Wit and Humor.

A "PICKED nine"-The Muses. A sweet thing in combs-Honey. ISLES are found in every Bishop's

An uncertain quantity-a box of straw-

WHEN a man is rooted to the spot, does he branch out before he leaves? Wiry are hand-cuffs like guide-books?

Because they are made for two wrists.

a very long meter.

A UTAH paper says: "The pretty girls in this territory used to marry Young, but they won't do so any more.'

There was considerable of a stamp-ede there once, you remember .- Hartford

will look a little less as if you had a note to pay, a little more as if you'd been left a legacy, you'll get a picture."

MR. CAMPBELL, of Newfane, New two thousand fragments-more or less. York, drank corrosive-sublimate instead

Boston Transcript.

A WESTERN member of Congress lounged into the bar-room of a fashionable up-town hotel one morning recently, to get his matutinal invigorator. When the necessary utensils were placed before him, the Hoosier statesman deliberately filled the glass to the brim with whisky. "Goodness gracious," exclaimed the astonished bar-keeper, "that isn't a drink; that's a temperance lecture."

with the velocity of a quarterhorse.)

ated, is striving to clamber into the saddle, at every effort calling on a saint. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, martyr, boost a fellow up!" With a mighty effort he throws himself into the saddle and rolls off or the other off or t off on the other side of the horse. "Not all together, - you! One was enough," yells the pious trooper.

the street, and stepping to her side he and suffering humanity." asked: "Why, Mary, where did you get | Then the Deacon, with a smile extendhim. "I came by it honestly," was all dered forth: she said, and the good old man had something to think about all the way home to Whoa, Sal! you blind-"

dinner. Two sailors happened to be on a miliof marking time. One sailor, observing and the sexton yelled "fire!" the other watching the movements of the inch ahead yet."

A LITTLE fellow who has seen scarce home hens have been kept for but a few weeks, visited a neighbor's a day or two since to get company in his play, where he was informed that his oft-time playmate was suffering from chicken-pox. The lady of the house, in tones of curiosity not a little tinctured with solicitude, asked the little fellow if they had had the chicken-pox over at his house, and was much amused at the reply, with all | gravity: "No; we haven't had our hens long enough yet."-Providence Journal.

#### A Story of the Irish Bar.

took place:

when I called on you?" Doctor .- "I do."

Defendant .- "What did I say?" Doctor .- "You said your wife was sick, and you wished me to go and see Defendant .- "What did you say?"

me my fee." Defendant .- "What did I say then?"

Doctor .- "You said you'd pay the fee, if so be you knew what it was." Defendant .- "What did you say?"

Doctor .- I said I'd take the guinea first, Defendant .- "Now, dochter, by vartue man. Address B. R."

my wife?" Doctor .- "No; she died of her ill-

Defendant, to the bench. -"Your worship, see this. You heard him tell our bargain. It was to kill or cure. By vartue of his oath, he done neither !- and he axes the fee!"

Pat, notwithstanding his ingenuity .-Chamber's Journal.

That Awful Phonograph.

and creep stealthily up stairs, but no soon- wouldn't.

playing some pretty shabby tricks, and if room, and requested the reporter to shiv- the city in which to make your home during Deacon Peppers could have laid his er his tarry top-lights. hands on the inventor, a few nights ago, he would probably have torn him into cured, the reporter ventured to ask in

The Deacon is-or rather was-a good of sorts, but whose exact ailment no one bition and for sale. He became much in- American Navy? Worm-eaten, too!" had been able to discover, amended her terested in the instrument; and when he evening prayer of "God bless papa and spoke into the mouth-piece of one of the mamma" by adding "and care me if machines, and heard his own words manifested his astonishment in one pro-

longed "W-h-e-w!"

Then a happy thought struck him. He usually made a brief address at class porter, in some trepidation. meetings on Friday evenings, and he sudsisters at the next meeting. The idea was carried into execution-to some extent. The Deacon charged the phono- here: The trouble with the American

graph with an appropriate address, and Navy is that it's leaky." Two enraged duclists meet upon the whilst he was bargaining with the owner dark and bloody ground. Just as their for the instrument, in another part of the first enraged duelist, in a voice trembling | ual, attired in corduroy pantaloons, and | leaky." with suppressed bravery, says: "One of a speckled shirt, slipped in unobserved us two must remain on this field." "You're and howled a lot of stuff into the same mental sideboards and rocking-chairs, talking," says the second enraged duel- machine. The Deacon paid for and car- and other fancy furniture having been Graefenberg-Marshall's Catholicon for all feist. "And it shall be you," says the first energy is a says the first energy is a says the first energy is a say of the phonograph, entirely ignount of the phonograph, entirely ignount of the frightful sentences injected officers—but bureaus—more dear and this valuable remedy. Sold by all druggests with the velocity of a quarterhorse.)

Into it by the rough person, who, as subspicious trooper, very much inebri
The pious trooper, very much inebrichoice in his language.

A good story is told of a Rochester, N. This little instrument I have here (hold- Yards leak; we leak here—and," with Y., deacon, who thought he recognized a ing up the phonograph) will now address a lurch to leeward, as he put his finger young lady friend leading a little boy up you briefly on your duty to the church to his nose, "I'm not sure but I'm leak-

that child?" The scarlet face instantly ing from ear to ear, gave the crank a turned to his was that of an entire stran- couple of turns, and all the color faded ships. We've got any quantity of iron- Prices to suit the times. J. H. Peters, Proprietor. ger, and her quick reply fully satisfied from his face as the phonograph thun-

"Git up there! you dashed old cripple!

It was awful. The hair of the brothers in the front tary parade ground when the soldiers pews stood straight up, a sister in the were at drill, going through the evolution | back part of the house fainted dead away, of wooden ships with a heroic record,

"There—is—some—terrible — mistake company very attentively, with eyes fixed here," gasped the Deacon, after a few Putty is the thing for them, too." and arms akimbo, asked him what he minutes of painful silence. "I must thought of it. "Well, Jack," replied his have turned the crank the wrong waycomrade, "I am thinking there must be or maybe the linch-pin is loose, or the a very strong tide running this morning, safety-valve has lost a screw, or some- is the only thing he ever does heave), for these poor fellows have been pulling thing." And, perspiring at every pore, then ordered grog, and moodily reaway this half hour, and have not got an | the Deacon essayed another turn, and the | marked: machine yelled:

"Gee, Bill! Where in the dashnation are you going, you son of a mule! Ped- length he raised his head and asked: half a dozen summers, and at whose di-whoa-a a! Blast your eyes, can't you-"

The awfulness became more awful. brothers clapped their hats on their heads a delight compared to it!" and their fingers into their ears, and startby the neck and choked it until it was thing else?" black in the face, and its eyes bulged out

But 'twas no use. The internal ar-A favorite story is told of a trial at frightful language ever heard outside of Assistants, and the rest, would plunge quarter-sessions in Mayo, which devel- a political ward convention; and when their hands in it to the relief of the oped some of the ingenious resources of the audience were saluted with "I'll public treasury?" Paddy when he chooses to exercise his knock your dashed brains out, you longtalent in an endeavor not to pay. A doc- eared" they didn't wait for the remainder so. Selah!" tor had summoned a man for the sum of of the "address," but got up as one man one guinea, due for attendance on the | - and one woman - and made a dash for | man's wife. The medico proved his case, and was about to retire, triumphant, manner. The old deacon, with his face when the defendant humbly begged leave the color of a small pay flow through the color of a small pay flow when the defendant humbly begged leave the color of a small-pox flag, threw the to ask him a few questions. Permission phonograph over the pulpit, sprang after was granted, and the following dialogue it, and kicked it down the aisle into the Defendant .- "Dochtor, you remember an axe, just as the Deacon's address be- ance company, however, might answer gan to issue from its mouthpiece, and then placed it under the hydrant and let when the fire-cracker will go about like a stream of water run on it all night.

spot to investigate what appeared to be fiend's carnival day, and last year he spot to investigate what appeared to be the Deacon's highly improper and painful conduct, and that well-meaning person has concluded to more West person bas concluded to more west person because the person bas concluded to more west person because the person bas concluded to more west person because the person bas concluded to more west person because the person bas concluded to more west person because the per Doctor .- "I said I would if you'd pay has concluded to move West and grow in this country for the single month of

and may be more at the end, according to mother of four children, without fortune, 428 alarms from fire works and fire-

of your oath, didn't I say, 'Kill or cure I'll give you a guinea?" And A few days after this notice appeared, a 31 were fatal, 106 serious, and 391 slight. didn't you say, 'Kill or cure, I'll take body was taken from the Seine, and from -Detroit Free Press. evidence obtained it was the husband of Doctor .- "You did, and I agreed to the the lady now a widow. He had inserted bargain. And I want the guinea accord- the advertisement finding it impossible to support his wife and children. A re-Defendant.—"Now, dochter, by vartue of your oath, answer this. Did you cure my wife?"

Doctor.—"No, she's dead, you know."

Defendant.—"Then, dochter, by vartue of your oath, answer this. Did you kill my wife?"

Doctor.—"Then, dochter, by vartue of your oath, answer this. Did you kill my wife?"

To support his wife and children. A reply to the advertisement had been sent by a wealthy gentleman, and the husband having ascertained that his intentions were honorable, made his wife a widow by drowning himself. The gentleman, and the husband having ascertained that his intentions were honorable, made his wife a widow by drowning himself. The gentleman, and the husband having ascertained that his intentions were honorable, made his wife a widow by drowning himself. The gentleman, and the husband having ascertained that his intentions were honorable, made his wife and children. A reply to the advertisement had been sent of the Yellowstone valley. At the point on Tongue river, where Gen. Miles encamped in 1876, there is now a town with a population of 1,000. The battle-fields of Custer and his men are occupied by farmers, and the country from which himself to educate the children and formed of the Yellowstone valley. At the point on Tongue river, where Gen. Miles encamped in 1876, there is now a town with a population of 1,000. The battle-fields of Custer and his men are occupied by farmers, and the country from which Sitting Bull was driven is in the peacehimself to educate the children, and whether the next chapter will be a mar-

could buy it cheap.

How to Restore the Navy.

Mrs. Carmeen need no longer sit up un-til midnight for a late husband—that ber," he continued, with a sort of N. E. dable bodily disorders. Obstinate as it is, is, late coming home. She can now speak her lecture in the diaphragm of the phonograph, attach one end of a cord to the crank and the other end to the knob of that carried a brown-paper main sail, and of digestion and secretion, relaxes the bowels

er does he open his bedroom door than "Many hours, alas, I sequestrated from that awful phonograph will up and tell scholastic exercise to ascertain the reahim in his wife's well-known voice, what son for her lack of buoyancy, but withshe thinks of "such conduct as this," out avail; till at last, one merning, Bull Run has been made a post-office. winding up with the stern command: Eureka! I discovered that the chip, from the stern command: Eureka! I discovered that the chip, from the stern command which she was considerable of a stamp-ede whom come to had you ald feel and which she was constructed management of Messrs. Kelly "Now, come to bed, you old fool, and which she was constructed, was full of & Shields, is enjoying an increased degree of here once, you remember.—Hartford don't sit there blinking like a sick owl!"

And all the time this performance is in progess, Mrs. Carmeen may be reveling in the use of putty. I puttied up those worm-holes. Putty saved my boyhood's this coast to need any commendation of ours.

Grog and tobacco rations being se

what way Putty was to be used. "If you were an older man," replied of champagne. These things shouldn't man and a class-leader in the Brownsville the Secretary, "you wouldn't ask that be put up so much alike—some Congress—man will be the next victim.

| man and a class-leader in the Brownsville | the Secretary, "you wouldn't ask that | rial for selection sent free. All orders filled | question. What was the trouble with my | C. O. D. to any part of the coast. Satisfaction | question. Worm— | guaranteed. Address M. Hart, 400 Kearny st. A LITTLE girl who was somewhat out where several phonographs were on exhi- eaten. What is the trouble with the "You mean the hulls?" the reporter

asked. "What d'yer say?" shouted the Secrethere's anything the matter with me." ground out with startling distinctness, he tary; "the hulls? Yes, the hull darned concern-root, stock, an' branch!"

> This seemed so important a question denly conceived the idea of speaking his that, before answering it, the hero of a piece in the phonograph, purchasing the hundred canal-storms served another invention, and surprising the brethren and grog ration. Then he hitched his chair nearer the reporter and whispered: "Right here! I'd commence right

"The ships?" swords are about to be handed them the room, a rough, bushy-whiskered individ- to shucks. It's the bureaus that are MERCIAL ADVOCATE, 526 Montgomery Street,

ual driver of a mule-team, and not very reaus did leak, how should that affect choice in his language.

| Meadows Magic Liniment is a sure cure for Neuralgia, Headaches, Rheumatism, etc., "Saint Peter, to my aid," he hiccups,
"Saint Paul, lend me a hand! Saint

The next day was Friday, and in the home, but duty forbade, and he wanted to go gists, at 50 cts. a bottle. Abrams & Carroll, and the could have been supported by the content of the property of th

> "My friends," he commenced, "I have Equipment and Repairs, the Bureau of bacco. 323 Sacramento st., San Francisco. a little surprise for you. I do not intend | Yards and Docks, the Bureau of Conto address you this evening. I have struction, the Bureau of Steam Engibrought a substitute to speak for me. neering, are all leaking. The Navy ing to you.'

"But how is Putty going to help you?" clads that would sink if they weren't through putty. Why shouldn't I putty 1851, and formerly located on Montgomery street. the iron-clads?'

"And the wooden ships?"

"Better and better! We've got dozens that are only kept affoat by the buoy- the price in coin, currency or postage stamps. ancy of the barnacles on their bottoms. "But your bureaus?"

The sad-eyed Navigator of the Wabash hove a sigh (nautically speaking, it

"Grog is good!" He remained sunk in deep thought for many minutes, at have a first-class establishment for Dress-making, and you ever play with Putty?"

"Certainly," the reporter replied; "ter-Three more sisters fainted, several rible stuff! So soft! so sticky! Dough's "Did you ever," inquired the Secre

ed for the door shouting "police!" and tary, pursuing a train of thought, "did the sexton hallooed "murder," while the you ever, when handling Putty, find it Deacon wildly clutched the phonograph possible to employ your hands in any-"Certainly not!"

to supply plenty of Putty to the Burangements of the machine were eviden reaus, and mark it "Public Property," ly demoralized, and the cylinder contin- don't you think the Bureaus, with their ued to revolve, grinding out the most Commissioners and Deputies, and Second

"True," answered the reporter. "It is "It shall be done," murmured the tarry old shell-back, and, as he seemed to

If a boy were asked how much firecrackers cost, he would probably answer street, where the sexton smashed it with an axe, just as the Deacon's address beance company, however, might answer and issue from its monthniese and accompany, however, now approaches a roaring fire-fiend seeking what it may A committee was appointed on the devour. The Fourth of July is the

has concluded to move West and grow up with the country.—J. H. W., in Puck.

A week since there appeared in a Paris newspaper the following notice:

"A widow, young and good looking, mother of four children, without fortune, 428 alarms from fire works and fireup with the country.-J. H. W., in July, 1877, give the best argument that desires to marry a wealthy and honorable crackers; 130 cities report 287 fires, damaging property to the extent of \$261,417;

> One of the marvels of this age of emigration and enterprise is the rapid settlement Sitting Bull was driven is in the peace-

himself to educate the children, and whether the next chapter will be a marriage is uncertain. Where is Enoch Arden now?

A BALTIMORE man has been arrested for playing ghost by dancing around at night on the tons of houses in his is never too late to learn what it is always.

Sitting Bull was driven is in the peace-full possession of the pioneers of civilization.

Some people scorn to be taught; others are ashamed of it, as they would be of going to school when they are old; but it is never too late to learn what it is always. The verdict, however, went against poor night shirt, his object being to depreciate necessary to know; and it is no shame property in his neighborhood so that he to learn as long as you are ignorant— advertisement in this paper, you will that is to say, so long as we live.

Eating is a Torture, The phonograph is certainly the most wonderful invention of this or any other age, and the purposes to which it may be devoted are manifold and surprising.

"I have great faith," said the old Sea Dog, rubbing his horny hands together, "I have great faith in Putty. And I suppose if my predecessor in office had paid more attention to Putty, the Navy in the sensations, are its concomitants. It is, more-sensations, are its concomitants. It is, more-sensations, are its concomitants. It is, more-sensations, are its concomitants. How should a wife speak to a grumbling husband? "My dear, I love you still."

A new comic song has been issued called "The Gas Bill." It doubtless has called "The Gas Bill." It doubtless has and cream stealthill we attached a brown-paper main-sail, and her chamber door, and retire to her downy later that carried a brown-paper main-sail, and her chamber door, and retire to her downy later than the carried a brown-paper main-sail, and her chamber door, and retire to her downy raging Wabash. She looked well on the kitchen table, but when I put her to sea, where it will do the most good. Carmeen while the blook gently but thoroughly, enriches and purifies raging Wabash. She looked well on the kitchen table, but when I put her to sea, where it will do the most good. Carmeen while the blook gently but thoroughly, enriches and purifies the blook, promotes appetite, and gives transversely to the nervous system. Persons of where it will do the most good. Carmeen while the blook gently but thoroughly, enriches and purifies the blook, promotes appetite, and gives transversely to the nervous system. She invariably went down. Invariably the stamina of which they stand so much in and cream stall, and the other chamber door, and retire to her downy raging Wabash. She looked well on the kitchen table, but when I put her to sea, where it will do the most good. Carmeen where the blook of the blook, promotes appetite, and gives transversely to the nervous system. I fished her up again — but float she was the bowels and purifies the blook of the blook, promotes and purifies the blook, promotes appetite, and gives transversely to the nervous system. I fished her up again — but float she was the blook of the blook, promotes appetite, and gives transversely to the nervous system. I fished her up again — but float she was the blook of the blook, promotes appetite, and gives transversely to the nervous system. I fished her up again — but float she was the blook of the blook of the blook of the blook, promotes appetite to the blook, pro need, and it is invariably successful in reme dying and preventing malarial diseases.

The Brooklyn.

Let us call the attention of visitors to Sa In England, recently, a mob broke up the wedding of an old wretch of eighty years, who was marrying a girl of eight-een.

Photographer.—"Now, sir, if you progess, Mrs. Carmeen may be reveining in this coast to need any commendation of ours. They are reveining in progess, Mrs. Carmeen may be reveining in this coast to need any commendation of ours. They are the table is supplied with the best that the market affords. The house is entirely remembered to the program and requested the reporter to ship.

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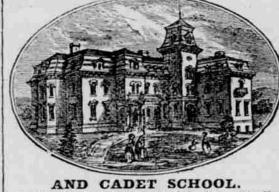
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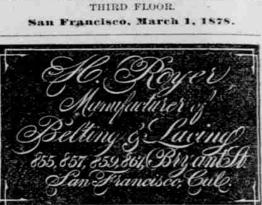
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