WIT AND HUMOR.

A WAR-POET—The bom-bard.

THE seat of war—An Ottoman.

AN occasional article on noses—A wart.

A PAPER collar never goes to the wash.

TURKEY'S battle song is "Hold the Porte."

NEVER leave off a brass chain till you get a gold one.

"Is that clock right over there?" asked a visitor. "Right over there?" said the boy. "Tain't nowhere else."

THE true inwardness of the little innocent tack is only developed when a man accidentally sits down on one.

SCOTCH Saying.—A door plaat wi' a mon's naam on 's a very good thing, but a dinner plaat wi' a mon's dinner on 's a better.

"MY son, remember that your character ought to shine brighter than your boots." "Suppose I blacken it, then, father?"

OLIVE LOGAN says "the railroads of Wales are as crooked as snakes." Of course, the T-rail of the serpent is over them all.

WHEN Greek meets Greek then comes the tug of war, we think; but when American meets American it's "What'll you have to drink."

WHEN we see a man standing out with an umbrella to keep the rain off from his potato patch we know that he is a book farmer.—[Rome Sentinel.

THERE are certain schools where children are taught like parrots. They are called preparrot-ry schools. The pupils are exercised in polly-syllables.

WAITER—"Well, sah, what will you have, a dollar dinner or a two dollar dinner?" Gourmand—"What is the difference?" Waiter—"One dollar, sah."

A FASHIONABLE young lady dropped one of her false eyebrows in a church pew, and badly frightened a young man next to her, who thought it was his mustache.

WANTED—An instance where a country paper has ever published an account of a cane presentation without remarking that the recipient was "caned."—[Com. Adv.

A LADY'S maid (enumerating her qualifications for the place): "I may likewise hadd, Mem, that hi halways manage to marry my young ladies most satisfactory!"—[Punch.

IT was a respectable resident of Richmond who, on Sunday, asked a Cincinnati man to visit Libby Hill. The Westerner declined on the plea of being a married man.—[Richmond Enquirer.

TOLEDO people are proverbially economical. A man who died in that city the other day left word that the doorplate should be taken off and screwed on the top of his coffin.—[Even. Express.

BOYS are much better than they used to be. We observed one yesterday out on the back piazza singing, "There is rest for the weary," while his mother was weeding the onion bed.—[Norwich Bul.

"BENEATH the lowest deep."—Swell: "Ah, port-ar, is this twain--ah--composed entirely of second-class cawwaiges?"—Glasgow porter: "No, na, man, there's a wheen third-class anes further forrit there."—[Punch.

"YOU ought to acquire the faculty of being at home in the best society," said a fashionable aunt to an honest nephew. "I manage that easily enough," replied the nephew, "by staying at home with my wife and children."

THE Boston *Post* can't understand how a passenger ever finds a cent which he drops into the straw on the floor of a street car. Our way out here is to switch the car off the track and let twelve boys look for it.—[Free Press.

SEEMS like old times to see those war maps around, and to see fifty or sixty men standing around a stationer's window to make out the positions behind which all the generals will congregate when the balls begin to fly.—[Ex.

A DREAMY writer says it would be curious to follow a pound of silk from its spinning until it became a lady's dress. No doubt; but most men would prefer to follow it after it became a dress, and the lady was in it.—[New York Mail.

RICHARD GRANT WHITE says that heigh-ho, as an expression of weariness, is not authorized, and has nothing in it. No man, however, who has been out on a windy day, will deny that there is a good deal in high hose.—[Norwich Bulletin.

"WHEREVER you find many men you find many minds," exclaimed a public speaker. "Tain't so, by jingo!" responded one of the auditors "If you'd only ask this whole crowd out to take a drink, you'd find 'em all of one mind."

"TRIPLETS," said the doctor, sententiously. The husband of a year rushed out on the back porch, thought upon his slender income, glared upon the snow-clad yard, and exclaimed, with a wild, mocking laugh: "Son-struck in January!"

"SUSAN," said the madame of a boarding-school, "you say your young mistress wishes to absent herself from the class-room this afternoon; is the reason for her staying away very urgent?" "Yes, mum, it is 'er gent."—[New Orleans Republican.

"A GOOD man," remarked the fat man on the cracker barrel, reflectively, "a good man is naturally a leader." And the thin man who has just taken a pickle, partially agreed with him. He said he led his wife to the altar, but that was where his leadership ended.—[Nor. Bul.

MRS. DR. MARY is coming this way. Poor lady, she has always had our sympathy, nay, we *might* add our respect, for we are well aware that her whole life has been spent in one long, vain endeavor to invent a pair of trowsers that would go on over her head.—[Buffalo Express.

"MR. BLANK appointed to a Foreign Minister, eh?" remarked old Mrs. C., as she glanced up from the paper she was reading. "Why, he's no Minister! He's only a lawyer; and they do say that he can swear like a pirate!" and she stopped reading to meditate upon the degeneracy of the pulpit.

THE Ohio *State Journal* tells of a village clergyman who, visiting a parishioner suffering from a lingering disease, expressed to his wife a hope that she sometimes spoke to him of the future. "I do, indeed, sir," was the reply. "Often and often I wakes him in the night and says: 'John, John, you little think of the torture as is prepared for you.'"

"HIT it." "Didn't." "Did too." "Didn't, neither." "Did." "Didn't." "I won't play any more." "Don't want you to." "Hateful thing." "Don't you want to borrow our morning paper? Mother says you don't come and get it but six days in a week before we've seen it." Thus the familiar trifles of the croquet ground begin to be heard again as they float along the street.

A Raffle for Freedom.

We translate from a German sketch of American travel the subjoined account of an incident alleged to have occurred on a Mississippi steamboat a short time before the war.

I ascended the Mississippi, says the writer, on a steamer on board of which were Judge J—— and General K—— of Pennsylvania, with both of whom I was slightly acquainted.

"A hard set, these Natchez men," said the Captain, who met us on the cabin stairs. "There's some of them down in the saloon playing a high game. How men can be such fools I could never see!"

"Let's go down and look on awhile," suggested the judge.

In the saloon we found four men seated at a table, around which a crowd of spectators was gathered. The four were the "heavy players."

The game was poker, and the money changed hands rapidly. We had not been looking on long, when one of the players, a middle-aged man, who I learned was a cotton planter, bet his last dollar against the hand of one of his antagonists. The latter showed four kings, while he had only four queens. He was "cleaned out," and rose as though he were going to leave the table.

"Are you broke, colonel," asked one of the men.

"Dead!" was the laconic reply.

"Never mind; I'll lend you."

"No; I can make a raise, I reckon. Here, Pomp."

"Here, massa!" responded an old negro, as he emerged from one corner of the saloon.

"Bring that girl and her youngster here, that I bought in Natchez. Wait a few minutes, gentlemen; I'll raise some money."

The old negro went on his errand and soon returned with the girl and her youngster. The "girl" proved to be a stately mulatto woman about thirty-five years old. Her "youngster" was a fine intelligent looking boy eleven or twelve years old, whose complexion showed him to be much more nearly allied to the white race than the black.

"Here, gentlemen," said the planter, as they entered, "you see the girl and her boy—two as fine niggers as you can find anywhere. I paid eight hundred dollars for them yesterday in Natchez. Who will give me six hundred dollars for them?"

"Will you sell them separate?" asked some one.

"No, can't do it; promised not to. The girl swears she'll take her life if she is separated from her boy, and her old master said that he was sure she'd keep her word. But don't you all see that the girl is worth more money than I ask for both of them? Come, who'll give me six hundred for both?"

The planter waited a moment for a reply, and then said:

"Well, I must have some money. Come, what say you to a raffle—thirty chances at twenty dollars a chance? Out with your cash, gentlemen. The first on the list has the first throw!"

This proposition created a decided stir among all present. The three players at the table led off by taking three chances each. Their example was followed by the spectators, and twenty chances were taken as rapidly as the planter could write down the names and take the money. Then there was a slight pause. The planter himself now took two chances, and he was followed by his three fellow-players, who each took one chance more. Finally three more chances were taken by the spectators, when the planter cried out:

"Two chances still, gentlemen! Who will have them?"

General K—— whispered something in Judge J——'s ear, and then went to the table and laid two ten dollar gold pieces on it.

"Name, sir, please?"

"Never mind the name. Put it down for the woman—"

"Eh—what! for the girl herself?"

"Yes, certainly; let's give her a chance."

"All right. One for Ninette. And now—"

"That's for the boy," said Judge J——, quietly, as he laid twenty dollars on the table.

"Good! bravo! bravo! cried the planter and several of the bystanders. "One for Tommy, which makes the thirty. Now, gentlemen, let's see whom luck favors."

The dice were brought and the throwing began. Each chance entitled the holder to three throws.

Thirty-six was the highest thrown until the holder of the eleventh chance threw. He scored forty-two. Then a less number was thrown, until number twenty-one scored forty-nine.

The excitement now became intense. Forty-nine was hard to beat; the highest throw possible being nine sixes—fifty-four.

Again and again the dice rattled in the box, until it came to number twenty-nine.

"Come, Ninette, it's your turn now."

As the poor woman came forward, her hands crossed and pressed convulsively against her breast, if was truly painful to witness her agitation,

"Won't the gentleman who took the chance for me please throw?" she asked in a low, tremulous tone.

"No; let your boy throw," replied the General; "perhaps he would have more luck than I."

"Come, Tom," said the planter.

Tom came forward and picked up the box. The woman pressed her lips firmly together and clasped her hands, as if in prayer. The boy trembled like an aspen leaf, but shook the dice, and threw—three!

For a moment he stared at the dice as though he could not believe his eyes, then he put down the box and stepped back, pale and dejected.

"Come, Tommy, throw again," urged the planter.

"It's no use, master; I couldn't throw forty-nine now."

"True, true. But you have your own chance. Throw that."

"Certainly," said Judge J——; "that one was your mother's. Now throw for yourself, on the chance I gave you. Have a stout heart, my boy, and may Heaven smile on you."

Again the boy returned to the table and took up the box. He pressed his lips together and did his best to control his trembling limbs. Not a sound was to be heard in the saloon but the rattling of the dice. For a moment every man seemed to hold his breath.

He threw.

"Two fives and a six—sixteen!" said the planter, putting down the number, while a murmur of satisfaction ran through the crowd.

One of the bystanders gathered up the dice and put them in the box, and the boy threw again.

"Two sixes and a five—seventeen!"

The excitement now knew no bounds, and the "bravos" resounded on every hand. The boy, as he took up the box to throw for the third and last time, was as nearly colorless as it was possible for him to be with his yellow skin.

Out rolled the dice, and up came three sixes, which made fifty-one!

"Tommy, my boy, I congratulate you!" said the planter. "You are your own and your mother's master. Fill up the necessary papers, Captain, and I will sign them. These gentlemen will be the witnesses."

I will not attempt to describe the scene that followed. In the general satisfaction that followed, one of the roughest-looking men in the crowd proposed a subscription for the freed negroes. The proposition was received with such favor that in less than five minutes fifty dollars were collected.—*Appleton's Journal.*

When to Catch Salmon.

There are times and seasons for salmon fishing as for all things. But all seasons are not alike. Nor are all places. The best time to fish for salmon, where salmon are to be fished for, is the first hour the water is in condition; that is, as soon as the spring freshets have subsided, and the water fallen back into its natural channel, has become freed from the surface rubbish washed into it, and sufficiently settled to render your line visible to the eye of the fish. This time varies on different rivers, according to their length, their volume and the character of the soil through which they flow. From June to the middle of August salmon are gamy and muscular, wherever found, whether one or fifty miles from the ocean. But the pools most coveted are those in closest proximity to salt water. Salmon are at their best when they begin their upward journey. The fresh element in which they find themselves seems to give them a new life and friskiness, and when hooked they fight with a strength and fierceness not exhibited in the same measure afterward. A twenty-pound salmon fresh from the sea gives you the play of a thirty-pound fish taken weeks after he has made his way far up toward the head waters of a fifty or a hundred-mile river.

This fact, however, is not only perceptible to the novice, but the sport furnished by the capture of a salmon at any point in a river, or at any stage of his sojourn in fresh water, is so grandly exhilerating and so full of the intensest excitement that it is a matter of but trifling moment where a fish is struck so long as the angler strikes him. But the season is important. The earlier weeks on any river are to be preferred, not alone because the fish have more vitality, but because, as a rule, they are more abundant. With an unerring instinct, which is as mysterious as it is wonderful, they seek the rivers where they were born upon the return of every spring. If the rivers are in condition for their ascent, they begin their journey at once. But the rivers are not always in this condition when salmon first come to them; and if they are not, they wait their opportunity, and then move forward with the regularity and steadiness of an army under marching orders. Hence they are ordinarily found in greatest numbers at the first rush, and they are most fortunate who are duly placed at favorite pools to bid them welcome.—*Galaxy for June.*

THE railway companies of Algeria had up to June 1st, 1870, planted on the way from Algiers, to Oran 14,400 fruit trees, 98,900 forest trees, and 344,000 trees of different species on the open plains and slopes, making in round numbers 457,000 trees. Since then the number has been sextupled, the company estimating the number actually planted by it on the line as nearly 3,000,000.—*European News.*

A GENTLEMAN, rather given to conviviality, desirous that the effects of a slight over-indulgence should not be noticed by the groom who was holding his pony's head, sprang so lightly into the saddle as to land on the turf on the other side. John, advancing to meet him where he lay, exclaimed, "Ech, sir, I hope you are not hurt?" "No, John," was the reply, "*but I never knew the beast to do that before.*"—*London Hornet.*

WHEN a new pedestrienne makes her *debut* the Boston newspapers call it "bounding from sedentary obscurity into the arena of peripatetic celebrity." If a tramp with an empty stomach should be hit by a cold potato, they would doubtless refer to the occurrence as the impingement of an athermal, esculent, farinaceous tuber upon the victims stomachic vacuity.—*Worcester Press.*

IN a court-room—A lawyer to his client: "I am sorry, poor fellow; but, notwithstanding my eloquence, you have been sentenced to prison for three months." "Oh, don't let that worry you," was the answer; "I am not sorry. In the neighborhood where I live they will think I have gone to the country, and that will give me social status."

HESTER ANN SUTTON, a girl nineteen years of age, died at Plattskill, N. Y., recently, of congenito-hydrocephalus. Her head measured fifty-four inches, or four feet and a half, in circumference. The facts are testified to by the affidavits of medical men.

IF thou art stealing money from the county, continue to wear seedy clothes; cover thyself with the semblance of poverty and complain bitterly of the hard times. A four-in-hand might attract the attention of the authorities.—*Virginia Chronicle.*

ONLY WAITING.—"What are we waiting for now?" anxiously inquires an Iowa paper. A good many Bridgeport men are waiting for the huckleberry season to open so they can close their stores and pick their way back into a state of comparative affluence.—*Bridgeport Standard.*

LITTLE Bobbie went to a show, and saw an elephant for the first time in his life. When he came home his mother asked him what he had seen. "An elephant, mamma, that gobbled hay with his front tail."

"No pains will be spared," as the quack said when he sawed off a patient's finger to cure a fellon.

THE beautiful in heart is a million times of more avail as securing domestic happiness, than the beautiful in person.

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A New Dish.

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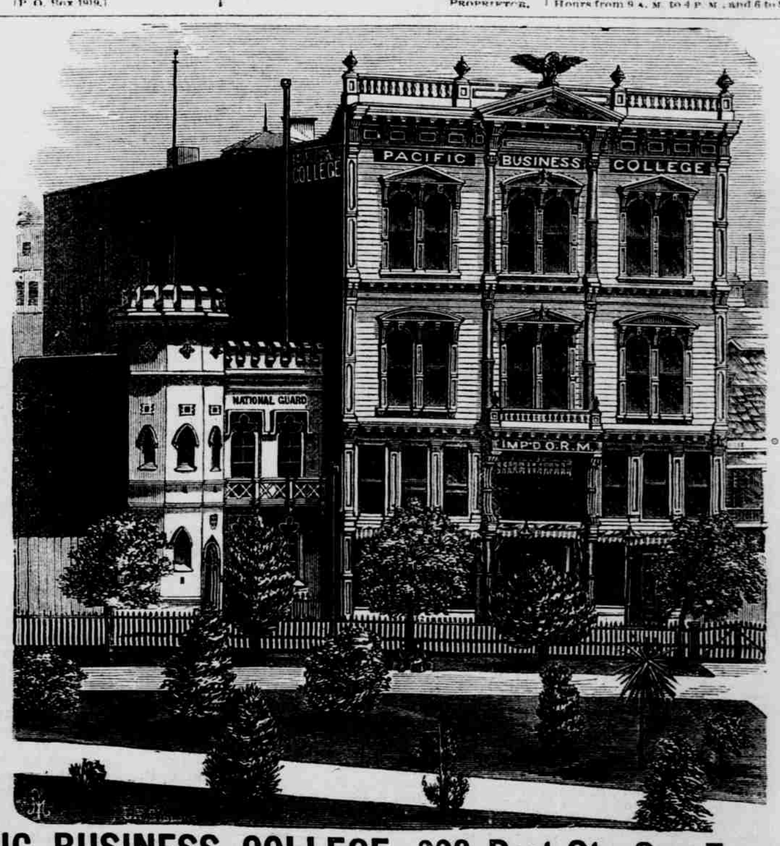

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