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A DATCH OF HUMOROUS STORIES FROM VARIOUS SOURCES,

A New Papa-Sufficient Cause - Worse Than Mormonism - Swells Becom-ing More Swollen - Illinois Poetry.

A NEW PAPA.

Little Pet-"Do you know that we are to have a new papa ?" Little Jack-"No; I dess you is 'sta-

ken." Little Pet—"No, I ain't. Nurse said mamma was goin' to be married again and that would give us a new papa." 'Little Jack—"Who is it ?" "Little Jack—"Who is it ?" "Little Pet—"That Mr. Simpkins who never brings us any candy." Little Jack—"Is ma doin' to make him

our papa ?" Little Pet—"Yes."

Little Jack-"Serves 'im right."-Philadelphia Call.

SUFFICIENT CAUSE.

One fine morning Adolphus is observed upon the street deporting himself in a manner becoming a gentleman of elegant leisure.

"I thought you were selling goods for Catchem and Clothem," remarked a friend.

"I was, but I don't stay there any more.

"Why, what's the matter?"

"They cut down my salary, and I refused to remain any longer." "How much did they cut down your salary?

"Oh, they cut it all down."

WORSE THAN MORMONISM.

"Talk about Mormonism," said Bulger; "I don't see what right people have to howl about it when such things as this are permitted in Pennsylvania," and he pointed his finger to an item in the paper he had in his hand. "What is it?" inquired Sucker.

"Why here it tells of one man who has married no less than 1,500 women." "Incredible."

"But it is so. His name is Mayes and he marries a new woman every few days and yet the authorities don't interfere.

"Horrible! How does he evade the law? "He doesn't evade it. He is a justice

of the peace, and his place is a sort of Gretna Green for Ohio and West Virginia runnaway couples."

"Oh!" said Sucker, and then went off muttering something about people being too smart.-Siftings.

SWELLS BECOME MORE SWOLLEN

He was a fit subject for guying. His ants were put on in such a way that the pants were put on in such a way that the hip pocket was most convenient. His coat, of ancient cut, had lost one tail, but two brilliantly polished buttons still adorned it. Through the holes in his quasi-Panama hat the cold wind was playing with his long gray hair. En-tering a broker's office, he said, quietly:

"Won't some of you young gentlemen help an old soldier?" The boys let out on him.

"By Jove, donchew know," said one, "looks as if he'd fallen off the elevated tramway."

"I say, old chappie," drawled another, "fa-ancy bra-ndy is the only enemy—aw —you've evaw faced," and so on through the crowd

The old fellow suddenly straightened himself up. The memory of days long passed seemed to rejuvenate him. Drawing off a tattered glove from one hand and a stocking from the other, he sailed in. One swell went through the glass partition into the private office, another smashed the ticker in his flight, a third tried to hide himself in the tape basket.

ville on our staff," said the horse reporter, "but if you want a few gems from the old masters I suppose you can have them. Tennyson's 'May Queen' is one of his most popular poems. Want some of that?

"Why, yes. I should think two or three verses would be just the thing." "Well," said the horse reporter, "it goes like this:"

" 'You must wake and call me early, call me early, mother dear; orrow'll be the boss old day for pop and То-тотто

To morrow in be the boss old day for pop and ginger beer; And when they strike the pie, mother, Fll say my little say— For Fm to be Queen of the May, mother, Fm to be Queen of the May.

"There's many a nifty girl, they say, but none lays over me: There's Margaret and Mary, and cross-eyed Lucy Lee; But you bet your life I take the cake, and of biscuit sweep the tray: So I'm to be Queen of the May, mother, I'm to be Queen of the May.""

"Do you think that is enough?" asked

"Do you think the second secon something from Bryant. His 'Indian Girl's Lament' is pretty well thought of." "Is it? I'm sure I don't know. I shall

leave it all to you." "Well, I can give you a chunk of it." "Do, if you please." "This is the way it starts:"

"An Indian girl was sitting where Her lover, Walking-Flea-Patch, lay; Beside her stood a spavined horse That sadly chewed some musty hay. Upon a stump herself she flung, And then this simple lay she sung:

" Pve placed the bottle at your head, Oh Walking-Flea-Patch, so that when

You strike the town and paint it red You will not miss your Laughing-Hen, Who, sitting in the wigwam will Adore her noble warrior still."

"Now, you see," said the horse reporter, "those selections cover the child-ish glee and loving trustfulness rackets. What you want to finish with is something pathetic-something that will make the young women sniffle. Hood's 'Song of the Shirt' ought to do that nicely. Suppose we sling 'em a few lines of that." "Very well," said the young lady. "You know I depend wholly on your judgment in this matter."

"Well, here it is:"

"With fingers weary and worn, In a litle five-room flat,
A woman sat with eyelids red Trying to trim a hat.
Rip, tura, twist, Then give it a spiteful flirt,
While beside her hes like a ghostly thing Her husband's buttonless shirt.

Oh, girls with brothers dear !

Oh, girls who hope to be wives ! Remember that shirts with battons are The dream of men's hard lives !

The dream of their and a worn-Till your hands are weary and worn-But the wind will sweep with a wailing sigh Through the pants that are ever torn.¹⁹

"You're very kind," said the young

lady, going. "Don't mention it. Come in again "Come in again when you think we are all out."- Chicago Tribune.

The Fremont Family.

A New York letter says of John C.

remont and his family: The residence of the Fremonts is a modest white house, perched high on the inside of the broad road that winds through trees along the New Brighton beach, and its front windows command a wide reach of the New York bay and the estuary of the Kill von Kull. There are two sons and a daughter in the house of Fremont. The eldest son, John Charles, or "Jack," as he is familiarly called at home, lives, with his handsome wife and two sturdy boys, up the Hudscn. He is in the navy, and his duties are connected with the arrival and departure of ships in this harbor. His younger brother, Frank, is a lieutenant in the army, stationed up in Montana Territory, whither he has taken the young wife he recently captured in New York -a daughter of John D. Townsend, the lawyer. Both of the boys closely resemble their father. "When Frank went West," said Mrs. Fremont, "I suggested that he stop and call on General Sibley, in Minnesota, who had never seen him. He did it; called in citizen's dress, and said: 'General Sibley, who am I?' 'You said: 'General Sibley, who am 1?' 'You are a Fremont,' said the general; there's no mistaking you. How is your father?'" The sons are both tall, black-haired, black-eyed, and "bearded like a pard," and they both, like their sisters, show strains of their Gallic blood-the influence of their grandfather, the poor, scholarly French gentleman who came to Virginia at the beginning of the century and found their grandmother in her teens. Mrs. Fremont, that "Jessie Benton," the mention of whose name notable in the campaign of 1856 always evoked a cheer, holds her own remarkably well. It doesn't seem possible that she could have made her famous runaway match got a literary society, and at the next nearly forty-three years ago. She was a meeting I'm down to read a paper on handsome blonde when she ran away from the headquarters of "Old Bullion, in Washington, and joined the fortunes of the young explorer; now her hair is as white as snow, but she shows few indications of ageing, and talks as brilliantly as ever.

HOPE'S SONG.

The golden dreams of youth Assume a guise of truth Which age keeps never,

For Hope's voice singeth ever. "Oh, youth and strong endeavor, Can win the highest good forever."

Love's subtle intuition

Divines life's glad fruition, Distrusting never;

And sweetly Hope sings ever "True love and sweet endeavo. Shall hold the highest good forever."

Love's sacred tryst is broken,

Heartbreaking words are spoken Her bonds to sever: But still Hope singeth ever.

"Brave heart and strong endeavor Must find the highest good forever."

Pale hands are crossed in death; Gone is the quivering breath;

And still a low voice never Stops echoing, echoing ever, "Brave heart and strong endeavor

Have won the highest good forever." -Helen M. Winslow.

HUMOR OF THE DAY.

Women generally are clothes observers.

It seems strange that no matter how much gold a man may steal he is only sent to the penitentiary for the guilt.-Siftings.

A Somerville young lady is said to pos sess a mania for starting fires. She will get over that when she is married.—Phil adelphia Call.

A little girl in church, after the contribution box had passed, complacently said: "I paid for four, mamma. Was Was that right?"-Anonymous.

"But," said the serenaded man, "I must go out and make a speech. Something must be done to stop the playing of that band."-Boston Post.

An exchange says that Noah was the first pitcher on record. He "pitched the ark within and without." The game was finally called on account of the rain.

An Indiana jail-bird recently scraped off the back of a mirror and swallowed It was a cold day for him when the mercury went down .- Burlington Free Press.

When you see a policeman heading a cow for the pound it's no use to tell him that there are 15,000,000 cows in the United States. He doesn't want but the one.-DetroitFree Press.

A writer in the New York Sun con-tends that the goose is an older bird than the American eagle. Our experience leads to the belief that it is a good deal tougher.-Troy Times.

The United States has 16.24 medical practitioners to every 10,000 of popula-tion. And yet it is quite a common thing for an American to live to a comparatively ripe age .- Boston Transcript.

"I Climb to rest," is the name of Lucy Larcom's latest poem. Whence the inference that her poetry does not pay enough to permit Miss Larcom to room on the parlor floor.-Rochester Express.

"Well, sir," said Farmer Furrow to a friend, "I was never so insulted in my life. Why, I was down in Washington last week and one fellow had the impudence to ask me if I wasn't a Congressman.-New York Journal.

It is not so strange that the annexation of Canada to the United States is not strongly advocated by men in positions of public trust. They kind of like to think that in case anything happens Canada is a foreign country.-Lowell Citizen.

A MODERN RESURBECTION.

A Miracle that Took Pince in our Midst Un-known to the Public-The Details in Full. One of the most remarkable occurrences ever given to the public, which took place here in our midst, has just come to our knowledge and will undoubtedly awaken as much surprise and attract as creat stantion

much surprise and altiration great attention as it has already in new-gaper circles. The facts are, briefly, as follows: Mr. William A. Crombie, a young man formerly realding at Birmigham, a suburb of Detroit, and now itving at 207 Michigan avenue, in this city, can truthfully say that he has looked into the future world and yet returned to this. A representative of this paper has interviewed him upon this important subject and his experiences are given to the public for the first time. He said: "I had been having most peculiar sensations for a long while. My head feld-duil and heavy: my eyesight did not sense no clear as formerly my appetite was uncertain and I was unaccountably tired. It was an effort to srike in the morning and yet I could not sleep at night. My month tasted badly, I had a faint all-gome sensation in the pit of my stomach that food did not satisfy while my haads and feet felt coid and icammy. I was nervous and irritable, and lost all earling are the present and thoughtless for the future. I tried to shake the feeling off and persuade myself it was simply a coli or a liftle malaria. But it wouldned that be a string works. It was about this time that I noticed I had been depressions would be made. My face also gan to enlarge, and continued to until fould scarsely see out of my eres. One of my free sub to hat hy pressing my fingers upon them dep depressions would be made. My face also began to enlarge, and continued to until fould scarsely see out of my eres. One of my free stop with street sub-ther submer street as that time, add: 'ft is an animated something, but is about this the to know what.' In this condition I passed several weeks of the greates age.' The sea an animated something, but is bould the to be in a nother phere and with other submy proved and my threat ratified to reaso the state of the greates and street phere and with dependence of the treet of and my forest agont. I tried to reason, but it has a blank. How long the somether my free the subme the bio and presendence in my When Dectors D'angree it will be time enough to doubt the reality of Kidney-Wort. Doctors all agree that it is a most valuable medicine in all disorders of the Liver, Kidneys and Bowels, and frequently prescribe it. Dr. P. C. Ballou, of Monkton, says: "The past year I have used it more than ever, and with the best results. It is the unost successful remedy I have ever used." Such a recommendation speaks for itself. Sold by all druggists. Bee advt. Sold by all druggists. See advt. From B. F. Liepsner, A.M., Red Bank, N. J. I have been troubled with Catarrh so badly for several years that it scriously affected my voice. I tried Dr. — 's remedy without the slightest relief. One bottle of Ely's Cream Balm did the work. My voice is fully restored and my head feels better than for years. In regard to Ely's Cream Balm for Catarrh, my answer is, I can recommend it as the best remedy I ever used. —Dr. J. S. Vaughan, Den-tist, Muskegon, Mich. (See adv't.)

One of the members of the firm of White-head & Mitchell, proprietors of the Birming-ham Eccentric, paid a fraternal visit to this office yesterday, and in the course of conver-sation, Mr. Crombie's name was mentioned. "I knew about his sickness," said the editor, "and his remarkable recovery. I had his obituary all in type and announced in the Ec-centric that he could not live until its nex. issue. It was certainly a most worderful issue. It was certainly a most

Rev. A. R. Bartlett, formerly pastor of the M. E. Church, at Birmingham, and now of Schoolcraft, Mich., in response to a telegram, replied:

After Three Days. The Advance W. Morkins, " agle," offlog, Nitstield, Mass, writes, May 2, 1853; " For provide management of the state of the sta

A Cure of Pneumonia. Mr. D. H. Barnaby, of Owego, N. Y., says that his daughter was taken with a violent cold which terminated with pneumonia, and all the best physicians gave the case up and said she could live but a few hours at most She was in this condition when a friend recommended Dr. Wm. Hall's Balsam for the Lungs, and advised her to try it. She accepted it as a last resort, and was surprised to find that it produced a marked change for the better, and by persevering a permanent Color Your Butter. Farmers that try to sell white butter are all of the opinion that dairying does not pay. If they would use Wells, Richardson & Co's Improved Butter Co'or, and market their butter in perfect condition, they would still get good prices, but it will not pay to make any but the best in color and quality. This color is used by all the leading creameries and dairymen, and is sold by druggists and mer-chants. cure was effected.

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As the old chap walked out he picked up a pocket-book some one had dropped, and muttered :

"It's funny if a man who fit with Andrew Jackson can't git away with people who only pertend to be British."-New York Journal.

POETRY IN ILLINOIS.

"I want to see the poetry editor," said a young lady, who stepped very briskly into the room-"the gentleman that puts all those lovely pieces in the paper every Saturday. Don't you think they're sweet?

The horse reporter nodded acquiescence in the saccharine character of the efforts alluded to.

"I would like to see him personally," continued the young lady, "because it would be so nice to talk with him about Tennyson and Longfellow, and all those other dear old things, wouldn't it?" The personal friend of Maud S. again

inclined his head.

"You don't think he'll be in again this afternoon, do you? I'd like awfully to see him. But perhaps you can help me. I'm in an awful fix."

"What's the matter?" asked the horse reporter. "Why," continued the young lady, "I

live over on the West Side, and we've meeting I'm down to read a paper on 'Poetry as an Art,' and-

"Is poetry an art?" asked the horse reporter. "I thought it was an affliction."

"Well, I don't know about that," said the young lady, "but, anyhow, I've got to get up this paper, and it occurred to me that perhaps one of you editors could assist me. I want to get some extracts from the works of our best-known poets to illustrate what I shall say. Now, there's Mr. Tennyson, for instance, he's written some fine poetry, hasn't he?" "Yes. Alf has occasionally shot some

pretty fair verses athwart the literary horizon."

"Could you give me a specimen of his style?" eagerly asked the young lady. "I never read a line of those big poets in my life—nothing but what the *Tribune* poets write."

Color Blindness.

Little Nell-"Mamma, what is colo: blind ?"

Mamiqu-" Inability to tell one color from another, dear." Little Nell-"Then I dess the man

that made my g'ography is color blind.' Mamma—"And why, pet?" Little Nell—"Tause he's got Green

land painted yellow."

"A chip of the old block"-The miss We have got some daisies from Daisy- ing arm of the Venus de Milo.

"What influence has the moon upon the tide?" asked the professor. The class wag replied that he didn't know exactly what influence it had upon the tied, but that it had a tendency to make the untied awful spoony .- Burlington Free Press.

"Who is the first lady in the land?" nervously inquires a contemporary. When you come to Philadelphia, if you will slick yourself up a little and comb the burrs out of your hair we will take you up to the house and introduce you to her. Philadelphia Call.

"Was Early Man a Savage?" asks a magazine writer. That depends. If the early man was dressed to catch the 4 A. M. train, and his collar button fell behind the bureau, the probabilities are that he was as savage as they make 'em. -Norristonen Herald

A neat story of the late Baron Rothschild is told in the French papers. He was very busy one morning, when the Vicomte de L. P. was admitted into his office. The baron, absorbed in his reading, said without lifting his head: 'I am at your orders, sir; take a chair." "Pardon me," was the answer, "I am the Vicomte de L. P." "Ah," said the baron, not looking up, " take two chairs, then."

A certain member of the Detroit municipal government is the possessor of a splendid growth of beard and long, drooping mustaches. Recently he dined away from home, and at the table sat one of those infants you have all read about. After staring for some time in open astonishment at the guest, the, interesting youth roared out at the top of his voice: "Ma! ma! he has got a mouth; I saw him put a cracker in it!"-Detroit Jourgal

Maid of Texas, ere I go, Tell me if your clock is slow; For I have a train to catch, And must quic dy raise the latch. And must quic dy raise the latch. Ere I dart into the night, Tell me, is your timepiece right ? Hark! I hear the bull-dog's bark, And the night is cold and dark. Maid of Texas I must git, Yet, before I rise and flit, Tell me, maiden tall me true Tell me, maiden, tell me true What number is your papa's shoe ! -Siftings replied: "Mr. W. A. Cromble was a member of my family at the time of his sickness. The pray-ers of the church were requested for him on two different occasions. I was with him on the day he was reported by his physicians as dying, and consider his recovery almost a miracle."

dying, and constater his recovery almost a miracle." Not one person in a million ever comes so pear death as did Mr. Cromble and then re-cover, but the men and women who are drifting toward the same end, are legion. To note the slightest symptoms, to realize their significance and to meet them in time by the remedy which has been shown to be most efficient, is a duty from which there can be no escape. They are fortunate who do this, they are on the sure road to death who neglet it. Detroit Free Press.

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