WIT AND HUMOR.

A GREAT hardship—an iron steamer.

TWO-BUTTON kids—a young goat fight.

KALAMAZOOLOGISTS is what the Chicago Times calls the unhappy dwellers of Kalamazoo.

MRS. PARTINGTON remarks that few persons nowadays suffer from suggestion of the brain.

AGONY personified—a bachelor editor trying to prepare an able and judicious article on the baby show.—[Worcester Press.

THE proposition to introduce lady railroad conductors is frowned upon in view of the fact that their trains are always behind.

IN Virginia, when a young lady declines an offer to convoy her home, the lover asks permission to sit on the fence and see her go by.

THE man who has been looking for a sea serpent all summer has returned and is looking for an oyster in a church fair stew.—[P. I. Mann.

A WOMAN teacher in the Philadelphia public schools receives only about half as much pay as a policeman, and yet she preserves order better.

WHEN larger beer began to be the thing to drink, a gentleman was recommended to use it as a tonic. "I would," said he, "but its *Teutonic*."

AN editor published a long leader on hogs. A rival paper in the same village upbraids him for obtruding his family matters upon the public.

THERE'S the difference between a little girl and a big girl: the former cries for a doll baby, while the latter yearns for a dol-man.—[Huntsville (Texas) Item.

AN, editor speaking of spiritualism, says: "We don't believe in any medium except the 'circulating medium,' and that has become so scarce that our faith in it is shaky."

A YOUNG lady, while on her way to be married, was run over and killed. A confirmed old maid savagely remarked: "She has avoided a more lingering and horrible destiny."

SAMUEL STICKNEY, of Waterloo, Iowa, hugged a girl so hard that a revolver in his pocket was discharged, seriously wounding a boy who was passing the gate where the pair stood.

IF you put two persons in the same bedroom, one of whom has the toothache, and the other is in love, you will find that the person who has the toothache will go to sleep first.

"OCH," said a love-sick Hibernian, "what a recreation it is to be dying of love! It sets the heart aching so delicately there's no taking a wink of sleep for the pleasure of the pain!"

A KENTUCKY man who went to the Black Hills wrote back to a local paper, saying: "Offer a premium at your coming fair for the biggest fool in the country, and I'll try and get there in time."

A YOUNG lady, in conversation with a gentleman, spoke of having resided in St. Louis. "Was St. Louis your native place?" asked the gentleman—"Well, yes, part of the time," responded the lady.

A CHILD was recently born in Parke county, Ind., with arms and hands turned back-upward. Its parents were in despair till they reflected that the youngster would make a good custom house inspector.

A MAN who has been traveling in the "far West" says—but he probably misrepresents the matter—that when an Idaho girl is kissed she indignantly exclaims: "Now put that right back where you took it from!"

AN old lady with a large family living near a river, was asked if she did not live in constant fear that some of her children would be drowned. "Oh, no," she replied, "we have only lost three or four in that way."

THE recent financial depression has induced one student at least to economize, as the following remark shows, "I say, chum, that pail of water lasts well! I bought it last Saturday, and today is Friday."—[Amherst Student.

A PATENT has been taken out for a protecting stern for the use of book agents and lightning-rod men. It is automatic, and spreads out a double row of spikes, like an inverted peacock tail, whenever the wearer turns to leave a house—[Puck.

A CINCINNATI liquor dealer applied to a customer for a letter of recommendation of a certain brand of whisky which he had recently sold him. The customer wrote: "I have tried all sorts of insect poison, and find none equal to your Old Cabinet Whisky."

"I was born in Bath," said a dirty looking customer, as he harangued a crowd at a political meeting, "and I love my native place." "You don't look as if you had ever been there since," said one of his hearers, as he proceeded to land an opposition candidate.

A TRAVELER going to bed was surprised to see a ghost which—or who—in a sepulchral tone began, "I am the spirit of one most foully murdered here." "That's no business of mine," said the traveler, turning round on his pillow. "Apply to the proper quarter. Good night."

A ROCHESTER milkman has lost two lady customers because a newspaper charged him with putting aqua pura in his milk. They said they had all they could do to stand the water he put in, but now that he was caught adding that nasty drug they wanted no more of his milk in theirs.

A CONNECTICUT dentist has got hold of a composition whereby he can make teeth at a cost of fifty cents a set. This will enable the female wearer of false teeth to have a set to match every suit she has, both in color and design—with pink goods; pink teeth; with striped goods, striped teeth and so on.

IT was Benjamin Franklin who remarked, "Avoid all arguments at home." When Mrs. Franklin asked Benjamin to go out in the yard and split an armful of kindling wood, instead of entering into a controversy over the subject he would put on his hat and go down town to see a man. Thousands of husbands of today avoid arguments at home by adopting the same method.

ONE of the Norwich steamers had struck, and while the passengers were hurridly making preparations for their safety, a fat old Dutchman seized a life-preserver, and trying it on began to fill it, blowing till he was red in the face with his efforts. "Hallo," said a bystander, "you can't fill that, there's a big hole in it." A blank look came over the Dutchman's face. "Mein Gott is dat so; den I better keeps my wind in me."

A Comedian's Ghost.

Great men who die these days seem to have a fondness for revisiting the scenes through which they moved while in the flesh, and of this predilection there has been several notable illustrations in St. Louis within the past few months. Rare old Ben DeBar was hardly laid away in his grave before two or three mediums announced that a spirit was still moving in our midst, and that it was his pleasure to come and commune with his family and friends. There are three ar four stories current about Mr. DeBar's visit, but there is one that has particular interest, and is well authenticated by a number of persons. About three weeks ago Fred L. Herring, gas fitter, doing business at 318 North Sixth Street, was walking along the street when he felt something tugging at the left lappel of his coat. The pulling agency was invisible, and Mr. Herring, being a Spiritualist, felt assured that a spirit was hovering and desired to communicate something to him. This belief was confirmed when

HIS COAT WAS PULLED.

Several times. This occurred in broad day light. Mr. Herring's efforts to find out what it was were futile, and he went to see a medium for information on the subject. The medium informed him that it was the spirit of his old friend Ben DeBar, who wished him to call on Mrs. DeBar and request her to visit the slate-writing medium. Dr. Huntoon, then in the city, on which occasion he would come and make a written communication to her. Mr. Herring at once proceeded to the residence of Mrs. DeBar, and, telling her what had been revealed to him, accompanied her to the residence of George M. Jackson, the Dowell bed-spring manufacturer, 1106 Locus street, where Doctor Hunton was holding seances and sittings, Mrs. DeBar seated herself at the table with the medium; and at his request held the slate under the table. On the upper surface of the slate was placed a minute piece of pencil for the

SPIRIT TO WRITE WITH.

In a few moments writing was heard, which continued about two minutes. When Mrs. DeBar was in the act of drawing the slate from under the table, under the direction of the medium, her hand was seized violently, and pressed so hard as to give her considerable pain. When the slate was placed on the table it was discovered that both sides were completely covered with writing with the signature of Ben DeBar attached. The writing was private, and the nature of the communication was not made known, but Mrs. DeBar stated that it related to business affairs, and included advice from the spirit of her husband concerning the management of certain properties. She stated further that she recognized beyond doubt the handwriting and the signature of her husband, and that she was well pleased with the result of the sitting.

At three seances that occurred subsequently at Mr. Jackson's

HIS SPIRIT CAME

and answered audibly, answering a number of questions propounded to him by persons present:

"Are you happy, Ben?" asked Mr. Herring.

"Oh, very happy," replied the spirit; "life over here is perfectly delightful. I've been trying to find that hell we heard so much of over there, but I can't find it. There's no such place."

And then the spirit of the jolly Ben laughed audibly and heartily.

"I'll swear to that laugh," said Mr. Herring; "nobody ever laughed that way except Ben DeBar."

On each occasion of his appearance Mr. DeBar was jolly and good hummored, as he was in life, and so many of the well-known peculiarities were so frequently manifested that no doubt was left in the minds of those in the circle that the spirit of the dead comedian was actually present. One night the spirit of Charles Leavy came with that of Mr. DeBar, and both conversed with persons present, a trumpet being used as a medium for speaking.—*St. Louis Globe-Democrat.*

"MY PANTALOONS".—A very absent minded member of the French Institute was reading the newspaper in the Casino, Dieppe, the other day. Engrossed by what he was reading, his left hand unconsciously pushed the file of newspapers. Each moment he pushed from him the pile of newspapers. Beyond was an inkstand. Presently the inkstand went over the side of the table. It fell on the white trousers of a Paris banker, who naturally—put yourself in his place—was furious. The guilty party offered his best excuse without appeasing the banker's wrath, who shrieked that his brand new pantaloons were ruined. "But, sir, I will cheerfully pay for them; be good enough to give me your card, and I will send the money to your hotel." "To my hotel! Sir, I don't know you. I must instantly have the thirty francs those pantaloons cost." The guilty party drew forth the thirty francs and paid them; then he said: "Now that you have been paid, I hope you have too much the delicacy of a gentleman to remain in my pantaloons. You know those pantaloons are my property, and I insist upon their immediate delivery to me. You had no confidence in me; I have none in you. My pantaloons." In vain the banker protested against such haste. The crowd that had gathered around the disputants said the member of the institute was right, and the banker, after sending a servant for another pair pants surrendered the ink-stained amid the laughter of the bystanders.—*Paris Correspondence of New Orleans Picayune.*

GOUGH is telling a story about an Irishman to whom a physcian said. "Tim, this won't do; you must take warning by the fate of your friend, O'Shaughnessy. Only three nights ago he came home much sober than you are, but in attempting to blow out a candle his breath took fire and he exploded—blew up—so that his friends in three days have not been able to scrape enough of him together to hold a wake over." "An' do you mane to tell me that he bust up?" said Tim. "Indeed I do, upon my honor." Tim said he would take the pledge at once, and did so in the following form: "I swear never to blow out a candle while I'm drunk again."

MR. CHEERYBLES propped his six months' old boy up in a high chair, and then, looking admiringly at the crowing youngster, asked his wife what was the difference between the Indian chief now in Canada and their youngest offspring. Of course Mrs. Cheerybles "give it up," and the proud father explained, "One is Sitting Bull, and the other is sitting bully." Mrs. Cheerybles fainted.—*Norr. Herald.*

How to Sit a Horse.

It is a recognized principal that "a horse-man grows from his seat." By *seat* is meant the manner in which the weight of his person receives the impulse of the horse's movement. At every step the impulse changes, unless the seat is a good one, the weight is jostled and the smooth action of the horse is disturbed. If it is good, it is so adjusted as to receive the changing action with a yielding resistance to the shock, and to give no unduce check to the motive power. While there must be a certain ease of displacement there must also be an ability to hold firm to the saddle, and, after leaving it, to return smoothly to it. The real points of attachment should be only from the knee upward,—by the inner flat of the thigh. Ease of motion depends on the freedom of the lower leg and the ready flexibilily of the loins. From the knee to the hip we need firmness and solidity; from the knee downward, the freest pliancy. No movement of the horse should be so sudden, and no lift in leaping should be so great, that the thighs may not securely retain their position, and the body and calves their flexibility. Rigidity of the body implies the transmission of force to the long end of the lever, which is the father of the fall, while rigidity of the lower legs carries an uncontrolled impulse to the other end of the lever and disturbs the horse. The absolute point of contract—the point which never yields its grip—is at the knees only. In the leap, and to a less degree in the gallop, these are the constant points of communication, and however much the seat may be raised in a strong leap these regulate its safe and correct return.

Pliancy of the hips and freedom of the calves are the first objects to be sought, and it is these which it is the most difficult for the mature beginner to acquire. Much help may be gained from a sort of calisthenic exercise of the body, swaying from front to rear and from side to side, and moving the arms in all directions, retaining meanwhile a firm seat without the action of the calves or the heals. There should be cultivated too the ability to reach the toe far foward on the horse's shoulder, and to raise the heel high against his side without materially changing the position of the knee. In short, the man should learn the new art of moving his head, arms, body and lower legs from his new point of attachment at the thighs and seat, with the same instinctive case and certainty with which he has learned to move his whole person when resting on his feet. In proportion as this suppleness has become complete and instinctive, in that proportion does the man remove himself from the condition of a suit of clothes stuffed with sand, which would topple over with the least movement of the horse.—*Col. Waring, in Scribner for November.*

Weighing the Thanksgiving Turkey.

"Here, sir! Please take the bird around to Albro's and see how much it weighs."

The idea! What would the folks over the way say, to see the "Professor" walking out with a big turkey under his arm? That was the way the thing presented itself to a good natured college student acting as private tutor in the family. But Mrs. Simpson, the portly and practical housewife, had no such idea of the fitness of things.

It was the day before Thanksgiving, and the farmer who had agreed to supply her with a turkey had brought it, but had not weighed it, and, of course, they could not agree on its weight, all of which ended in the startling proposition with which we began.

"Well, if you aint the laziest man ——! Just as though it was going to hurt you any to take this bird to the corner and back!" she went on, as she saw me looking, appearently, for a hole to crawl into, but, in reality, for the broom, which, when I found, I made use of in putting into execution a plan I had found for weighing the turkey at home.

I hung the broom-handle to the gasjet by a wire loop, and slid it along in the loop until it balanced. By this time all were curious to see what I was about.

I then fixed a wire to the turkey's feet and hooked it so that it would slide on the broom-handle. Next I got a flat-iron and fixed it in the same way. When the broom was nicely balanced, I hung the turkey on the broom end of the stick, two inches from the balancing loop. Then I hung the flat-iron on the other side, and shoved it along until it balanced the turkey. Next I measured the distances of the turkey and flat-iron from the balancing loop, and found that the turkey hung two inches and the flat-iron eight inches from the balancing loop. That was all. I had found the weight of the turkey, and told them: Twenty-four pounds.

"Do you s'pose I'm going to believe all that tomfoolery? It doesn't weigh more'n twenty, I know. Here, Maggie! Take this out and ask Albro to weigh it for you."

"I'm blame if he hasn't hit it about right," said the farmer who had brought the turkey. "How did you find out?"

"Well, you see," said I, "the flat-iron has a figure 6 on it; that shows six pounds. Now, if the turkey had not weighed more than the flat-iron they would have balanced each other at the same distance from the balancing loop; but the turkey was the heaviest, so I had to move the flat-iron out further. At the same distance from the loop as the turkey (two inches), the flat-iron pulled six pounds' weight, and at every addition of that distance it would pull six pounds more. Thus: at four inches it pulled twelve pounds; and at eight inches, twenty-four pounds. At that distance it just balanced the turkey, thus proving that it weighed——"

"Well, Maggie, what does Albro say?"

"Twenty-four poun,' mum," replied Maggie, coming in.

"Well, I give it up," said Mrs. Simpson; and she did, and so do I—till the next time.—*G. M. Shaw, St. Nicolas for November.*

GIFTED IN CONVERSATION.—An apprentice to a Danbury undertaker, was at a party the other evening. He had all the enthusiasm peculiar to one new in a business. The young lady who set beside him took the occasion to observe that we were having very warm weather. "Dreadfully hot," he promptly rejoined, with the air of a man who knew perfectly well what he was talking about. "It's almost impossible to keep a body over night without plenty of ice. You'd be surprised," he added with animation, "to see how quick they turn." If they turned any quicker than she did, it was a proper subject for surprised.

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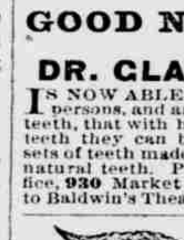

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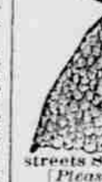

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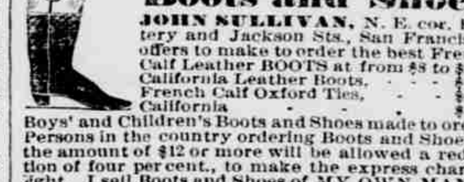

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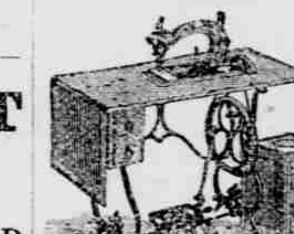

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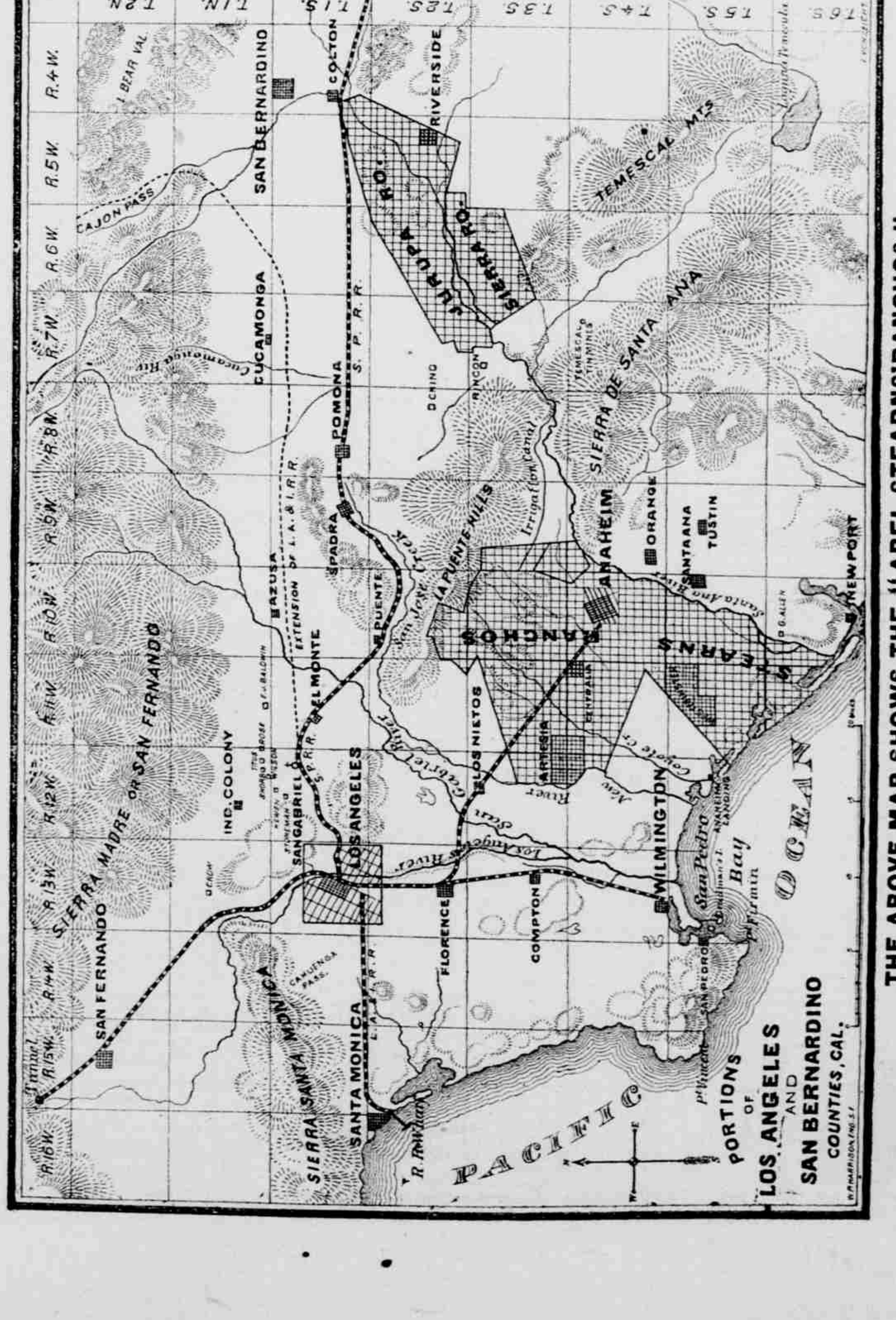

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