

Fun and Sentiment.

It is not impolite to eat the corn off the cob, but it is impolite to watch any one else doing it.—*Phila. Press.*

FROM a boy's composition on hens: "I cut my Uncle William's hen's head off with a hatchet, and it scared her to death."

WHERE one woman scans the horizon for signs of the dawn of a brighter era, ten are scouting among their neighbors trying to borrow saleratus.

A PHILADELPHIA dancing master is about introducing a new dance expressly for fat people. All the performers have to do is to sit on the floor and kick.

"I SHOULD have no objections to my wife's reigning," said an affectionate husband, "if it were not for the fact that when she reigns she is apt to storm also."

IN Cincinnati, almost every portion of the hog is put to some valuable use. A distinguished philosopher of that city is now trying some method of turning the sequel to some account.

"MAMMA," asked a precious youngster at a tea-table the other evening, after a long and yearning gaze toward a plate of doughnuts, "do you think I could stand another of those fried holes?"

"How is it that you have never kindled a flame in any man's heart?" asked a rich lady of her portionless niece. "I suppose, aunt, it is because I'm not a good match," meekly replied the poor niece.

TWO men in New York were overheard discussing the strike. Said one: "But don't the Bible say, 'Strike till the last armed foe expires?'" "That's a fact," said the other; "I didn't think of that."

SIR BOYLE ROCHE thus accounted for the prosperity of the Dublin fishmongers: They "went down to Ringsend when the boat came in, bought the fish for half nothing, and sold them for twice as much!"

AT THE ART GALLERY.—Lady (with catalogue)—"No. 53, 'Eve Tempted.'" Gentleman (desirous to know the painter's name)—"Who by?" Lady (shocked at his ignorance)—"Why, by the devil, of course."

"DADDY, I want to ask you a question." "Well, my son." "Why is neighbor Smith's liquor shop like a counterfeit dollar?" "I can't tell, my son." "Because you can't pass it," said the boy.

"NEVER do anything you would not like to see others do," remarks the New York Herald. Well, now, that's the worst yet. If we wanted to marry a girl, for instance, we wouldn't like to see some other fellow marry her.—*Oil City Call.*

LITTLE Emma, from Washington, was sent on a visit to her cousin, who was an officer at Fort Monroe. She became homesick at last, and said, "Cousin A—, please put a postage-stamp on my forehead, and send me home in the cars."

A ROMAN who recently returned from Philadelphia, informs us that a Keeley motor consists of a pound of boarding-house-butter shut up in an iron box. This statement will do much to restore confidence in the power of the motor.—*Rome Sentinel.*

An excellent man up town who rebuked a youthful friend for devoting too much of his life to horses, was so overcome when the other replied that life was but a span that he was obliged to go home and lie down and take a little rhu-barb out of a decanter.

MRS. JUGGINS lost one of her lodgers lately. He went off suddenly, on urgent private affairs, and forgot to settle his little account. "Ah," says the old lady, "when he come here, he called 'isself a capting; but I've discovered to my cost that 'e's only a left tenant."

A FATHER said of his boy, who had neglected his studies and become conspicuous as a "ladies" man—"he's got all girded up." The Springfield Republican thinks this is a remarkably happy and pregnant phrase, as descriptive of the veal period of youth. We suppose, it wouldn't do to say of girls at a similar stage that they are all *boyed up!*

A BANGOR (Me.) man attended a camp-meeting, and on his return was telling of the good time he enjoyed. A serious-faced man asked, "Were there any converts?" He stopped a moment, and said: "Well, I forgot to ask. But the baked beans were bully, and the sailing and rowing were divine, and there were some of the handsomest girls there that I ever saw."

"MAKE me a nice easy coat," said a noted pulpit orator of Chicago to his tailor one day lately—"one that's loose and roomy enough for me to stretch up in and grow eloquent over, you know." "Yes, I understand," said the tailor, with a twinkle in his eye: "you want me to make one gesture size?" "That's it, exactly," exclaimed the divine, as he laughed at the tailor's merry pun; "one that I can jest swing myself in."

"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 soberer 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 ye mane to tell me that he bust up?" said Tim. "Indeed I do, upon my honor," replied the doctor. "Biddy," said Tim, "get me the Bible." Biddy got the Bible, and then Tim knelt down and said: "I swear by the blessed Virgin—ye sure, doctor, that he blew up?" "Quite sure," replied the doctor. "Then," replied Tim, "I swear by the blessed Virgin an' the Most High, never to blow out a candle while I'm drunk again."

Wasters of Time.

The world is full of useless people—mere idlers, who are of no practical use in the world. Eating and drinking and sleeping constitute their chief employment. With this provender made sure they are quite satisfied. Habits of industry they have not, and, moreover, it is no part of their plan to do anything that is of practical value. They occasionally make a pretense of being busy by devoting themselves to hunting, fishing or card-playing. This gives them what they call a good time. Animal selfishness is the supreme law of their whole being. Woman, in her way generally more delicate and less offensive, is sometimes amenable to the same charge. There are some good-for-nothing women as well as men—too many of them for the credit of the sex, with lives practically as useless as they are aimless. They can manipulate the little punctilios of what they regard as fashionable life. They know how to spend money. No one can beat them in using an opera-glass or in laying plans for empty and profitless amusement. In the matter of mere show they are finished experts. And there their usefulness—if usefulness it may be called—ends. They are feminine idlers, taxing the world for their subsistence, but returning nothing to it. Estimate all such persons, of both sexes, at their true valuation, we do them no injustice in saying that they are not really worth the garment they wear or the bread it takes to feed them. Existence thus conducted is a gross imposition upon humanity. By the death of such people the world loses nothing, since it has fewer paupers to support.

A ROMANCE OF THE REBELLION.—At the battles of Antietam and South Mountain a colonel was wounded—his arm fearfully shattered—and he was borne from the field by his brothers and a private soldier. They carried him across the country, a long and toilsome distance, every step of which was torture to the sufferer, to the house of a Maryland Union farmer. Then came the ubiquitous Yankee surgeon with his glittering knives and cruel saws, and made hasty preparations to amputate the ailing member. The farmer vehemently protested, declaring that the man would die if the arm was cut off. The surgeon insisted that the patient would die if the arm was not taken off, and the colonel's brothers coincided with the surgeon. But the determined old farmer dispatched his son on his fleetest horse across the fields to the other side of the mountain, after his friend and neighbor, a country physician, and a rank rebel. When the rustic Esculapius arrived there ensued a long contention with the Yankee hewer of bones over the sufferer, but the result was that the arm was saved, and, after some weeks of careful nursing, the colonel galloped off to join his regiment, a comparatively sound man. He subsequently became Governor of Ohio, and now fills the Presidential chair.—*N. Y. Tribune.*

A SINGULAR RESULT OF EMANCIPATION.—Strange as it may seem, the emancipation of the Turks in Russia has increased the number of wolves in that country. The serfs used to act as their masters' drivers in the great wolf-hunts, which formed a national pastime; but since the liberation, the wolf-hunt has become unpopular, and consequently wolves are having a better time of it. Thus, M. Lazarewski, in a pamphlet published by the Russian Ministerial printing office, estimates the number of wolves in European Russia alone at 200,000 and shows that while the average annual loss of human lives in the years 1849-51 was only 125, the number of victims in 1875 was no less than 161. The loss in domestic animals is valued at \$12,500,000 annually, and that in wild animals at about \$42,000,000.—*New York Evening Post.*

OF twenty-three young men who only last month stepped across the threshold of life from an Eastern college, and went forth upon the trackless ocean of life to battle with relentless fate and win renown or a glorious death in the arena, eleven are clerking in auction stores at fourteen dollars a month, one is running a fish-boat, two are learning the house-painting trade, one starved to death before he had been out of college a week, one is driving a team on a street contract, two are tramps, and the others are living with their widowed mothers, who are their only support. Fact is, brethren, when old life grapples its books into a man's collar, it shakes all the arena and ocean and battle business out of him so quick that in six weeks, if he is alive, he knows more in a minute about the price of pork and flour than he can tell you about a Greek root in six months.—*Burlington Hawkeye.*

THE war in the East has doubled the price of canary bird seed. Asiatic Turkey supplies large quantities of this bird provender, but since that territory has become the theatre of the war, the supply has been cut off. The import of the seeds amounts to about four hundred tons per annum. The little warblers will have to change their diet until the Eastern question is settled.

A QUESTION.—An advocate of the dignity of labor struck work, laid idle a week, receiving no pay, run in debt for his food at famine prices, and so soon as he had dug a bullet out of his leg and was able to limp around, went back to work and found that his place had been given to another man. Wanted: to know what that man made?

IT is providential that the high prices of cigars and gin prevent young men from marrying.—*Rome Sentinel.*

First Things.

Envelopes were first used in 1838. The first steel pen was made in 1830. The first air pump was made in 1650. Anæsthesia was first discovered in 1844. The first balloon ascent was made in 1783.

The first lucifer match was made in 1820.

The first iron steamship was built in 1837.

The entire Hebrew Bible was printed in 1488.

Ships were first "copper bottomed" in 1830.

Coaches were first used in England in 1569.

The first horse railroad was built in 1826-27.

Gold was first discovered in California in 1848.

The first watches were made at Nuremberg in 1477.

Omnibuses were introduced in New York in 1840.

The first newspaper advertisement appeared in 1652.

The first copper cent was coined in New Haven in 1687.

Kerosene was first used for lighting purposes in 1826.

The first telescope was probably used in England in 1608.

The first saw-maker's anvil was brought to America in 1819.

The first use of locomotive in this country was in 1829.

The first almanac was printed by George Von Parbach in 1460.

The first chimneys were introduced into Rome from Pa'ua in 1368.

The first printing press in the United States was introduced in 1629.

The first steam engine on this continent was brought from England in 1753.

Glass windows were first introduced into England in the eight century.

The first complete sewing machine was patented by Elias Howe, Jr., in 1846.

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THERE are some 700 carpet-making establishments in the United States which, in prosperous times, furnish employment to between 150,000 and 200,000 operatives, men, women and children. Thirteen million dollars invested in the business, which includes building and machinery, while \$4,700,000 is expended yearly for wages. The annual production is valued at between \$23,000,000 and \$24,000,000. Philadelphia represents three-fourths of the business, and the other fourth is divided up in different manufacturing cities of New England, the two most prominently connected with carpet manufacturing being Hartford, Conn., and Lowell, Mass.

MISGUIDED CLEMENCY.—We are sorry to see that President Hayes has thought proper to pardon a counterfeiter. Counterfeiting is a crime of the most deliberate character, indicating a settled depravity of mind and a disposition to cheat every one. Moreover, those most likely to suffer from it are the poor and ignorant who handle but little money, and are consequently unable to distinguish between the spurious and the genuine. It is a crime secretly perpetrated, and often carried on successfully and without detection by the same person for years.

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