WIT AND HUMOR.

In some parts of the country the farmers are beginning to feel their oats.

The tradition of the first Chinaman, Fohi, reaches us 4,700 years. How is that Fohi?—[N. Y. Herald.

It was a German Editor who said that in the United States thieves are so scarce that they have to offer a reward for them.

A little fellow who wore striped stockings was asked why he made barber poles of his legs. His pert reply was, "Well, ain't I a little shaver?"

Old lady (to her niece)—Good gracious, Matilda! but it's cold. My teeth are actually chattering. Loving niece—Well, don't let 'em chatter too much, or they may tell where you bought 'em!

A Wisconsin man has parted from his wife because she wouldn't hold still and let him shoot an apple off her head. Wives should do everything to make it pleasant for the family.—Det. Free Press.

A correspondent says he was pained to hear a young lady say that when the talented and beautiful actress, Miss M., played in Boston, she never wore *anything else* but low neck and short sleeves.

Some rash fellow says that the giving of the ballot to women would not amount to much, for none of them would admit that they were old enough to vote until they were too old to take any interest in politics.

An excellent old deacon, who, having won a fine turkey at a charity raffle, didn't like to tell his severe Orthodox wife how he came by it, quietly remarked, as he handed her the turkey, that the "Shakers gave it to him."

Some malicious old bachelor in Virginia says there is a musical society in the next village to his residence which is fifty years old, and that "several *young ladies* have belonged to it ever since its organization."

A recent number of the Shanghai Celestial Empire contains the following interesting item of intelligence: "It is said that during the absence of Ting-Jinchang in Formosa the Fan-t'ai will act as Fu-t'ai at Foochow."

"Oh, Liberty! what crimes are committed in thy name!" wailed a man, as he sat himself down in the wood-shed, where his wife had locked him up, and he heard her slam the front-door as she went out to do her marketing.

A Michigan girl has gone clear to Japan to marry a Mr. Lilly. She heard that the Lilies toiled not neither did they spin, but dressed in their meeting clothes every day and she thought she would like to become one.—[Phil. North Am.

A tramp has confessed that begging is profitable in New Haven. "Just say that a Hartford man gave you a dollar to help you out, and you'll get two dollars from the New Haven party. Anything to beat Hartford."—[Hart. Times.

Since the Rochester lady, under the benign influence of blue glass, presented her husband with twins, the same remarkable circumstance has occurred in every city in the Union. The last case is reported in the New York Commercial Advertiser.

A gentleman seeing his wife in a very sullen mood asked her how she did. She answered him that she was not very sick nor yet very well. "Nay," quoth he: "then I may even turn thee out of doors, for I only promised to cherish thee in sickness or health."

"Father, did you ever have another wife besides mother?" "No, my boy; what possessed you to ask such a question?" "Because I saw in the old family Bible that you married Anna Domini, 1836; and that isn't mother, for her name was Sally Smith."

If Rodgers, the sculptor, desires to make a statue representing "Surprise," we would suggest that he enclose anonymously a $2 bill to a country editor, and then observe the features of the recipient as he opens the letter at the post-office.—[Turner's Falls Reporter.

Admiral Duncan's address to the officers who came on board his ship for instructions, previous to the engagement with Admiral de Winter, was both laconic and humorous: "Gentlemen, you see a severe *Winter* approaching; I have only to advise you to keep up a good fire."

"Young man," said a lugubrious individual in a white choker to a profane youth on a Western train the other day—"Young man, do you know that you are on the road to hell?" "Just my blasted luck," replied the unregenerate person; "I bought a ticket for Chicago!"

"How are you, John?" said one friend to another, meeting in the street; "I'm glad to see you." "Very well, Charley," was the response. "Come and take a drink, old fellow; 'tisn't often we meet." "That's a fact, Charley," declared the other; "and when we do, it's meet and drink."

A countryman, upon visiting N. York during the cholera, asked what that board was put across the street for. Upon being told that it was to keep the disease from spreading, he exclaimed: "Well, I've often heard tell of the Board of Health, but I never saw it before in all my life."

"Why do we live; what is there for us in this life?" inquires *The Christian Register*. We don't pretend to answer the question, but we do know that when a man has walked four miles through the mud to see a girl, and finds another fellow sitting up with her, it comes home. —[Norwich Bulletin.

They say that one of the Brattleboro', Vt., congregations was disturbed the other Sunday during the momentary stillness following the opening prayer by a voice from the adjoining dwelling, exclaiming, "Mary, where's the nails?" Soon the answer came, "In the coffee-pot, you fool!"—[Boston Traveller.

"Who can tell what a baby thinks?" poetically inquires Dr. Holland, and millions upon millions of people have given up the conundrum.—[Boston Post. From the hungry calls they make semi-occasionally probably their thoughts may be interpreted to mean that it is a long time between drinks.—[Washington Star.

One of our exchanges solemnly inquires: "Watchman, what of the night?" and away down the long vista of street lamps we hear the echoing reply. "Whaz of ver nigh? Like t'no howenny mansgonto fin' where t' put nigh' key when er doorstuck plum full 'f stray keyholes. Ats whazzer marrer ith night."—[Burlington Hawkeye.

A fashionable paper announces that in Paris everything in female attire is worn just now with trayed edges, making it difficult to distinguish ragged dresses from whole ones. This has been done, it is supposed, with benevolent intentions toward small incomes, though it is difficult to believe it, even on authority. The most appropriate comment seems to be "Hem!"—[Judy.

A Senatorial Joke.

An amusing incident occurred in the Senate over the appropriation for the School of Mines. Senator Seay had set his heart on securing an increase of $10,000 for that institution, and has been bending all his energies to the accomplishment of that end. Realizing his anxiety about the matter, Senators Young, Mayor, Parish, Wilson and others quietly slipped around the chamber and made arrangements with all the Senators to vote "no" on the first vote taken on Seay's amendment to add $10,000 to the appropriation for his pet. Seay made a really good speech in behalf of his amendment, and sat down to tremblingly await the result.

"Those in favor of the amendment offered by the Senator from Phelps will say aye," said Senator Phelan, who occupied the chair.

"Aye!" rang out Seay's voice, solitary and alone.

"Those who are opposed say no," said the chair.

"No-o-o!" responded the entire Senate in chorus.

A deadly pallor overspread Seay's face as he sank back in his chair with a sad realization that his cherished dream had fled.

"The noes appear to have it," said Phelan.

"Division! division!" came up from all parts of the chamber.

"Those in favor of the amendment will rise and stand until they are counted," said the chair, and up stood every Senator except Seay, who had not yet sufficientcy recovered from his shock to have strength enough to rise to his feet.

"How does the Senator from Phelps vote?" innocently inquired the chair.

"Why—why—of course I vote aye, Mr. President," said Seay, in a bewildered sort of way, as if he could scarcely believe the evidences of his own senses at the sudden turn of affairs.

"The ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted," announced the chair.

Never was there a more forcible illustration of the darkness of midnight, as it were, in the twinkling of an eye converted into the glorious light afforded by the splendor of the noonday sun, than Seay's features exhibited at this moment. The painful silence of the moment before gave way to a smile which seemed to illuminate the whole chamber. There was then a big laugh at the Senator's expense.—*St. Louis Republican*.

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Houston and the Ham.—Here is a story about Gen. Sam Houston, in the days when he was President of Texas, which may not be as accurate as an affidavit, but still is probably truer than a good deal of history. It is, at any rate, current, and currently accepted in Texas. His servant—so the gossiping story runs—went one morning to a grocery and took a particularly good ham, observing to the small boy in charge that the President would call and pay for it. By and by the grocer came in—and the small boy, now an elderly man, finishes the story: "Said the grocer, quickly, 'Did you get the money?' 'No, but Pres'dent Houston is coming round to pay for it.' 'President Houston—the devil! Did Tom say he would see it paid?' 'No, Sir.' 'Then you are a fool. Now, Sir, you go straight to the President's kitchen and bring me that ham, unless Tom will say it shall be paid for.' I started off, very much crestfallen, and resolutely walked into the President's kitchen. I saw my ham lying there, with a few slices cut off it, and seizing it told Tom that unless he would undertake to see that the money was paid I must take it back. Tom cogitated awhile and then said, 'Young man, take back your meat. The Ginera is a mighty good master but a mighty poor paymaster, and I don't keer to involvilate myself with his debts.' I left with the ham in my hand. Going around to the gate I had to pass the front door. There stood General Houston, the President of Texas, placidly surveying the landscape. 'My little man,' says he in his most supurb manner, 'tell your master I am under great obligations for a most delicious breakfast, and would pay him, but I really haven't got the money. The fact is, young man, Texas is very poor, and as her President I must share her poverty.'"

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The Origin of Vaccination.—All honor to the immortal Jenner, says *Cassell's Magazine*, who sleeps in his quiet grave on the green cliffs of Folkestone. What a glorious morning "for England, home and beauty" was that of the 14th of May, 1796, the birthday of vaccination! On that day matter was taken from the hand of Sarah Nelmes, who had been infected while milking her master's cows, and this matter was inserted by two superficial incisions into the arms of James Phipps, a healthy boy of eight years of age. He went through the disease in a regular and satisfactory manner; but the most agitating part of the trial remained to be tried. It was needful to ascertain whether he was free from the contagion of small-pox. This point, so full of anxiety to Dr. Jenner, was fairly put to issue on the first of the following July. Small-pox matter taken immediately and directly from a small-pox pustule, was carefully inserted by several incisions, but no disease followed. Now, by this one simple and brave experiment upon the lad James Phipps, Dr. Jenner established a law which the experience of millions upon millions of human beings in generations since, has only served to strengthen. It is wonderful, too, to think that there can be a single individual in these islands who cannot see at a glance the simplicity, beauty and truth of this law. There is no contagion in the world so certain and sure as the contagion of small-pox—not even that of hydrophobia or rabies in the dog. The very emanations or exhalations from the body of any one sick of small-pox, if breathed by a healthy persons, are in many instances sufficient to induce the disorder; and yet there is this healthy young boy, James Phipps, who receives the small-pox matter into his very blood, and still he does not take the disease!

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Honesty Not the Best Policy.—The other day a poor man asked a stranger on Clark street for the love of heaven to give him a nickle, as he and his eleven children, all of whom were in arms, were starving for bread. But the stranger said to him brusquely: "My good fellow, that's too thin. You want that nickel to buy whisky with. Be honest, now. Don't you?" The man said he did. "That's right. Always tell the truth. Honesty is the best policy," replied the stranger. "I would give you the nickel only you tried to deceive me at first, and I could not respect myself if I condoned the offense." —*Chicago Tribune*.

Obeying Orders.

That ancient gentleman, Lord William Lennox, has been writing about the celebrities whom he has known during his long life, and in the course of his reminiscences tells this story of the Duke of Wellington: The late Lord Derby, when having one of his country mansions decorated, was having the central floor either painted or tesselated. A young man was at work on one of the walls, when the Earl ordered a number of slippers to be thrown on the door-mat, desiring this young man to order any one that came in to put on a pair before crossing the passage, and adding to the order, "if any one fails to attend it, you must take him by the shoulder and turn him out." Soon after a party returned from hunting, and the Duke, with his splashed boots, opened the door and rushed along the hall. The young man immediately jumped off the ladder on which he was painting, and seizing his Grace by the shoulder, fairly pushed him out of the house. In the course of the afternoon Lord Derby summoned all the household and men at work into the study, and seating himself beside the great warrior, demanded who had the impertinence to push the Duke out of doors.

The painter, all a tremble, came forward and said: "It was I, my Lord."

"And pray," rejoined the Earl, "how came you to do it?"

"By your orders, my lord."

On this his Grace turned round to Lord Derby and, smiling, drew a sovereign out of his purse, which he gave to the workman, adding, "You were right to obey orders."

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Gradations of Guilt.

The wisdom of many peoples, and of all ages, ordains for the punishment of the same act various degrees of severity, according to the influence of circumstances, or the guilt of the offenders. Thus, homicide may be only killing by misadventure, or willful murder, or high treason, according as the case may be. It is, therefore, strictly on principle that the act of converting to one's own use the money of another exhibits, in the light of our lofty civilization, various gradations of guilt which, after the manner of statutes, are signified by appropriate names, the amount of the spoliation being in this case the principal criterion. Thus:

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Taking $100 is called a case of Dishonesty.

Taking $50 is called a case of Thievery.

Taking $25 is called a case of Total Depravity.

Taking one ham is called a case of War on Society.—[*N. Y. Graphic*.

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A Young Girl's Singular Affliction.

A correspondent of the Reading (Pa.) *Eagle* gives a startling account of a very singular phenomenon witnessed in a young girl residing three miles over the hills from Epharta. Drs. Beck and Jerome reported the facts. She is a daughter of Edward Hoyt, and is in her thirteenth year. Up to within two weeks ago she appeared perfectly healthy, but recently a strange and mysterious affection has seized hold of her. She has gradually increased in size to an alarming extent. From her feet to her head her limbs are swollen, and she appears nearly twice as heavy as she was two weeks ago, when the fact is, she is much lighter. He skin is drawn very tightly over her flesh, and it more resembles an inflated bladder than anything else. The poor child suffers little pain, but she is deeply mortified at her shocking appearance. None of her clothing fits her, and she says she feels as light as a feather. An experiment was made in a bath-tub filled with warm water, and she actually floated like a life-preserver. Her entire body is puffed, and her cheeks, arms and limbs seem swollen and ready to burst. When the cuticle is punctured with a silver needle, air escapes in puffs, and in this manner the skin is prevented from bursting. It is not dropsy. The patient says she feels light enough to fly; and as the case is a mystery to the physicians, it is intended to take her to Philadelphia for examination.

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In a Whirlpool.—The London correspondent of the New York *Times* says: I have just received the following special dispatch from Messina: "Captain Boynton has crossed the Starits of Messina, passing successfully through both Scylla and Charybdis during the prevalence of a severe gale, which caused the destruction of one of the accompanying vessels. Fortunately there were no lives lost. The trip took five hours, and was witnessed by the American Consul and many distinguished Italians. Shortly after starting, Boynton received a blow from the tail of one of the large fishes which abound in the Straits, but upon the approach of the harpoon boat he was found entirely uninjured, and laughing at the mishap. Notwithstanding the prediction that he would never leave the water alive, Captain Boynton landed in excellent condition and in no way fatigued by his marvellous exertions. His reception by the entire population of Messina was most excited and enthusiastic. He was officially welcomed by the Mayor and authorities, and subsequently entertained at a public banquet. Captain Boynton compares the Scylla and Charybdis to the rapids and whirlpools of the Niagara River."

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Help Each Other.—A father was walking one day in the fields with his two children. The wind was blowing over a fine field of ripe corn, and making the beautiful golden ears wave like the waves of the sea.

"Is it not surprising," said one of the children, "that the wind does not break the slender stalks of the corn?"

"My child," said the father, "see how flexible the stalks are. They bend before the wind and rise again when the wind has passed over them. See, too, how they help to support each other. A single stalk would soon bend to the ground, but so many growing close together help to keep each other up. If we keep together when the troubles of life come upon us like a stormy wind, we shall keep each other up, when one trying to stand alone would fall."

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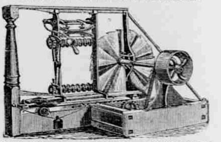

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