first. "Wah! Le did make up my mind to, but you see de family next door, and de family on de corner, and de family 'cross de street, have left dere wood piles out doors, and I doesn't desire to change."

There were two of them. She, with bent head and parted lips, was listening intently. He, with face flushed and voice vibrating, was saying, "In all this wide world, darling, there is no being so dear—" And then Mr. Holcomb's clerk started a quarter of a ton of snow from the roof, and a man looking like an allegory of winter, was dancing out in the street, shaking his fist upward and screaming at the top of his voice, "Come down here, you ugly viper, and I'll kick your god darned head in, god darn you!"

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