

Wise and Otherwise.

—Erskine puzzled the wits of his acquaintance by inscribing on a tea-chest the words "Tu doces." It was some time before they found out the wit of this literal translation—"Thou teachest."

—It is heart-rending to make such corrections, but it is very necessary sometimes. "In speaking of the president of our local bank, last week," says a country journal, "for 'He skedaddled' please read 'His schedule.'"

—"Were you never in a court of justice before?" asked a judge of a witness who was conducting himself in a very unseemly manner. "No, never," replied the man, "but I've often been up before the magistrates."

—It is said that not a single or married proprietor of a Sunday beer garden was struck with an "LLD" this summer. It must have been a narrow escape, for these degrees were flying around with great numerosity.

—"In an evil hour I became addicted to drink, from that moment I have been going down, down, down, until I have become an out-cast, a loafer—of no account—fit for nothing on this earth but to be a member of Congress."

NATURAL PHILOSOPHY. "Why does lightning so rarely strike twice in the same place?" asked a school teacher of the new boy in the class of natural philosophy. "Oh," said the boy, "because it never needs to?"

—When a man says apologetically, "May I have just one word with you in private, sir?" you may be quite sure that that one word is "Greenbacks."

—It is a little singular, although no less true, that one small, but well-constructed fly will do more towards breaking up a man's afternoon nap than the out door racket of a full brass-band, no matter who the leader is.

—A venerable young gentleman, four years old, recently threw his material relative into a fit of admiration by the following speech: "I like most all kinds of cake—pound cake, sponge cake, and jelly cake—but I don't like stomach-ache."

—No matter how good-natured a man may be, he will invariably get mad when he discovers that there is no towel in the room, and is compelled to dry his face on the bed quilt.

—"Remember now," said an Indiana bride at the altar, "we have been separated and remarried four times, and about once more will convince me that we can never live happily together."

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