

FACTS AND FANCIES.

A string band—The Vigilance Committee.

Twins, like misfortunes, never come singly.

It is said that there never was an honest red breasted; he is always a robin.

Can an edifice that weighs two hundred and fifty tons be properly called a light house.

The Chinese laborers in Cuba object to being paid in paper. They say it is too thin.

A man who wanted to be a minister said he believed he had been called to "labor in the Lord's barn-yard."

A morning paper speaks of "thieving in the outskirts," which may be interpreted "picking ladies' pockets."

A Boston woman wanted to elope, but when her husband gave her money to go she changed her mind—it took all the romance away.

Types continue to eat up antics, even in well regulated offices, we infer from seeing John Brown announced as "a linseed preacher."

"We are fearful'y and wonderfully made," as the man, quoting scripture, said to his friend as they were looking at the skeleton of a donkey.

A faithful brother in Fairfield, Connecticut, church, recently prayed for the absent members "who were prostrate on beds of sickness and chairs of wellness."

Editors are the only people who never sleep.

A dull season—boarding house pepper.

Rain is good for the complexion and hair.

Berlin is excited over two hairy men.

Josh "never knew an autioneer to lie, unless it was absolutely convenient.

The man most likely to make his mark in the world—one who cannot write his own name.

The old cry "See Venice and die" is now changed into "visit Vienna and go into insolvency."

Who killed the man who was talked to death.

Billings gives Reporter an item on "gain": The partridge, grouse and pheasant are cousins, and either one of them straddles a gridiron natural enough have been born there.

Josh Billings says: "I have often been told that the best way is to take a bull by the horns; but I think, in many instances, I should prefer the tail hold."

There were nine-seven wrathful women in New Orleans the other day, ninety-eight mothers having taken their darling to a baby show.

Stokes, among other things, is something of a wag. Somebody asked, the other day, what he thought of the Tombs, and he said it was a horrible cell.

Mr. Fall, a Mississippi editor, asks when we shall get wise. Undoubtedly before fall, if ever.—Reporter.

The Globe says "that Mr. Clay, is a sharp politician" No doubt of it, but the editor of the Globe is a sharper.—Reporter.

We notice that the "agricultural editor" of one of our exchanges advises his readers to "plant peas in the new of the moon." We advise our readers to plant their peas in the ground.

A careless barber, trimming Sheridan's ears, put him to great pain and uneasiness. "Are you trimming my left ear now?" asked the wit. "No sir; not till I have done the right." "Oh! only I thought by what I felt that you were passing through to the left ear with going round."

Mrs. Thaxter, in her "Reminiscences among the Isles of Shoals," tells of a primitive and unlettered Shoalsman who went to the main land, and, discovering a frog for the first time, triumphantly asked—what kind of a d—d bug do you call that?

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stand highest in the estimation of his fellow-men. The time is coming when our country will have a population of 500,000,000. How shall they be made safe and orderly? Every known country was paying tribute to America, and sending its population here, with all their diverse religions, customs and ideas. Such a combination can never have been made harmonious except by national education. If religion meant love to God and love to man, it would be a controlling power. But while in a few hearts it means this, at all other points it bristles with warfare. Religion should mean harmony; intelligence does.

Education should include political principles, morality social duty. It should be made compulsory. Every State should provide for the education of its whole people. Such provisions has been made, such principles settled; but as farmers sometimes plow up the old sod and sow again, so it befits us to deal with moral growths, and it is time now to discuss this great matter once more. The influence of foreign elements in our population demands a lively interest in the whole matter. The State must educate its people, and not the church. The State has a right to make its own existence secure, and security to the State comes only from the education of the whole people, which thus becomes self-defense. Dogmatic religion is not necessary to the existence of the State; intelligence is. School houses should be multiplied till they are ample for the accommodation of all and the teacher should be among the most honored of the land. No one stands so near the father and mother, in influence upon the future of the country, as the school teacher—not professors in colleges, but the educators of the masses.

Our schools do not teach enough. They should include the distinction between good and evil; inculcate truth, honesty, temperance, self control, fidelity, economy and patriotism. It is not imperative that the use of the Bible be insisted upon, for really it was not the most felicitous school book; but more truth should be taught. Every man should improve in the use of truth. Is there truth in the houses we build? in the goods we sell? in the work we do? Are there not as many untruths as mice in an old hotel? We grasp for more than we deserve, and find ourselves cheated in the quality. It is vain to teach the higher branches and leave these more important things untaught. Men should be so taught as to be patriotic, not when the drum beats and cannon roar, but when they stand alone. Dapper, dainty, delicate young men, who are afraid of hard work, swarm in all the cities and beg for soft positions under government and in fat offices. It is a sin for any man to bring up boys thus; they should be taught to take care of their own mouths and backs with their own hands. It is a shame to know all about Mars and Jupiter, and nothing of Massachusetts. The State schools should be so good that no private school can live in their vicinity; and every poor boy should look up to the State as his rich uncle. Compulsory education ought to give no just person offense. The law gives no annoyance to the man who keeps in advance of it. Self-interest might demand education, but it could not be depended upon. Many foreigners come here desiring education for their children; others, who ought to be equally interested come with far different motives. They are a useless and dangerous class with out intelligence. We have five million men in the country, who cannot make anything, and these all require education. The speaker hailed the coming of the Chinese to our western shores, for they brought their hands full of tools—brought intelligence, education and industry. He did not fear their religion, for if their Joss was stronger than our Jehovah he ought to reign; but the time was not distant when they would become valuable, God-serving citizens.—Journal of Education.

The New Haven bootmaker who drew the \$50,000 in the New Haven lottery feels elevated a peg or two.

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