

Lo business—cheating the Indians.

Matchless maid—the kitchen girl out of lucifers.

If you don't bridle your tongue, saddle be your fate.

What is the form of an escaped parrot? A polly gone.

A Boston tailor advertises diagonal boy's suits.

At what season did Eve eat the apple? Early in the fall.

What kind of robbery is not dangerous? A safe robbery of course.

The mean temperature is what disgusts a man with every climate.

The duty of the hour—to take care of the mites and make up the day.

It is a strange fact that when people indulge in high words they use low language.

Why cannot a temperance man kiss a jewess? He has sworn not to taste jew-lips.

Letter go! as the boy said when he lamp-posted his letter at the street corner.

Why is a pig the most provident of animals? Because he always carries a spare rib or two about him.

The poet Schiller died May 9th 1805. The steamship Schiller, named after the poet, went down May 9, 1875.

The man whose departure left a blank in the house did not die; he was a census taker, and will return again.

A young English lady, residing in Paris, has received over fifty lashes. She was born with them on her eyelids.

Strauss composed his first waltz when seven years of age, his father boxing his ears for fooling away his time.

Speaking of railroads a wag remarked that they are now built of three gauges, viz: Broad gauge, narrow gauge and mortgage.

What is the difference between the lower part of the leg and the late comet? One's shin and bone, and the other's been and shone.

A Pennsylvania ladies' man says he is never satisfied that his lady friends understand a kiss, unless he has it from their own mouths.

I go through my work, as the needle said to the idle boy. But not until you are pushed hard, as the idle boy said to the needle.

Which possesses the most cheerful disposition—gas or candles? Why, you often hear of laughing gas, but the best candles are always wax!

Many a pretty girl of humble extraction has risen far above her station in life. Why, even Venus herself came of the very scum of the ocean.

Boarding school miss: O, Charles! I expect to graduate at next commencement. Graduate? what will you graduate in? Why, in white tulle.

A young lady who had no time to spare for making garments for the poor has been engaged three weeks embroidering a blanket for her poodle dog.

A lazy fellow once declared in a public company, that he couldn't find bread for his family. Nor I, replied an industrious man; I am obliged to work for it.

There is nothing so wonderful about malleable glass that can be hammered. A friend of mine has a glass still unbroken, though he

has kept punch-in-it at intervals for several years.

A tipsy fellow, who mistook a globe lamp, with letters on it, for the queen of night, exclaimed: Well, I'll be (hic) blest, it somebody hain't stuck an advertisement on the (hic) moon!

The difference between having a tooth properly drawn by a dentist, and having it knocked out by a fall on the pavement is only a slight distinction—one is dental and the other accidental.

A gentleman advertises his willingness to exchange a cork leg for a revolver. This is the nearest approach to the old law of retaliation we have seen for a long time. It isn't an eye for an eye, but it is a leg for an arm.

A Chicago man thinks that the Indians ought to be exterminated, because, after all William Penn's kindness to them, they went and made him stand up one day, and shoot an apple off his little boy's head with an arrow.

A lady, returning from an unprofitable visit to church, declared that when she saw the shawls on those Smiths, and then thought of the things her own poor girls had to wear, if it wasn't for the consolation of religion she did not know what she should do.

A gentleman meeting a Wall street friend, said: I've just mortgaged my house, and have several thousand dollars to spare. Can't you tell me something neat and safe to go into? Yes, replied the broker, I can put you to a sure thing; buy that mortgage on your house.

A red haired lady, who was ambitious of literary distinction, found but a poor sale for her book. A gentleman, in speaking of her disappointment, said: Her hair is red, if her book is not. An auditor, in attempting to relate the joke elsewhere, said: She has red hair, if her book hasn't.

A few days since a farmer was telling in our hearing that he had planted an acre and a half of potatoes, and he feared they would be destroyed by the potato bugs. Are the plants up yet? asked a bystander. No, replied the farmer, but the darned bugs are sitting on every hill waiting for them.

That was rather a touching allusion to a deceased spouse, made recently by a farmer, who came to the village store to purchase things. Can't I show you anything else today? politely asked the clerk. No, I reckon not, replied the sad looking customer. I lost two horses and my wife last fall, and I feel pretty poor. Good span of horses, too.

Paul Boynton amused the court circles at Osborne a good deal by his frank, homely fashion of talk. When asked a question by the Princess Beatrice, he answered innocently: "Yes, Miss," and the queen is said to have laughed outright when at the close of her interview with him he said he hoped her Majesty would overlook any defection of etiquette on his part, on the plea: "You see, madam, it is not to be expected I'm posted up in this business."

A young lady was yesterday standing on the wharf at the foot of Second street, waving her handkerchief at a schooner lying in the stream. Know anybody on board? queried her companion, as he came along. No, I don't; but they are waving their handkerchiefs at me, she replied. Hand (hal) ker (hoof) chiefs! he exclaimed, dropping his basket and leaning against a wood-pile; why, then's the men's shirts, hung up to dry! She waved into a warehouse.

A Young Man Who Wants Advice.

It was the second time he had accompanied the young lady home from one of those little social parties which are gotten-up to bring fond hearts a step nearer to each other.

When they reached the gate she asked him if he wouldn't come in. He said he would and followed her into the house. "It was a calm, still night," and the hour was so late that he had no fear of seeing the old folks. Sarah took his hat and told him to sit down, and she left the room to lay off her things. She was hardly gone before her mother came in, smiled sweetly and dropping down beside the young man said:

"I always did say if a poor but respectable man fell in love with Sarah he should have my consent. Some mothers would sacrifice their daughter's happiness for riches, but I am not one of that class."

The young man gave a start of alarm. He didn't know whether he liked Sarah or not, and he had not dreamed of marriage.

"She has acknowledged to me that she loves you," continued the mother, "and whatever is for her happiness is for mine."

The young man gave two starts of alarm this time, and felt his cheeks grow pale. "I—I haven't..." he stammered, when she said:

"Oh, never mind. I know you haven't much money, but of course, you'll live with me. We'll take in boarders, and I'll risk but that we'll get along all right."

It was a bad situation. He hadn't even looked love at Sarah, and he felt that he ought to undeceive the mother.

"I hadn't no idea of—of—" he stammered, when she held up her hands and said:

"I know you hadn't, but it's all right. With your wages and what the boarders bring in we shall get along as snug as bugs in a rug."

"But madam, but—but—" "All that I ask is that you be good to her," interrupted she. "Sarah has a tender heart and a loving nature, and if you should be cross and ugly, it would break her down in less than a week."

The young man's eyes stood out like cocoa-nuts in a show window, and he rose up and tried to say something. He said:

"Great heavens, madam! I can't permit..."

"Never mind about the thanks," interrupted the mother. "I don't believe in long courtships myself, and let me suggest an early day for the marriage. The 11th of September is my birth day, and it would be nice for you to be married on that day."

"But—but—but—" he gasped.

"There, there, I don't expect any speech in reply," she laughed. "You and Sarah fix it up to night, and I'll advertise for twelve boarders right away. I'll try and be a model mother-in-law. I believe I am good tempered and kind hearted, though I did once follow a young man two hundred miles and shoot the top of his head off for agreeing to marry Sarah and then jumping the country."

She patted him on the head and sailed out, and now the young man wants advice. He wants to know whether he had better get in the way of a locomotive or slide off the wharf. —Free Press.

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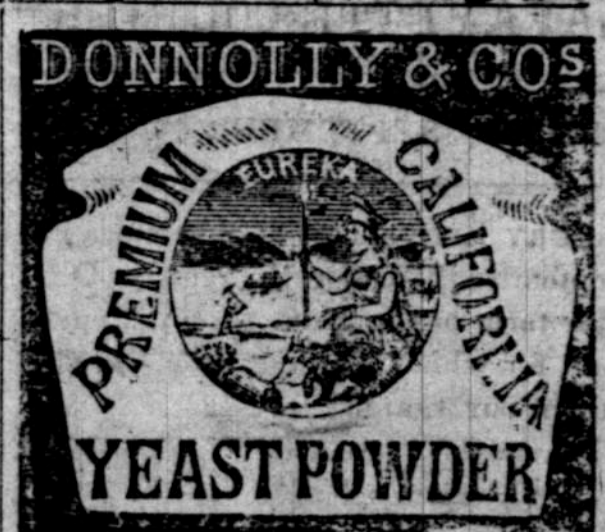
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