

Chief Grafeš, of the National Bureau of Engraving and Printing, being asked what design would be placed on the government oleomargarine stamps, said he had thought "a stuffed goat—a bogus 'butter,' as it were—would be about the right thing." This will be received by the victims of the law as the gravest joke yet developed by this administration.

Pedantic old gentleman (to restaurant waiter)—"I believe 'it is improper to speak disrespectfully of one's elders?" R. W.—"So I've heard, sir." P. O. G.—"Then I will be silent concerning the duckling you have just brought me."—*London Judy.*

Old gentleman (to small boy smoking a cigarette)—"Little boy, don't you know that a great many people die from smoking cigarettes?" Small boy—"Yes (puff), but many people (puff) die who (puff) don't smoke 'em."—*New York Times.*

One of the most humiliating experiences in a man's life is to sit in a dentist's chair and have him bore up six or eight inches into the head without noticeably interfering with the brain which was supposed to fill the upper story.—*Norwich Bulletin.*

Temporarily Embarrassed Thespiar—"What, only \$5?" Cautious uncle—"Oh! to watch her better chewels I would gif you more." T. E. T.—"Look here, Levi! I believe that if I brought you the Kohinoor you'd find some fault with it." Cautious uncle—"Well, you know dere ain't much market now for dem larch diamonds."—*The Judge.*

Miss Clara—"Such a shocking accident at the ball game this afternoon, mamma! Poor Mr. Twobagger was run into and instantly killed." Mamma—"Terrible. The game was stopped, of course." Miss Clara—"No; Mr. Onebagger took his place and the game went on. But, mamma, it wasn't nearly so interesting. Mr. Twobagger was such a lovely pitcher."—*New York Times.*

We do not believe that a hen scratches for a living. She scratches for exercise. If you don't believe it, watch a well-fed hen in her humble cage at the market. She will scratch on the sheet-iron floor with all the vigor of a gold-digger, and affect to find things to eat with all the innocent assumption of a man who slips on the ice, breaks both legs and his back, and tries to look as though he hadn't fallen down.—*Burdette.*

Declined with thanks. Monsieur R., the well-known painter, is at work on a picture representing a nymph in very scant costume. The other day while he was posing as his model an old lady of mature years and rotund figure made her appearance. "My daughter is ill," said this respectable matron, "and she will not be able to pose this morning. If monsieur wishes, I will take her place."—*Paris Figaro.*

The blind men of Brooklyn are in the main self-supporting. All are engaged either in commercial pursuits or else work at trades. Piano-tuning is their favorite pursuit. Nearly all are married and have families. None have married wives similarly affected, and the total number of blind men in the city, which is less than one hundred, are friendly, and aid each other in time of need. One of them is worth \$100,000, and a dozen more are worth half that amount.

Mr. Howells says the home of fiction is to be America. Mr. Howells has evidently been reading the newspaper accounts of storms in the West, where mules were lodged on the tops of four-story trees and hailstones fell "as large as pumpkins." And yet we don't suppose the newspapers would exaggerate about a little thing like that.—*Norristown Herald.*

"Mamma, what's hereditary?" asked Bobby, laboriously tripping over the syllables of the long word. "Why, it is—it is anything you get from your father or me," replied the mother, a little puzzled for a definition suited to his years. Silence of two minutes. "Then, ma," he asked, "is spankin's hereditary?"—*Tid-Bits.*

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