Wit and Humor.

When is pie like a poet?—When it's Browning.

Wedding belles — those who have a wedding ring.

What kind of a ship has two mates and no captain?—A Courtship.

Why is a rose-bud like a promissory note?—It matures by falling dew.

What man must have his glass before he can do a day's work?—A glazier.

What kind of lights did they use in the ancient synagogues?—Israelites.

One of the greatest wonders in this world is what becomes of all the smart children.

There is a difference in milk-maids; the milk made in the country is not the same as the milk made in the city.

"Happy is the man," says the New Orleans *Picayune*, "who can lie all day under a shade tree, looking for work."

The girls of Tuscola, Ill., place a blue ribbon and a mitten on the table when their lovers come to visit them, and say, "Choose."

Early to bed and early to rise makes a man healthy, wealthy, and wise; but early to ryes and tardy to bed makes a man's nose turn cardinal red.

A Syracuse clergyman wanted to compromise with his parishioners who volunteered to give him a donation visit, by giving them orders on a restaurant for one hundred oyster stews.

An enthusiastic Indiana editor wrote, "The battle is now opened;" but alas! the intelligent compositor spelt battle with an "o," and his readers say they have suspected it all along.

Ah! well, my dear fellow, marriage is the best thing in the long run, and I can assure you that after a year or two a man gets used to it, and feels just as jolly as if he had never married at all.

How funny! If you see a merchant studying up the sailing days of foreign steamers, you form a high opinion of his business; but if a cashier does it, you draw your deposit from his bank instanter.—*Lowell Courier.*

"Hurrah!" cried a young lawyer who had succeeded in his father's practice, "I've settled that old lawsuit at last." "Settled it!" exclaimed the astonished parent, "why, we've supported the family on that lawsuit for ten years past."

A witty clergyman, accosted by an old acquaintance by the name of Cobb, replied: "I don't know you, sir." "My name is Cobb, sir," rejoined the man, who was about half seas over. "Ah, sir, you have so much corn on that I did not see the cob."

At dinner the host introduces to the favorable notice of the company a splendid truffled pheasant, amid murmurs of admiration. "Isn't it a beauty?" he says. "Dr. So-and-So gave it to me—killed it himself." "Aw! what was he treating it for?" says one of the guests.

Did the prophet Isaiah ever eat at a railroad station? It certainly looks so, for how could he have described it so literally if he had not? "And he shall snatch on the right hand and be hungry; and he shall eat on the left hand, and they shall not be satisfied."—*Congregationalist.*

"What's the matter sonny?" said a man to a youngster who was tearfully rubbing the seat of his pantaloons as he walked along; "What's the matter, got on the wrong track?" "Yes," was the reply, "guess I did, way the old man switched me off jes now."—*Boston Commercial Bulletin.*

"Mr. Bresident," said a Buffalo alderman, "I makes der motion as der new jail be build on der same spot as der old jail what's now standing; dat saves der money for der land, an I makes der motion as der old jail shall not be pull down till der new jail is built, so ve vill not be widout der jail." — *Boston Commercial Bulletin.*

At a recitation in ancient history, an auburn-haired student, tempted thereto by the assertion that "the Egyptians were in the habit of sacrificing red-headed girls to the devil, puts the question: "What did they do with the red-headed boys?" and the professor answers unto him: "They supposed they would go of their own accord."

He had made a hearty meal at a restaurant, and getting up he said to the waiter, "I declare, if I haven't forgotten my purse." The waiter fired up and hurled big words at him for full three minutes before pausing for breath. When a chance came the stranger continued, "But I have a five dollar note here in my pocket." The waiter couldn't smile to save his life.

A farmer being poorly provided with material of sustenance for his men, fed them with pork cooked with the rind upon it. A young man of the company, not liking the outer portion of the food, was observed by the host to be carefully removing the outside covering, whereupon the latter said; "Young man, we eat the rind and all here." To which the youth replied: "All right, old man; I'm cutting it off for you."

THINGS NOT SO GENERALLY KNOWN AS THEY OUGHT TO BE.—That the evening song of the nightingale is nice, but that the morning lay of the barndoor fowl is nicer. That the end of the longest wail is always blubber. That ships are frequently put into stays, but they only wear barnacles when they go to sea. That some lovers' quarrels begin, and many end with a smack. That, although one swallow may not make a summer, yet an inverted tack on a chair will make one spring. That the real and only correct system of book-keeping is—not to lend them. That it is very difficult to keep your own peace of mind if the wife of your bosom will insist on frequently giving you a piece of hers.—*Judy.*

Herman Schuster, of St. Louis, awoke one morning to find himself dead. That is to say, the newspapers said he was dead and that his body was at the morgue. Mr. Schuster went to the place mentioned, and there, sure enough, found himself laid out on a slab, dead as anybody could wish to be. The forehead of the corpse was exactly like his own. The moustache likewise. The body wouldn't vary in weight five pounds from the weight of his own. The clothes of the inanimate person were as much his own as if he had worn them himself. "Vot ish de golor of his eyes?" asked Herman of Mr. Ainbaugh. The doctor turned up the corpse's eyelids and found that the eyes were blue. "Dot ish petter," said Herman, with a long sigh of relief. Dot is not mine poddy. Dose ice is blue and mine is plack. Goot in himmel! vot a narrow eschape—vot a glose gall dose vas!" It was the most remarkable case of mistaken identity that St. Louis has had in years.

Minnie Warren's Death.

Minnie Warren, the youngest, brightest and prittiest of Mr. Barnum's dwarfs, died in Middleboro, Mass., on Tuesday evening in childbed. She was the youngest of a family of eight children, all of whom except herself and her sister Lavinia, now Mrs. Tom Thumb, were of ordinary size. When Minnie was 11 years of age she joined the Tom Thumb troupe, and for 15 years she traveled almost continually, visiting nearly all the civilized parts of the globe. She was 40 inches in height, and never attained a weight to exceed 45 pounds, being considerably shorter and more slender than Mrs. Thumb. She was 27 years of age at the time of her death. To a pretty face she added, pleasant disposition and winning ways, and she became the fast favorite of Mr. Barnum as well as of the public. When Tom Thumb was married to Lavinia Warren the general opinion was that Commodore Nutt would take Minnie for his bride; but the little Commodore had set his affections on Lavinia, and his little heart was blighted when General Thumb won her from him. "Never mind, Commodore," the jovial Barnum said, "Minnie Warren is a better match for you. She is younger than you, while Lavinia is several years older." "Thank you, sir," the Commodore said, stiffly; "I would not marry the best woman living. I don't believe in women, anyway." Time lessened Commodore Nutt't grief, and he partly renewed his attentions to Miss Minnie. But, after his first disappointment in love, it is said he became a fast young man, and Minnie, like a wise young lady, discouraged his addresses. A few years ago, Barnum found another lilliputian, Major Newell, who was rechristened General Grant, Jr., and added to the Tom Thumb combination. The Major was bright and intelligent, and he and Minnie became great friends. About a year ago they were married, and they lived happily together with General Thumb and wife in Middleboro. Their last tour together was in the Western States, from which they recently returned.

When Mr. Barnum was in this city recently he let out the secret, which had been closely kept by Minnie's family, but the memory of the spurious Thumb baby led many to regard the story as a Barnum hoax. But the New Haven women soon discovered the purchase of little bits of muslin, lace and flannel by members of the Warren household, and secrecy became impossible. A lady friend who visited the Warrens described the little garments as "too comical for anything." Dolls' patterns were used, and the little slips and wrappers were made one-sixth of the size of ordinary babies. Mrs. Newell is described as looking forward to maternity with great anticipations of happiness and no misgivings. Her husband, however, had gloomy forebodings, and expressed the greatest solicitude. Her death was a great shock to her family. The child died at birth. It weighed five pounds and ten ounces. Four hours later the mother died from exhaustion. Mrs. Newell's death caused deep sorrow in Middleboro, where she and her sister were much loved. Much sympathy is expressed for Major Newell, who is overwhelmed with grief. Mrs. Newell is to be buried in Middleboro this afternoon. The announcement of Mrs. Newell's death was received with many expressions of regret by members of the old Museum company in this city. Mr. Barnum is now with his show in Indiana. His son-id-law, Mr. Hurd, who is full of reminiscences of the Lilliputian family, is in business in this city and is spending the summer at Barnum's home in Bridgeport. A gentleman who was with Mr. Barnum for several years says that Major and Mrs. Newell were the smallest wedded pair that ever lived. One smaller couple is mentioned by Marco Polo in his travels in Tartary. They were each 25 years of age, and 12 and 11 inches in height respectively. They married by order of the Khan, and their fourth son was six feet two inches in height. There are some doubts as to the correctness of Polo's figures. General Tom Thumb and wife have grown corpulent in the last few years, and neither appears so diminutive as in their younger days. The General has been wealthy, but has lived extravagantly and spent a fortune in yachting and other sports, and possesses only a moderate competence. He is 41 years of age.—*N. Y. Sun.*

HOME SICKNESS.—So common-place a disorder as home-sickness has been made the subject of scientific investigation. Dr. H. Rey gives it a high-sounding name, "Nostalgia," and regards it as a form of insanity from which grown men often suffer severely, and of which they sometimes die. He gives particulars of his observations among the French soldiery, where it is of very frequent occurrence, more particularly among the infantry. The calvary-man, he thinks, is less liable to suffer in this way, probably because he has leisure time on his hands. It is the young foot soldeir who is prone to pine for his native place. The young conscript becomes gloomy a d taciturn, loses his appetite, is fond of solitude, and often gives way to tears. He suffers from incessant headache, and is unable to sleep; and after a while, unless he can be aroused and interested in his surroundings, and distracted from his dreams of home and friends, gradually become the victim of general prostration, followed by delirium and sometimes by death. Dr. Rey believes that children do not often suffer in this way, nor do very old persons; and women are less liable to it than men.

Just before the horses were called on for the race at Beacon Park, a nasty looking tramp, with a pack on his back, came ambling along among the stables in a dogged sort of way, and inquired the way to Lowell. Some joker obligingly pointed him down the track, along which he suspiciously began his journey. In due time he reappeared at the point from whence he set out, still slouching along and looking neither to the right nor left, and started round the course again. After "swinging around the circle" in this way three times to the intense gratification of the spectators, a sudden thought seemed to strike him. He looked up, recognized the gate by which he had entered, and rushed out into the "wide, wide world" again accompanied by the cheers of the crowd.

The Springfield *Republican* has this good bit of "experience:" "A good old deacon in an up-river town was called on recently by the leader of a prayer-meeting to tell him what the Lord Jesus had done for him during the week previous. Rising with extreme reluctance he replied: 'Nothin' to boast on, brother, nothin' to boast on,' which expresses the views of a good many church members, if they only dared express them."

Life in London

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY YEARS AGO.

From Lecky's "History of England in the Eighteenth Century" we take the following interesting extract:—*Ed. Trans.*

"The impunity with which outrages were committed in the ill-lit and ill-guarded streets of London during the first half of the eighteenth century can now hardly be realized. In 1712 a club of young men of the higher classes, who assumed the name of Mohocks, were accustomed, nightly, to sally out, drunk, into the streets, to hunt the passer-by, and to subject them, in mere wantonness, to the most atrocious outrages. One of their favorite amusements, called 'tipping the lion,' was to squeeze the nose of their victim flat upon his face, and to bore out his eyes with their fingers. Among them were the 'sweaters,' who formed a circle round their prisoner, and pricked him with their swords till he sank, exhausted, to the ground, the 'dancing-masters,' so called from their skill in making men caper by thrusting swords into their legs, the 'tumblers,' whose favorite amusement was to set women on their heads and commit various indecencies and barbarities on the limbs that were exposed. Maid servants, as they opened their masters' doors, were waylaid, beaten and their faces cut. Matrons inclosed in barrels were rolled down the steep and stony incline of Snow Hill. Watchmen were unmercifully beaten, and their noses slit. Country gentlemen went to the theater as if in time of war, accompanied by their armed retainers. A bishop's son was said to be one of the gang, and a baronet was among those who were arrested.

This atrocious fashion passed away, but other, though comparatively harmless, rioters were long accustomed to beat the watch, to break the citizens' windows, and to insult the passers-by, while robberies multiplied to a fearful extent.

Long after the Revolution, the policy of the Goverament, was to rely mainly upon informers for the repression of crime, but the large rewards that were offered were in a great degree neutralised by the popular feeling against the class. The watchmen, or constables, were, as a rule, utterly inefficient, were to be found much more frequently in beer shops than in the streets, and were often themselves a serious danger to the community. Fielding, who knew them well, has left a graphic description of one class. 'They were chosen out of those poor decrepit people who are, from their want of bodily strength, rendered incapable of getting a livelihood by work. These men, armed only with a pole, which some of them are scarcely able to lift, are to secure the persons and houses of his Majesty's subjects from the attacks of gangs of young, bold, desperate, and well-armed villains. If the poor old fellows should run away, no one, I think, can wonder, unless it be that they are able to make their escape.' Of others an opinion may be formed from an incident related by Horace Walpole, in 1742. 'A parcel of drunken constables took it into their heads to put the laws in execution against disorderly persons, and so took up every woman they met, till they had collected five or six and twenty, all of whom they thrust into St. Martin's roundhouse, where they kept them all night, with doors and windows closed. The poor creatures, who could not stir or breathe, screamed as long as they had any breadth left, begging at least for water . . but in vain. . . In the morning four were found stifled to death, two died soon after, and a dozen more are in a shocking way. . . . Several of them were beggars, who, from having no lodging were necessarily found in the street, and others honest, laboring women. One of the dead was a poor washerwoman, big with child, who was retiring home late from washing. One of the constables is taken, and others absconded; but I question if any of them will suffer death, though the greatest criminals in this town are the officers of justice; there is no tyranny they do not exercise, no villainy of which they do not partake.'

The magistrates were, in many cases, not only notoriously ignorant and inefficient, but also what was termed 'trading justices,' men of whom Fielding said that 'they were never indifferent to a cause but when they could get nothing on either side'

The daring and the number of robbers increased till London hardly resembled a civilized town. 'Thieves and robbers,' said Smollett, speaking of 1739, 'were now become more desperate and savage than they had ever appeared since mankind were civilized.' The Mayor and aldermen in London, in 1744, drew up and address to the King, in which they stated that 'divers confederacies of great numbers of evil-disposed persons, armed with bludgeons, pistols, cutlasses, and other dangerous weapons, infest not only the private lanes and passages, but likewise the public streets and places of usual concourse, and commit most daring outrages upon the persons of your Majesty's good subjects whose affairs oblige them to pass through the streets, by robbing and wounding them, and these acts are frequently perpetrated at such times as we heretofore deemed hours of security.'

The same complaints were uttered in the same year in the 'Proposals of the Justices of the Peace for Suppressing Street Robberies,' and the magistrates who drew them up specially noticed, and ascribed to the use of spirituous liquors 'the cruelties which are now exercised on the persons robbed, which, before the excessive use of these liquors, were unknown in this nation.' They recommended an extension of the system of rewards, the suppression or restriction of gaming houses, public-gardens, fairs, and gin-shops, and also measures for systematically drafting into the army and navy suspected and dangerous persons against whom no positive crime could be proved."

A successful business man says there were two things which he learned when he was eighteen, which were afterwards of great use to him, namely: "Never to lose anything, and never to forget anything." An old lawyer sent him with an important paper with certain instructions what to do with it. "But," inquired the young man, "suppose I lose it—what shall I do then?" The answer was, with the utmost emphasis, "You must not lose it" I don't mean to," said the young man, "but suppose I should happen to?" "But I say you must not happen to! I shall make no provision for any such occurrence. You must not lose it!" This put a new train of thought into the young man's mind, and he found that if he was determined to do a thing, he could do it. He made such provision against every emergency that he never lost anything. He found this equally true about forgetting. If a certain matter of importance was to be remembered, he fixed it down in his mind, fastened it there, and made it stay.

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