WIT AND HUMOR.

LIKES to get a head of everybody—the barber.

THE Indianapolis *Herald* advises every community to hang the man who says *on*velope.

APPLICANTS for loans generally adopt a borrow tone.—[Cincinnati Sat. Night. Especially when they ask for tenor twelve dollars.—[Norristown Herald.

Luvers will manage to liv on luv for a very long time, with an ockashional chance at beefstake and onions.—[Josh Billings.

SOME one says old maids go by the name of "wilted lilies" now. Probably because years agone, when certain young men asked them, "Wilt thou!" they wilted not.

LAWYERS' fees have come down in the West. They used to want the whole of an estate for selling it, but now they allow the widow enough to cover funeral expenses.—[Ex.

THE New York Assembly is trying to make a law to punish street loafers. When it gets one that will work let the bells be rung all over the country.—[Detroit Free Press.

HE says: "'Will you excuse me, sir?" and the gentleman addressed excused him. He continued: "I'm not in the habit of begging,"—and the gentleman said he was "d——d glad to hear it," and walked off.

A GENTLEMAN was applied to by a crossing sweeper for charity. The gentleman replied: "I will remember you when I return." "Please your honor," said the man, "I'm ruined by the credit I give in that way."

DULL times have driven many merchants to the cash system, and they are now ornamenting their stores with mottoes such as "Pay to-day, trust to morrow;" "If I trust I bust;" "In God we trust—all others cash."

A NEW York State man grated some horseradish for his wife, and then sneezed, broke a blood vessel and died. Husbands will by and by learn to sit on the veranda and let domestic drudgery alone.—[Det. Free Press.

PAT saw a lady passing along, and espied two strips depending from under the lady's cloak. Not knowing that these were styled sashes, and were in the right place, he exclaimed: "Faith, ma'am, your gallusses are untied."

SHOULD Dr. Mary Walker go to Europe on the sly with a member of the old Tammany Ring, she may be recognized, not by "a wart two inches below her left ear," but by the manner in which she hitches up her trousers.—[Norr. Herald.

THE happiness which a man feels at seeing his wife after a protracted separation, can only be balanced by the joyous emotions that rush over him upon discovering a paper of chewing tobacco in an old coat pocket that he didn't know anything about.

"NOW, JENNIE, my child, remember and not say a word to your new nurse about being black, for it might hurt her feelings." On being confronted with that very sable guardian, Jennie exclaimed, with a surpised face: "Oh, ma! isn't she white!"

A YOUNG woman cured her husband of staying out late at night by going to the door when he came in, and whispering through the key-hole, "Is that you, Willie?" Her husband's name is John, and he stays at home every night now, with one eye open.

A CONNECTICUT man, to excuse the non-appearance of his daughter, wrote: "She has run Down & hur Strength exosted She was Six las Somer fore meney weaks & She has the Aperents of A Similar Atact agane you will pleas excuse hur fore the present."

A CAMBRIDGE (England) theologue, when he told the story of the Good Samaritan, after reciting the benevolent man's promise to the host, "And when I come again I will repay thee," wound up with, "This he said, knowing he should see his face no more."

FARMER McGrab: Doother, a'll gie ye a hunner pown if ye'll keep me leevin' anither twalmonth. Amiable M. D.: I'm afraid Mr. McGrab, I couldn't do it for that. I might try if you made it five hundred. Farmer McGrab (emphatically): I'd rather dee!—[Judy.

THEY had a saucy prisoner up before the Paris Police Court the other day. The President, questioning him, said: "Your name?" "I descend from the Crusaders." "Your age?" "That of love and eternal youth." "Your last residence?" "Probably the Potter's Field."

A DANDY of twenty-six having been termed an "old bachelor," appealed to an elderly gentleman to decide whether he should be called old or not, giving his age as "twenty-six." Said the elderly gentleman, "It is owing to how you take it. Now, for a man it is young enough; but for a goose it is rather old."

HORACE CLARK once told Commodore Vanderbilt, his father-in-law, that it was a pity he did not have a college education. "Did you have a college education, Horace?" asked Vanderbilt. "Yes, sir." "Well, Horace, I don't think that I could afford to swap with you," the old man replied with a roguish twinkle in his eye.

IT isn't blighted ambition and blasted hopes that make a young man want to shuffle off this mortal coil and lie down in the silent grave and be at rest, so much as to suddenly remember, as he pauses at the door of the opera house with Laura on his arm, that hs forgot to get tickets, and that his pocket-book is at home in the hip pocket of his every-day trousers.

AT a recent dinner party an argumentative person, posted on the Eastern question, asked his innocent young neighbor: "Now, Mr. ——, and what do you think would be the effect of a protocol upon Turkey?" "Well, really, Professor," replied the youth, bracing up and looking at the plate before him, "I've never tried it. I think I'll try Worcestershire sauce on mine."

IN the language of the tramps, the letter "H" on the gate-post means that the residents will give the caller a handfull of grub; "S" that he will get a seat at the table; "S M" that he will get a square meal, and "G B" that he will get the "grand bounce." Now that the secret is out, let every householder hie himself to his gatepost and dig in letters deep and that cannot be misunderstood the mystic sign "G B"! Here at last is the complete solution of the tramp problem.—[Chicago Eve. Journal.

LANDLADY (to a boarder who has passed his cup six times): "You are very fond of coffee, Mr. Smith." Mr. Smith: "Yes, ma'am; it looks as if I was, when I am willing to swallow so much water for the sake of getting a little."

How the New Sultan Lives.

HIS HOURS, HABITS, AND INTIMATES—AFTER-DINNER TALKS—FONDNESS FOR MUSIC.

The *Pall Mall Gazette* says: The Sultan leads a quiet and orderly life; is systematic in his habits, and takes care of his health. He retires early, generally before eleven o'clock; and by six in the morning he is in his library or *cabinet de travil* (a fact of which I myself am a frequent witness), where he spends the greater part of the day. Here he receives the papers sent to him from the Porte; all of these he reads carefully—his uncle never did—and never signs one until he thoroughly understands its purport. Among the people he likes to see are George Zariff, the banker, and Hobart Pasha. With the former, a shrewd old man of seventy, well versed in matters of public interest, he talks by the hour as to what may be done to improve the state of the country. With the admiral his relations are more confidential; he makes him the channel of his unofficial intercourse with our embassy.

In the evening the Sultan frequently asks one or more of the ministers to dine at the palace, and after they have dined, engages them in conversation on public affairs, which are often protracted to a late hour. The day before yesterday Safvet Pasha mentioned to me casually in conversation that on the previous Sunday evening the Sultan had thus detained him in a *tete-a-tete* colloquy which lasted for three hours. Recently, too, Edhem, Djevdet, and Redif Pashas passed the whole evening with the Sultan, discussing public affairs. Again, Ali Pash, lately recalled from his miserable governorship of Mostar to be Vali of Adrianople—the Ali who preceded Sadyk as ambassador at Paris—had a long interview with the Sultan before going to his new post. In this interview the sultan cross-questioned him very closely regarding the causes of provincial maladministration. Ali Pasha explained to him the vice of the whole system, the Sultan listening with marked attention. In taking leave of Ali, the Sultan requested him to come to Constantinople once a month in order to confer with him on provincial affairs. Another person who has lately seen the Sultan, is Photiades Bey, the Ottoman minister at Athens, who says that the Sultan asked him a number of very sensible questions about Greek politics, and the social and industrial condition of Greece as compared with that of Turkey. All these men, who have lately seen the Sultan, bear witness to the soundness of his bodily health and of his mental powers. No one says he is a great genius, but all agree that he is modest, intelligent, eager for information, and greatly interested in the affairs of the empire.

As regards amusements, I learn that he inherits his father's fondness for music, and that he has a "turn" for mechanics. Paul Dussap was the music master of his boyhood, and he it is who conducts the Sultan's musical evenings. I asked D. how these evenings were passed (unless the Sultan is very busy there is always music), and he replied: "The Sultan likes the piano with stringed quatuor; after playing a few pieces thus arranged, he generally asks me to sing, and then he talks of music. He likes the quaint wildness which belongs to Turkish music and to its more civilized Hungarian brother. At his request I composed a march for him, in which he particularly wished to have the rythm of the 'Marseillaise' combined with the characteristic modulations of Turkish and Hungarian music. He told me to keep it as much like his father's own march as I could." Dussap played the march to me, adding that the Sultan had made several little changes before authorizing him to have it scored for the full orchestra. These little matters, wholly unimportant in themselves, help to throw light upon this question, and give an insight into the Sultan's mode of life.

Men Who Live Long.

Hufeland, public lecturer at Jena, who published a work on longevity in the last century, thus describes the sort of man who has the best prospect of long life: He has a well proportioned stature, without, however, being too tall. He is rather of the middle size, and somewhat thickset. His complexion is not too florid—at any rate, too much ruddiness in youth is seldom a sign of longevity. Hair approaches rather to the fair than to the black; his skin is strong, but not rough. His head is not too big. He has large veins at the extremities, and his shoulders are rather round than flat; his neck is not too long, his belly does not project, and his hands are large but not too deeply cleft. His foot is rather thick than long, and his legs are firm and round. He has a broad chest and strong voice, and the faculty of retaining his breath for a long time without difficulty. In general there is complete harmony in all his parts. His senses are good, but not too delicate; his pulse is slow and regular. His appetite is good, and his digestion easy. He has not too much thirst, which is always a sign of rapid self-consumption. His passions never become too violent or destructive. If he gives way to anger, he experiences a glow of warmth without an overflowing of the gall. He likes employment, particularly calm meditation and agreeable speculation; is an optimist, a friend to nature and domestic felicity; has no thirst after either honors or riches, and banishes all thought of to-morrow.

THE BLUE GLASS FRAUD.—But really, what do you think of Pleasonton and the blue glass cure? is now the obtrusive question. Well, we think that the man is a pestilent ignoramus, and his book the ghastliest rubbish that has been printed in a hundred years. He may be entirely honest, but this is no reason why we should give attention to his egregious folly. Pleasonton, however, it must be confessed, serves one important function: he gauges for us the depth and density of American stupidity. De Morgan says, somewhere, that certain men appear occasionally to play the part of "foolmeters" in the community, that is, to measure the number and quality of the fools furnished by any given state of society. Pleasonton has done this for us with an accuracy that leaves nothing to be desired.—*Popular Science Monthly.*

PREVIOUSLY to the invention of hats, both men and women generally wore close-knit woolen caps; the man's hat was invented at Paris, by a Swiss, 1404; first worn in England in Henry VII's time, and first manufactured in London in 1510.

Criminals should come to a halt before arriving at the halter.

The Russian Empire.

ITS EXTENT, POPULATION AND ARMY.

It is calculated that the empire of the Czar extends over one-seventh of the land surface of the globe and represents about one twenty-sixth of its entire superficial area. It is difficult to arrive at the true area of Russia, on account of the obstacles that present themselves to the making of a general survey of such an immense extent of country. The nearest estimate, because it was deemed the most accurate, was made in 1874, whereby the area of the empire was set down at 8,404,767 square miles. It is divided into two sections, the European and Asiatic, the former having an area of about 86,039 square miles, and a population of 63,658,934. This does not include either the kingdom of Poland, the grand duchy of Finland or the Caucasian provinces. The population of Russian Poland is 5,705,607 and its area 2,216 square miles. Finland has 1,843,245 inhabitants and an area of 6,835 square miles, and the Caucasus 4,661,824 inhabitants and is 7,938 square miles in area. Russia in Asia has an estimated population of 6,302,412, but these inhabitants belong chiefly to the Nomadic tribes.

The population of Russia is divided into three great groups, besides a variety of national elements intermixed in the general mass of the inhabitants. The Great Russians, or *Veliko Russ*, number 35,000,000 and occupy the provinces. The Little Russians, or *Malo Russ*, number about 11,000,000, and from the bulk of the population in Pultava, Kharkof, Chernigof, Kief, Volhynia, Podolsk, Ekaterinoslaf and the Laurida. The white Russians, about 3,000,000 in number, are found in Montlef, Minsk; Vitebsk and Grodno. With these groups are the Finns, 3,038,000; Lithuanians, 2,343,000; Jews, 1,631,000; Tartars, 2,500,000; Slavonians in Poland and Lithuania, about 7,000,000, and Armenians, 2,000,000.

From the above described population is drawn the regular army of the Russian empire. The armed force of Russia is composed of an active and a territorial army. The first is divided into the land and marine forces. The land force comprises the regular troops annually recruited throughout the country; the regulars intended to complete the strength of the army to a war footing and composed of men on leave; the irregular troops, such as the Cossacks and the troops composed of foreign elements.

The territorial army is formed by all the male inhabitants of the empire, between the ages of twenty and forty, who are fit for military service and not already enrolled in the active or regular army. By a law of January 13, 1874, the military service is rendered obligatory on all Russian subjects, except in some of the most isolated districts of Siberia, Turkestan and the transcaucasian territory. Exceptions are, however, made in favor of certain professions, such as clergymen, doctors, etc. The duration of service in European Russia is fixed at fifteen years—that is, six years in the active army and nine in the reserves. In Asiatic Russia the term of service is limited to ten years, seven of which are spent in the active army and three in the reserves.

Utilizing Niagara.

A letter has recently been addressed to the Governor-General of Canada by Mr. Horace H. Day, a gentleman who owns the American side of Niagara Falls, on which side the water exceeds that of the Canadian fall. Mr. Day recommends the utilization of this vast water power by the establishment there of manufactories for spinning and weaving cotton cloth. When our ship canals, and eventually the Pacific Railway, are completed, says the Ottawa *Free Press*, the subject of cheap production may have a measure of interest to our manufacturers not now even thought of. The chief points of Mr. Day's scheme are the following; and should his ideas as yet fail to be appreciated, we may recall to mind George Stephenson, fighting his railway enterprise through amid the ridicule of Parliament and people, and Mr. Muntz going humbly from one ship owner of London to another, vainly asking permission to apply, at his own expense, a coat of his metal to the bottoms of their ships:

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GIVING IN.—A story is told of two worthy New England deacons between whom a bitter feud had long existed concerning some contested point. Neither would yield, and the matter threatened to be handed down to the next generation, when one day Deacon Smith appeared before his old enemy and solemnly said: "Brother Jones, it is a shame that this quarrel of ours should bring scandal upon the church. I have prayed earnestly for guidance in the matter, and have come to the conclusion that you must give in, for I cannot."

THE RECORDER'S WATCH.—Sir John Sylvester, the Recorder of London, was one day robbed of his watch by a thief whom he tried at the Old Bailey for petty larceny. During the trial, Sir John happened to say, aloud, that he forgot to bring his watch with him. The thief being acquitted for want of evidence, went with the Recorder's love to Lady Silvester, and requested that she would immediately send his watch to him by a constable he had ordered to fetch it. The lie succeded, and the thief got the watch.

THE Milwaukee *Sentinel* says hotel-keepers in Wisconsin who fail to provide fire escapes above the second floor, cannot collect board bills from their guests when the latter demur to paying them.

THERE will be twenty-six executions during the month of May, and even then many of the wicked will escape.

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