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A Cowboy Story.
Said one of Buffalo Bill's cowboys: "I bought a pony in a hurry, and jumped on his back, and he turned out to be a bucker. Why, he kept on bucking for three whole days and nights."

"But how then did you get your meals?" inquired the listener.

"Oh," said the cowboy, "that was easy enough. The boys kept shying biscuits at me, and I caught them on the fly."

"Yes, but how did you get anything to drink, my lad?"

"Well," replied the cowboy, "the fact was we had the good luck to be close to a little brook, and every time the horse bucked I scooped up a little water in my hand and drank it that way. See?"—London Tit-Bits.

On Art.
Fond Mother—And so you think the Elgin marbles the best, Mr. Brush?

Our Artist—Oh, yes; decidedly so. Fond Mother—I should be so much obliged to you if you would get a few for my Johnny next time you're in town, Mr. Brush, if they're not too expensive. The dear child's always losing his—Fun.

She Will Be Missed.
A west end lady is said to be seriously ill from over practice on the piano. Just what may be the condition of the neighbors is left to the imagination.—Boston Post.

Everybody knows what it is, and that is the reason they go to Helander's for that pure ice cream soda.

Notice of Final Account.
To all whom it may concern:
NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned administrator of the estate of Mary W. Fulton, deceased, has this day filed his final account as such administrator, with the clerk of the county court for Marion county, Oregon, and the judge of said court has fixed the 5th day of August 1892, at 10 o'clock p. m. at the county court room in the court house of said county, as the time and place for the hearing of a 5 objections which there may be to said account and for the settlement of the said estate.
J. H. FULTON, Administrator.
July 19, 1892. 7-21-92

HOW IT WAS PLAYED ON DAD.

He Thought He Was Getting the Better of the Tin Peddler, but He Didn't.
You know how a pig is on the farm unless confined to a pen—always wanting to get somewhere else. One day one of our pigs got into the stable and was kicked by a horse; one eye was put out and his jaw broken, and though he got well his jaw was turned to the right and his snout mashed flat. It would set one laughing just to look at him. He had only fairly recovered from this adventure when he got caught in a rail fence and twisted his spine until he was bent almost double.

When he got out of bed again he was the oddest looking pig in four states. When he walked he had to go broadside on, and he never knew which pair of legs was in front or which behind. One day a tin peddler happened to come along and noticed the animal and quietly asked the "old man" how much he'd take for that pig.

"Wall," replied father, winking at Tom and I, "hogs is up, you know."

"Yes, I know that pork has advanced."

"Guess that pig ought to bring three dollars."

"I'll give you two."

"He's worth a dollar more, but bein' it's you I'll take it," said father.

For the next two weeks we cracked a good many jokes at that tin peddler's expense, as father would have given the pig to anybody for the asking. About a month after the sale Fourth of July came around and we all went to town—six of us. Among the attractions was a side show, and its chief sign was a painting of a curious sort of animal, and underneath the information:

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Father put on his spectacles and read that sign twice over, and then turned to mother and said:

"Guess we'd better go in. I've seen skunks and lions and possums and hyenas by the carload, but I never saw a hodag."

"There's six of us," and that's \$1.50," replied mother.

"Oh, wall, it won't bust us. If our nabsurs see the consarned thing and we don't, they'll be crownin' about it fur a year. I guess we'll take in the hodag. It'll be sumthin' fur the children to ponder over." Father yielded up \$1.50 and in we went. The cage was at the opposite end of the tent, and as we went in a lecturer was saying:

"Ladies and gentlemen, we have the assurance of no less than five well known naturalists that this is the only living specimen of the hodag now in existence. He was captured in a hyena trap in South Africa and was brought over here at a cost of \$3,000. Come and gaze on this wonder of the Nineteenth century."

We crowded up to gaze. Next minute the four children of us were laughing fit to split, while mother was so overcome she had to sit down.

"What in creation has struck you folks?" demanded father, as he wiped off his glasses.

We laughed all the harder, and he adjusted his glasses in a solemn manner, and turned to inspect the greatest living curiosity. One look was enough. His jaw fell, the color fled from his face, and he made for the door with the five of us following.

Not a word was said until we were clear of the tent. Then father stopped and looked at each one of our grinning faces in rotation and exclaimed:

"Do not let my shoes if that ain't the crippled hog we sold to the tin peddler, but I want to say to you right here and now that if any one of you ever says 'hodag' in my hearing I'll turn you outdoors without a second shirt to your back!"—New York Herald.

Modes of Speech.
As Dr. Pierson traveled about the southwest many years ago—he was an agent of the Bible society—he often put up for the night at very humble cabins, and commonly, before the family went to bed, he was invited to conduct family worship. The form of the invitation was peculiar and invariable.

The bible and hymn book were brought forward and laid upon the table, and then the host turned to the preacher and said, "Will you take the books, sir?"

At table he was expected to ask a blessing, and here, again, the phraseology employed was peculiar. When all were seated the man of the house would say, "Will you make a beginning, sir?" Then all heads were bowed, and the blessing was invoked.—Youth's Companion.

In the Seventeenth century the favorite color of the Scotch Covenanters was blue, and blue and orange or yellow became the Whig colors after the revolution of 1688.

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One day several of the villagers had assembled in the local inn to discuss the alarming influenza complications. An Englishman named Robbins, who ran down all cures for it, had decidedly the worst of the argument with Sandy, and therefore resolved to touch Sandy on his tender point, namely, the pocket.

"Sandy," said Robbins, "if you were to go outside and stick a blade of your knife in anything I'll bet you five shillings I'll tell you what it is sticking in when you come back."

"A bet, be it," said Sandy. "I wager ye canna dae any sic thing, sae table your money."

"All right," said Robbins, as he deposited his stake with a companion, and gave a sly wink at the company.

Sandy went out and in a short time returned.

"Weel, neighbor, an what is it stickin' in?" he asked.

"In the handle," exclaimed Robbins, triumphantly, as he held out his hand for the stakes.

"Man, ye're rare smart," cried Sandy. "I wonder if that is one o' yer London tricks. But haud a wee, ye're wrang there," and he held up the handle of the knife minus the blade. "If ye gang out yeel find the blade stickin' in an auld ash tree."

Sandy of course won the wager, and it was a sight to see the chagrined depicted on Robbins' countenance. That was his last bet with Sandy.—Spare Moments.

When Kissing Was Unknown.
We believe that kissing is an English custom. We read in ancient history of a knight who visited the Field of the Cloth of Gold,