

THE ENTERPRISE.

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Stolen Fruit.

The king of the Sandwich Islands recently pardoned a murderer because he was a good fielder.

Grace Greenwood is among the Alps this winter, and she writes home that she hasn't frozen her nose but six times since she left America.

The coroner of Dubuque had twenty-seven cases last year, yet he is fuming around and declaring that this is no century for an enterprising man to live in.

A chronometer lock on a safe is a good thing, but if the money were to be hidden away in a stripped stocking it could never be found by a thief.

It is said of Lord Norbury that he would at any time rather lose a friend than a joke.

There is a young man in town whose name is made of such strong leather that you can smell them forty yards.

A young man, not a thousand miles from here while attending an evening meeting recently, where prayers were being requested for friends, asked the congregation to pray for a friend whom he was corresponding with, remarking that she appeared to be "rattling out for something she could not get."

Robert Toombs can remember when he used to go out and hook watermelons with the boys.

His majesty, King Misoa, of Africa, is clothed in nothing but dignity.

"What do they always put D. C. after Washington for?" asked Mrs. Quip of Mr. Q. "Why, my dear, don't you know that Washington was the Daddy of his country?" said Quip, with a snicker.

A Buffalo man dreamed that he was going over the Falls, and he had his wife by the throat when he woke up. Next night she had a dream, and broke his nose as she struck at an Indian.

When a man finds that the assessor has been putting up on his property he has a perfect right to go around asking: "Is this country drifting toward a state of anarchy?"

A New York paper declares it impossible for one to find as honest sausage these days. Sausages, like five-cent cigars, must be taken as they average—cabbage, leather and all.

At the grand illumination in honor of the Prince of Wales in Madras many shopkeepers took occasion to advertise liberally. One man displayed the royal motto "God preserve the Prince of Wales, direct importer of marmalada, jams, English stores, ale, wine, spirits, and boots and shoes."

The Boston Globe wonders why they didn't mistrust Winslow years sooner. But he had a very intellectual look, and that's enough for Boston folks.

The measles took away 4,500 Fiji Islanders in the space of three months, but there are a good many mean Fiji Islanders still coveting around.

Blarney—Tall Yankee (just arrived)—"Guess your legal fee is just sixpence." Dublin Carman—"Sure me Lord, we take some Chape Jacks at that—but I wouldn't disgrace a gentleman as your Lordship's quality by driving him at a name pace through the public streets, so I took upon myself to give your Lordship's shillings worth both as style and an whipcord."

The postmaster at Elmira, New York, thought it was pretty strongly directed when he got hold of an envelope reading: "Almighty York State."

The team going the rounds that fourteen Ohio women have joined the Free Masons shouldn't make any other woman jealous. All of them have the same chance.

That was a shrewd girl, and not devoid of vision either, who remarked, when other girls were making fun of her short skirts, and affected to be much shocked at the exhibition thereof at a party:—"If you'd only pull up your dresses about your neck, where they ought to be, they'd be as short as mine!" She was not troubled any more.

When is a photograph album like an old fashion china shop? When it is full of ugly mugs.

MADE HIM CRAZY.—The Boston Traveler says:—There is confined in a Paris mad-house a printer whose lunacy has taken a peculiar form. The poor fellow was once foreman of a newspaper office, and the demands of columns, for advertisements, puns, etc., has driven him crazy.

A Pennsylvania girl, worth \$200,000, says leap-year is bargained. If any man wants her and her money he's got to come courting around and hang over the gate and sing something soft under her window.

The London Lancet says that sleep produced by narcotics or so-called sedatives is poisoned, that their use gives the persons employing them an attack of cerebral congestion, only differing in amount, not in kind, from the condition which naturally ensues in death.

Cure for Gossip.

We clip the following from the Hartford Post, and recommend it to the careful consideration of all those afflicted with the loathsome habit.

What is the cure for gossip? Simply culture. There is a great deal of gossip which has no malignity in it. Good natured people talk about their neighbors because, and only because, they have nothing else to talk about.

As we write there comes to us a piece of gossip from a young lady. We have seen them at home; we have seen them at the galleries of art; we have caught glimpses of them going from a book store or library, with a fresh volume in their hands. What we met them they are full of what they have seen and read. They are brimming with questions. One topic of conversation is dropped only to give place to another in which they are interested. We have left them, and after a delightful, stimulating and refreshing, and during the whole hour not a neighbor's garments was soiled by so much as a touch. They knew something to talk about. They knew something and wanted to know more.

They could listen as well as they could talk. To speak freely of a neighbor's doings and belongings would have seemed an impertinence to them, and, of course, an impropriety. They had no temptation to gossip, because the doings of their neighbors formed a subject very much less interesting to us, which grew out of their knowledge and their culture. And this tells the whole story. The confirmed gossip is always either malicious or ignorant. The one variety needs a change of heart, the other a change of pasture. Gossip is always a personal confession either of malice or imbecility, and the young should not only shun it, but by the most thorough culture relieve themselves from all temptation to indulge in it.

It is a slow, frivolous and dirty business. There are country neighbors in which it breeds like a pest. Churches are split in pieces by it. Neighbors are made enemies by it. In many persons it degenerates into a common disease which is incurable. Let the young cure it while they may.

The Profits of a Dairy. An exchange says, "If a farmer keeps 30 cows that average \$30 a year each for milk, and he can increase the average to \$40 a year by the use of a thoroughbred bull, of a good milking breed, he can afford to pay a good price for such a bull. And yet better results than this have been accomplished. If he is raising cattle for beef, and he can add 200 pounds to the carcass of each by the time that it is ready, by the use of a short-horn bull, it will certainly be profitable for him to pay a good price for such a bull. And yet this is the average result of using thoroughbred bulls on the native cows of the country, as is estimated by all the best stock breeders. And this 200 pounds is clear gain, for it is produced with no greater consumption of food. If the use of a thoroughbred ram on a flock of common wool will increase the weight of fleeces one pound on the average, certainly more than five in a hundred could make it pay; whether more than one in the five would not, is another question. And so with hogs. The difference between the common "woods" breed of the past, and the improved breed of to-day, is beyond comparison."

HAD A QUESTION.—In one of the union schools the other day a teacher departed for half an hour from the usual programme and asked her scholars such questions as might interest them. After she had asked "What makes the wind blow?" "What causes rain?" "Who invented the locomotives?" and so forth, and helped to explain them, she said: "Now, children, any of you who so desire can ask me questions."

No one seemed to think of anything, except a freckled-faced boy about fourteen years old. He raised his hand, and the teacher said: "Well, Robert, have you a question?" "Yes, m'm. I'd like to know what they mean when they say to a feller: 'Oh, pull down your vest!'" "The teacher had to admit that she was behind the age.

Clarence Hurdley is the name of a six year old lad residing with his parents at Lincoln, Nebraska, who has excited the wonder of the people and caused his name to appear in the papers as a very prodigy of a whistler. This lad, so the papers say, can whistle any tune after hearing it once or twice sung or played, in the most faultless manner, both as to time and the scale. In fact whistling seems natural to him, and he is accustomed to whistle an accompaniment to his sister when she plays on the piano.—Detroit Free Press.

Oh, I don't can beat that. He is continually whistling tunes nobody ever heard of.

A YEMMONOQUIN is trying to manufacture false hair from bass-wood. It is to be hoped he will succeed. It will be more pleasant for a fellow to gaze from his pillow in the morning upon the switch hanging over the back of a chair and wonder what tree it came from, than to speculate upon what dead woman it was once attached to.

Gail Hamilton comes to the front again, and advises girls to look out for physical health and beauty in a husband. That's all right enough for girls up to a certain age, but after that, as Gail very well knows, husbands are not to be had at a penny a grab.

A FELLOW somewhat "boozey" had seated himself by the stove in a church, and becoming somewhat affected by the heat, and making a disturbance, was shown to the door by the usher, when he turned around and said in a slow, loud voice:—"Such preachin's that's enough to make a dog sick."

While a minister was in the midst of his discourse, a young man opened the church door, and stood there casting furtive glances over the congregation. The clergyman paused, and gave the youth a withering glance, and remarked, "Go out, young man; she's not here." He went out. Such thoughtfulness on the part of clergy-men would save young men much trouble and anxiety.

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