Detroit Currency.

Why not have camp-meetings come at house-cleaning time?

Anybody having a bridge or tunnel for sale will please address the City of Detroit.

This is the season of the year when county treasurers shouldn't be seen taking the cars for a visit.

A Buffalo church bell went through three floors without injuring its ring any. Wring in a pun on that if you can.

The man who talks about April showers and babbling rills had better come this way and see it howl, and tear, and snow, and use up fire-wood.

The wisest men have generally built up their reputation by keeping their mouths shut. Let men who buy rags and sell fish regard this as a personal item.

We believe this will be a very poor circus year. We haven't seen a single account of a lion or tiger breaking loose and eating up four horses and a plumber.

There is more than one great mail system entered in Washington, D. C. There is the United States mail system, and then there is the blackmail system.—*Chicago Journal.*

"Jane," said he, "I think if you lifted your feet away from the fire we might have some heat in the room." And they hadn't been married two years, either.—*Boston Journal.*

Beware of traveling dentists who offer a whole set of teeth for $5. He charges $1 each for pulling out the old teeth, and then skips out, leaving groans and gums behind.

An editor at Bowling Green, O., had a fight with a butcher, and he used a beef bone with such good effect that the butcher was laid up for a week. Never pitch into an editor.

A New York jeweler says that not one hired girl in ten knows how to wind the kitchen clock as it should be wound. That's why pieces of oilcloth get mixed up with the mashed potato.

A poet sings: "I write because I must—and not for praise." This is what ails us, too. We write because we must. Praise won't buy boots and bread and beer.—*Norristown Herald.*

There isn't much difference in spelling "hero" and "zero," but you see how wide the difference is when you discover that your ears are ready to drop off on the slightest provocation.

"I long," says Joaquin Miller, "to return to the woods once more." Well, if anybody is holding on to Mr. Miller, surely the gentleman knows enough to call for the police.—*Buffalo Express.*

Custom requires that now you swallow a bottle or two of blood purifier, take quinine in its various forms, drink herb tea, nibble rhubarb, and chew down sassafras bark.—*Chicago Journal.*

Curious, but we never saw this notice in any of our country exchanges: "Owing to press of poetry, a large number of advertisements are unavoidably crowded out, but will positively appear in our next.—*Puck.*

Love rules the court, the camp, the grove, and earth below and heaven above, but it never sewed a gray patch in the seat of your husband's black trowsers. That isn't love. That's revenge.—*Andrew's Bazar.*

A Philadelphia clergyman, Rev. Mr. MacLeod, contends that there is neither health, sense nor religion in full mourning. He tells his congregation that a bit of black ribbon, worn in some way, will tell the story of bereavement just as well as a complete mourning suit.

The Ouachita *Telegraph*, of Louisiana, says: "The sublime indifference shown by many of the patrons of this paper as to the state of its finances calls for comment. We are too proud to beg, but it is highly probable we shall have to resort to stealing to make a living."

Some people who think that by church memberships they are preempting homesteads in a land that is fairer than this, will find that putting blank envelopes in the contribution box on Sunday will prove a serious drawback to reading their title clear.—*Rome Sentinel.*

The Man Who Didn't Vote.

The man who had fully made up his mind never to poll another vote was "around" at the last election. He was heard of on street corners and in groceries for a fortnight previous, and it did him a heap of good to have men reply to his assertion:

"Oh, don't say that, Mr. Jorkins. We can't spare you from politics, indeed we can't."

But he was obstinate. He had deliberately and carefully made up his mind not to go near the polls, and no arguments could move him. Even when men predicted that both parties would be smashed to pieces if Mr. Jorkins didn't come out, he wouldn't relent. During the morning of election day he expected callers—influential citizens to entreat him for Heaven's sake to come and poll his vote and save the country—but they didn't call. He also expected to hear rumors that the whole election had been declared "off" on account of his absence, but no such rumors came.

Mr. Jorkins walked out after dinner. He truly hoped that he would not meet any of the candidates and be rushed to the polls, and—he didn't meet any. He expected that every citizen would wildly demand if he had voted yet, but not one of the hundreds he met said a word about election. On the contrary, they talked about bilious fever, catarrh, the weather, etc. Even when Mr. Jorkins accidentally walked past his ward polling-place no one rushed for him. He went home and gave orders that no callers should be admitted, and had almost persuaded himself that there had been no election, when his son came home and said it was the biggest election he ever heard of.

"But I didn't vote," persisted Mr. Jorkins.

"[illegible] know, father; but the party went [illegible] me."

[illegible] we saved the [illegible] ask for [illegible] for you, [illegible]

Bathing in a Volcano's Vapor.

Mr. J. M. Davidson, a lawyer from Colorado, now residing in Honolulu, has lately written to Hon. Alfred Sayre, of Denver, an account of a recent visit to the volcano Kilauea, and the letter printed in *The Denver News*. The visit was made in May last, and after describing the journey thither Mr. Davidson says:

"So different is the scene presented from what the visitor expects that it is difficult to describe it intelligibly or in such a manner as to give the reader any distinct idea of its appearance. The crater Kilauea is nine miles in circumference, mean width three miles, surrounded by a well-defined rim. The bed of the crater is six hundred feet below this rim. The active burning lake is in the south end of this crater, and at a distance can be seen as indicated by vast volumes of smoke and vapor arising around and above the same rocky projections adjacent. To this point the sight-seeker is conducted by a guide, and there, standing on the brink of the projecting scoria, he looks down on the strangest and wildest element, surging and throwing its fiery spray as it madly beats against the surrounding walls, from which it seems to be repelled by some unseen power, only to level down and become of sombre hue and drift back to be overturned and lashed into waves and crimson shreds that fall back into the massive cauldron. The heat is very great and burns the face, and the brightness of the broken elements is painfully dazzling to the eye. There is no sameness or monotony, and from the smooth, dark surface of a minute's duration fringed by crimson lines, fiery flames issue with a hissing sound, each furtive glance giving a different view, and then a deep rumbling as of a troubled sea is followed by the wildest and most violent agitation. Hours might be spent gazing at the changing, infuriate element. Over much of the road from Hilo to the volcano, thirty miles, there is scarcely any earth, showing a new volcanic formation. Varied vegetation has commenced growing vigorously from the scarcely distinguishable soil of decomposed lava, and, indeed, the scoria now produced and thrown out by volcanic force is very friable, and its formation is usually in thin layers, easily crushed under the foot of the pedestrian. The bottom of the main crater and exterior of the burning lake is composed of layers of lava of different colors and different comparative structure, interlapped and interwined as it oozes along, and, at short intervals, the slowly-moving masses pressing their heavy, burning fronts, still liquid, though far off from the burning cauldron. You can thrust a walking-stick into it and easily detach quantities of the consistency of sugar when struck from the valmerpan, or thin mush. The bed of the main crater was some few years ago several hundred feet deeper below the unchanging surrounding rim. It rises and falls without any fixed or regular periodicity. The active lake of fire is at present six hundred feet below the rim of surrounding country, and the dimensions of the burning lake three hundred yards long by one hundred yards wide. This lake or cauldron is constantly changing its size, form, and location from cycle to cycle, slowly waltzing around the vast area of the great crater. The lava is at present thrown out of the burning lake by a subterranean passage on the west side, in a river, and presses his way, dividing into many slowly-moving streams, throughout the western half of the inclosed plain, each stream at night showing its size and encroaching course, and to the visitor, standing on the rim immediately above, gazing down, it looks like a vast city at his feet, irregularly illuminated by the sport of revelers. As the lava is cooled, it is riven into all manners of shapes, breaking like ice under the influences of changing tides, and as one walks over the newer formations, looking down between the broken fragments, can be seen, a few inches beneath the cooled surface, bright, shiny, living fire in massive quantities. The heat radiated from the surface is very great, but the north wind usually blowing over an elevation of about one thousand feet, cools the atmosphere generally, so the visitor suffers no inconvenience. I believe no one has lost life, as yet, accidentally in the crater, but I do not think any one feels naturally safe until he has ascended to the outside country, and even then the steam issuing from many fissures, bringing up sulphurous odors, makes one who is sinful and believes in eternity of torment think that he is not far from his future home.

"In ascending to the upper regions you are conducted to a small house within a stone's-cast of the hotel. Here you disrobe and indulge in a sulphur bath. A pipe conducts vapor from a fissure in a rock to the room in which you sit *in puris naturalibus, a la Russ*, and when you say 'Ready,' a valve is opened admitting the vapor in any volume and of any temperature you desire. When you feel as if you were in Tartarus, and about to give up the ghost, shout 'Alia!' to the native superintendent, and the valve is closed and the vapor shut off. You are then douced with warm and then with cold water, rubbed dry, with towels, submitting to the *Lomitomi*—a native remedy for all human ills, which consists in working and kneading your body with their hands as if it were dough. You then don fresh linen, and being very clean and oriental, but smelling like a match-box, you feel, if ever in your life you did feel—and its funny when you feel that way—like taking a drink, but by your lady, you must carry your own amunition, for strong drinks are rare in that volcanic dale. This desire being gratified, a ravenous appetite rages, which is dissipated by an hour's recreation at the bountifully supplied table of the Volcano house.

"I attended a term of court at Hilo, and was retained in a number of cases, thus making my trip to the volcano pay me $1,000. I successfully defended a man charged with murder, and after his acquittal, viewing the crater, the idea occurred to me of proposing to parliament, now in session, the policy of changing the mode of execution from hanging to walking a plank into the crater. Rome, the then strongest nation in the world, threw culprits down the Tarpeian rock—why should not the Hawaiian kingdom, which exists through its own insignificance and weakness, use a natural agent subserving economy and making the death penalty too horrible for contemplation."

Turning a Joke on Artemus Ward.

A writer in the Baltimore *Every Saturday* received the following story from John P. Smith, who was the advance agent of Artemus Ward during his lecturing tour in this country:—

Artemus was lecturing with his panorama of Salt Lake, in Canada, and as business was good he was in correspondingly high spirits and his pockets were full of coin.

The day before they were to leave Smith told Ward that as silks were so much cheaper in the British Possessions than in the United States, he had purchased a large piece of silk and was going to take it to his wife as a present. Ward was pleased with the idea, and in the same confidence told Smith that he had also purchased a piece of melton cloth, and both conferred with each other so as to pass the custom house.

Ward suggested to Smith to wrap the silk around his body, and Smith in turn advised Artemus to place his cloth within the folds of his panorama of Salt Lake. They each agreed to take the other's advice, and Smith left the next morning to go over to the States in advance. The bundle of silk wound around him made him feel quite uncomfortable, especially when he came to the custom house and commenced interrogating about his baggage.

The official was very polite and passed his baggage without a murmer, and then invited him into his private office, handed him a cigar, and begged him to take a seat.

The heat of the room began to make Smith very uncomfortable and he arose to go.

"Be seated, sir," said the official, "I want to have a little chat with you."

"No—I must be going," said the genial John. "I can't stand sitting so long, and then I've a great deal to attend to."

"You seem to be a very stoutish kind of a man," said the officer.

"Yes," said Smith, his face getting red, and the warmth from the silk increasing—"I'm pretty solid, but I can't stand a hot room."

"Ah," said the inspector, "what's the trouble? Anything the matter with your chest or lungs?"

"Only a slight oppression," replied Smith.

"Oppression about the lungs!" exclaimed the officer, rising and advancing toward the suffocating agent. "Let me make an examination for you, sir, it may be dangerous. Please remove your coat."

"It's nothing—it will soon pass away," replied Smith, inwardly praying for a chance to escape.

"My dear friend, you should not allow yourself to suffer a moment," said the officer, "and I insist upon examining your chest. Doubtless I can relieve you of all your trouble."

The inspector insisted, and the discomfitted agent, after vainly trying to escape from his solicitation, finally acknowledged the corn, and confessed to having the concealed silk upon his person.

The officer laughed heartily, and said: "I knew it all the while. Here's a letter I received this morning." And he handed Smith a letter written by Ward, informing the inspector that a smuggler would endeavor to pass a quantity of silk, describing Smith's appearance, and claiming one-half of the reward for the information. Smith was indignant, of course, but determined to get even with the incorrigible joker, so he told the officer about Ward having the roll of cloth concealed in his panorama.

The inspector appreciated the joke, and let Smith off with a small penalty.

The next morning Artemus Ward arrived at the custom house with his panorama, when the inspector commenced interrogating him, and insisted upon his letting him have a glimpse of his beautiful pictures.

Ward tried every excuse, but the officer was importunate, and finally he was obliged to have his man unwind one section of the panorama before the inspector.

Artemus stood by and explained the views, until suddenly the cloth came to light, and as it slowly unwound in front of the pictures Ward struck an attitude like his performance upon the stage, and in the drawl of the exhibitor said: "This view is slightly encumbered with twenty yards of melton cloth. That d—n Smith told you all about it. What's the damage?

The inspector soon settled the question of charges, and for once Artemus found himself caught by his own joke.

"It's Better Higher Up."—Mr. Moody tells the story of a poor woman, who was sick, and near unto death. She lived in a garret five stories up. There was a Christian lady who often visited her, and always found her very cheerful. This visitor had a lady friend of wealth who constantly looked on the dark side of things, and was always cast down, although she was a professed Christian. She thought it would do this lady good to see the bed-ridden saint, so she took her down to the house. When they got up to the first story, the lady drew up her dress, and said: "How dark and filthy it is!" "It's better higher up," said her friend. They got to the next story and it was no better. The lady complained again, but her friend replied, "It's better higher up." At the third floor it seemed still worse, and the lady kept complaining; but her friend kept saying, "It's better higher up." At last they got to the fifth story, and when they went into the sick-room there was a nice carpet on the floor—there were flowering plants in the window and little birds singing. And there they found the bed-ridden saint—one of these saints whom God is polishing for his own temple—just beaming with joy. The lady said to her: "It must be very hard for you to lie here." She smiled, and said, "It's better higher *up!*" Yes, and if things go against us, my friends, let us remember that "it's better higher up." "We are saved by hope." The soul that is filled with this hope sees a bright side to every cloud, and hears a cheerful song above all storms and all sorrow. It is "Christ born within us—the hope of glory."

Men know how thunder and lightning come from the clouds in summer, and they want to thunder and lighten sometimes themselves; but it is better that the contents of the clouds should drop down in gentle rains, and make something grow, than that there should be flashing and resounding in the heavens, and that the oak should be crushed to pieces which has been growing for a hundred years; and it is better, not that men should produce a great racket in the world, and work destruction around them, but that they should create happiness among their fellow-men.

Namby Pamby Stuff.

People who depend upon a weekly paper in order to keep posted on the events transpiring in the world, do not wish to be surfeited with sensational nonsense in the shape of namby pamby scribblings styled continued stories. The Weekly Chronicle, we are glad to see, discards this class of matter which is dished up by some of its contemporaries, and while giving entertaining miscellaneous reading, including complete stories, poetry, etc., by well known authors, gives the news of the week in a readable shape. The "continued story" papers seem to ignore the publication of interesting accounts of actual occurrences and fill their columns with fiction of such a low grade as only to be sought for by the ignorant and depraved.

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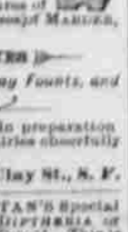

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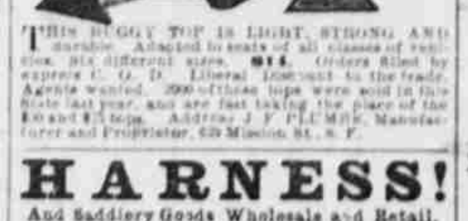

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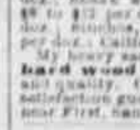

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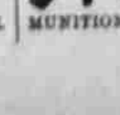

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