WIT AND HUMOR.

A RABE spot-The Northern Pole. THE fourth of a man-A quarter-mas-

THE worst bank to be wrecked on one of the savings variety. THE Japanese say the first inhabitant of the world was a woman.

An old bachelor in Boston wasnt to adopt a girl baby eighteen years old. MR. GLADSTONE has been making speeches in Ireland that are worth

"LIFE is made up ov sunshine and shadow"-about five shaddes to one sun- it to kill a man with. Give me a good as rapidly approaching, and then said shine. - Josh Billings.

THE man who writes an illegible hand never reads his own letters. "That is the other fellow's business," he says. A NEIGHBOR explains that when he advises his readers to lay in their coal, he does not mean that they are to sleep

"WHAT is a dollar ?" asks the Graphic. It's just the same as gratitude; something of which we owe more than we

A Down East editor announces through the columns of his paper the loss of "a the man he was after; but all the same I ors, and it was pleasant following his cloth cloak, belonging to a gentleman lined with blue."

GERMAN experimenters assert that a silver spoon wears out in 248 years. Now, we never could keep any of ours your purpose." "Yes, I should think it en him a name in metaphysical speculahalf that time.

"Is it proper to say, 'I see the rising sun,' or 'I see the sun rise?'" "Balto." Sir, the proper thing is to get home before it rises

THEY tell of a South Boston woman so stingy that the only thing she is known to give away are shoes to her neighbors' chickens.

A PHYSICIAN advertised that he had modate his patients.

Mosquiro, fold thy weary wings and sink into thy final rest!

A LITTLE girl whose father refused her a second tart, said thereupon: "Papa, why do you sing, "Feed me till I want no more?" She got the tart. The following lines were sung at a

colored camp-meeting in Berks county: "A floating down de narrow stream! O! sin is milk, religion cream. Sing glory

teacher finally asked, "What makes you

A GENTLEMAN wrote a letter for his black servant who was unable to read or write himself. Having finished the letter, the gentleman asked, "Is that all, Tem?" "Yes," said Tom, "only just say, 'Please excuse bad spelling an'

A MEDDLESOME old woman was sneering at a young mother's awkwardness the Virginian, I lest sight of him, are the most careless, improvident, with her infant, and said, "I declare, a and never learned how he ended. I laughter-loving people in the world. woman ought never to have a baby unless she knows how to hold it." "Nor a tongue either," quietly responded the young mother.

My friend, have you a sulking wife? Don't go and worry on it, but try and use diplomacy; 'tis best-depend upon it. Don't beg and coax-don't go and write a poem or a sonnet. No; rouse her drooping spirits with a brand-new investigation of the question, lasting the fops and loafers of the race, but the winter bonnet.

"What do you charge for a quart of your milk here?' asked a man, as he put his head in the door of a milkshop. "Eight cents," was the reply. "Ain't you got any for seven cents?" "No," said the proprietor; "but," he added, "we can make some."

An elderly lady much interested in the progress of events in the East, having hitherto been unable to assign any cause for the Russo-Turkish war, was heard to exclaim, triumphantly, on seeing a telegram headed "From Sophia." "AhI knew there must be a woman at the bottom of it!"-[Punch. A LADY whose cook went to a wake

was given notice a fortnight afterward that she was going to be married. "To whom?" asked the mistress. "Plase, ma'am, to the husband of the corpse.' "Why, does he love you?" was the next question. "Oh, yes, ma'am; he said I was the light of the funeral."

country parson tells how, when he accompanied him lately to take the duty in a remote parish, the sexton said: "Perhaps your reverence won't mind got a duck a-sittin' in the pulpit."

It is said that nature intended that persons should sleep with their feet to the equator. But when your wife comes back from starting the fire on a December morning and deposits her cold feet against your equator, doesn't it seem as though the intention of nature in this respect must have been mis-

that "the Bible is chock full of wit, from Genesis to Revelations." We have long known that, but what was the use to find that after the bark had sputtered ily won the good will of his officers, of telling other editors? In a few weeks furiously and quickly burned out, the who knew nothing of his antecedents, this country from Maine to California, birch itself would burn no more than and after the battle of Fredericksburg -[Argonaut.

THE EGG TRADE OF THE UNITED STATES. | that's all it's good for!" -The egg trade of the country is immense. It is estimated that the inhab- Johnson's Papers.—Andrew John- again, with twelve more years to serve itants of the United States consume son, it is said, preserved all his papers 45,000,000 eggs per day. The city of and died leaving them in upper story of A VENERABLE ROSEBUSH. - At Hildes-New York alone, it is estimated, con- a shop in Greenville. Throughout his heim Cathedral there is a rosebush

insoluble in water, may be made by mixing castile soap with a solution of insolution of mixing castile soap with a solution of so little importance as not be worth savsulphate of alumina, sulphate of iron, ing. He remarked once how little space this purpose. Whether it be due to their or sulphate of copper; copper making a folded letter took up, and what small endeavors or not, the old thing seems the mixture green, iron leather-colored, alumina colorless. It may be applied tant they sometimes became. His only of the root knobs of the bush a new should be warmed.

The Merchant's Story

Yes, it was rather a curious start that I had in business. The first thing I did, after having saved a little pile of money,

strong handle. I want a knife that I that the trial at parting with his wife can put in and turn round." Says I, had been long over, even from the time "I think I can suit you. Walk in and when he had first sought the surgeon's take a look." I knew him by that time. opinion. One sleepless night, in which He was a Virginian—a splendid looking he walked his chamber alone with his fellow—and belonged to a good family, fatal sentence; a letter preparing the one as I understood, but he had gone wild nearest to him for the inevitable apon the frontier, and done a great many proaching future; after that struggle he illegal things and been forced to herd felt as if the darkest passage of the valwith the Indians. The consequence ley of the Shadow of Death had been was that he spoke their language and left behind him, and walked serenely was a person of influence among them. forward from that day to the end. He intentions, not knowing but what I was cult questions with some of his visitgot out my stock of tools and showed lead, to see him forget himself in the them. There was one, nearly two feet analysis of mental operations, in which long, which I had bought for a cheese he showed a power of study and penetknife. Says I, " I think this would answer rating thought which would have givmight," says he. "How much is it?" tion if he had concentrated his efforts in that direction. He had the great adlings, I think. "I'll take it," says he. vantage of having studied the working "But I haven't any money." Under of the mind under various exceptional the circumstances, seeing he had the conditions, and had many strange knife in his fist and was ready to turn it things to tell from his own experience, around, I thought I had better offer to all of which he had disposed to account trust him. "You'd better not," says he. for without invoking any of the vulgar "You don't know me from any other machinery commonly called in to exgentleman." "But I've got to trust plain such phenomena. -Ex. you," says I. "You've got the butchermoved nearer to the churchyard, and knife by the handle, and I'm at the trusted that his removal would accom- sharp end of it. Besides I believe I —In a work just published by Dr. A. can trust you." Off he went, and I Proust of Paris, some remarkable figheard no more of him for a time, not ures are given, showing the progressive cross thy legs upon thy breast; put even whether he had killed a man. But decline in the number of births in his up thy bill and horns and things, and some weeks later he had put in an ap- country. Beginning with the present pearance and paid for the knife. "And century, the number of births per thousnow, youngster," says he, "I like the and of the population has ranged steadway you treated me when I roused you ily downward; tabulated is successive way you treated me when I roused you out for trade. You didn't show the periods of ten years each, the figures tem is debilitated and needs to be built up prowhite feather. Some men hustled up are, 32,9, 31.7, 30.6, 28.7; 27.5, 26.1, 26.3, at that time of night, would have been Most other European countries show, in scared. But you behaved every way the same period, a small but steady inlike a gentleman, and now I want to behave to you as one. There are some Indians coming in to-day and I'll bring. The rate of births for the United States. hallelujah!"

A DUTCHMAN was about to make a journey to his fatherland, and wishing to say "good-bye" to a friend, extend
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jun. Give me a couple of dollars." I respect better than midway. In a table

or says ne, "we successful in saving the fives of young it atrial and be no longer troubled. It is a sure infants, and occupies a position in this cure for all Throat and Lung troubles. Prepared by Rhodes & Lewis, San Jose, Cal., and sold gave him the money and he went off. of death of infants (per thousand born) Exclish is the court language of When he came back he had a demijohn occurring before they were one year old, Germany. It is a proud moment when full of drink, and some tumblers. An Bavaria is at one extreme, with 372 a Briton or American, visiting the pal- hour or so later the Indians appeared, deaths; Scotland, at the other, with only ace, is saluted with, "Dot vos a pooty schelentit morning, ain't it?"

In struggling to make a dull-brained boy understand what conscience is, a teacher finally asked, "What makes you in the solution of the loads. My man hailed them, but they Bavaria; the reasons for the excessive feel uncomfortable after you have done wrong?" "The big leather strap," feel-ingly replied the boy.

did not want to trade with me; they didn't know me. There was a long palicular to the last named didn't know me. The last named didn't know me a some of them if they didn't follow his al custom of wrapping babes very tightfriendly advice; and the end of it was ly in bandages may be among the that they gave in to save a quarrel, causes. They crowded into my little shop, and drank my demijohn empty, and bought peltries. I made \$2,500 that season, Gen. Comly, in which Honolula is went off in high spirits to lose it somewhere else to pick it up again. As for loafers' paradise. The natives, he writes,

a subject, -Atlantic Monthly. pierced grape skins, we began a close hat, everywhere. These men are not hour watching closely the proceedings can like a revelation in art. They have of the industrious insects. There was no wealth-nothing that would satisfy but was visited by dozens of bees, who laughing, singing, playing jewsharps, examined every grape on it in search of or making floral wreaths. The Hawaiian finding none such, they would imme- ways be the same-yesterday, to-day, diately leave and continue their search and forever. elsewhere, until the berry they desired was found. On all the defective fruit The Sunday Law in Germany.—The clusters bees were gathered, but we Berlin police well illustrate the differfailed utterly in detecting in a single in- ence between the State and the indivstance anything like an attempt at try- idual, for, while the Emperor of Gering to tear open a perfect berry; their many set all the men at Krupp's founinvestigations were hasty but thorough dry to work on a Sunday, the Berlin and when the desired spoil was not found | shopkeepers are being vigorously fined no time was wasted in useless delay. for not pulling down their shop blinds There can be no mistake about this on the Sabbath. And they make a fine matter; our observations were careful distinction in the moral culpability of THERE are queer nooks and corners and prolonged and must certainly have the cases. Thus, a man who had pullleft in Old England. A visitor to a resulted in detecting the harm com- ed down his blind three-quarters of the plained of had any been done. That way-thus showing that he knew what none was done we are positively cer-tain, and we feel that these hard work-compound the matter—was fined five Perhaps your reverence won't mind ers deserve a good word in return for marks; while another, who did not preaching from the chancel, for we've the odium cast upon them by theorists pull it down at all, and thus showed and carelass observers.

Backus, who was the first President of as London on the Sabbath .- Lodonn Hamilton College, at Clinton, New Examiner. York. It appears that while he was cold period his wood ran out, and he the war broke out, serving a sentence of THE Rev. Matthew Hale Smith avers bought a cord of a neighbor, who rec- thirty years, but, expressing a desire will be littered with mutilated Bible so much iron. He hastened to his he acted as a spy, gaining information leaves-attesting the indomitable indus- neighbor and said: "I want 20 cords which probably saved the Union army try of the paragrapher of the period. more of that wood. "Twenty cords from destruction. He was afterward But hold! isn't the work copyrighted. doctor? What can you do with so captured and sent to Libby prison, and much?" "Smother the flames of hell; paroled. He broke his parole, re-en-

New York alone, it is estimated, consumes 40,000,000 dozen annually, and Boston 16,000,000 dozen. Fifty-seven dealers in Chicago alone, last year, received 4,660,000 dozen of eggs.

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vigorously that there is good hope that

DADICALLY CURED IN A FEW DAYS. the solution is not perfectly fluid, it office as a candidate for the Legislature, this venerable rose stock may yet "reand was defeated.

Suffering of the Author of "Sex in

Education. Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes has been writing a most kindly and appreciative was to set up a shanty in Sioux City. I letter about his friend, the Late Dr. had all sorts of traps to allure Indians, Edward H. Clarke-a gentleman whose and I wanted to buy any kind of pel- book on "Sex in Education" planted tries, scalps excepted. But I was a new | thorns in the minds of many excellent arrival, and the noble red men couldn't women, and called down upon his head trade rather dull. Late one night, however, as I was sleeping among my stock, there came a tremendous banging at my door, and when I unbarred it, there was a tall fellow who seemed a little drunk; and said he, "I want a butcher-knife."

"All right. Come in," said I. "I want a reliable one," said he. "I want a reliable one," said he. "I want a to kill a man with. Give me a good strong handle. I went a butcher a knife of the past few years from a hope-less internal disease which was full of anguish. He was never free from pain except when under the influence of anodynes, and from time to time was racked with agony. Dr. Holmes says that it was only a few weeks before his death that Dr. Clarke spoke to him of the end as rapidly approaching, and then said strong handle. I went a knife that the past few years from a hope-less internal disease which was full of and will be found entirely accurate. The issue of Hostetter's Almanac for 1878, in the English, German, French, Welsh, Norwegian, Swedish, Holland, Bohemian, and Spanish languages, will in all probability be the largest edition of a medical work ever published in any country. The proprietors, Messrs. Hostetter & Smith, Pittsburgh, Pa., on receipt of a two-cent stamp, will forward a copy by mail to any person who cannot precure one in his neighbor-hood. There is no doubt but the dollars of our fathers would be useful in a payorental sense.

a tall fellow who seemed a little drunk; dynes, and from time to time was racked and said he, "I want a butcher-knife." with agony. Dr. Holmes says that it was only a few weeks before his death Well, I felt a little doubtful about his seemed to enjoy discussing nice and dif-

A LOAFERS' PARADISE.—The Ohio Gen. Comly, in which Honolula is sketched with a free-and-easy hand, as a loafers' paradise. The natives, he writes.

30 ELEGANT CARDS with name, no two slike, sketched with a free-and-easy hand, as a loafers' paradise. The natives, he writes. didn't even inquire whether he put his They have no winter to lay by for-even butcher knife in and turned it the proverbial rainy day needs nothing around. It seemed to me too delicate there; so they dance and sing, and deck themselves with garlands, all the day long. Men go here with great garlands BEES AND GRAPES. - A correspondent of the lovliest flowers and green leaves of the Lancaster Furmer says: Reading | hanging in festocus around the neck and broad charges that honey bees shoulders down the body, around the through a series of days. On the grapes hard-working fellows - the herdsman, of a vine growing in our yard hundreds the hackman, even the dray men, go of bees were literally swarming, their about adorned in the most exquisite taste, home being in a neighbor's yard, not with flowers and leaves wreathed into 20 paces distant. We sat hour after forms of beauty which come to an Amernot a single raceme on the whole vine an American-but they are always a bursted one whose juices were accessi- knows that there will never be a winter's After a most careful search and day to provide for, and that it will al-

that his conscience did not acknowledge the duty, was fined only one mark. If THE following is told of the Rev. Dr. this goes on, Berlin will soon be as dull

> captured and sent to Libby prison, and paroled. He broke his parole, re-enlisted, deserted, and committed a burglary, and is back in his old quarters glary, and is back in his old quarters

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