Playing Comet.

"But, look-a-here," says the grocery man, as he gave the boy a little dried up lemon, about as big as a prune, and told him he was a terror, "what is the matter with your eye winkers and your hair? They seem to be burned off."

"O, thunder, didn't pa tell you about the comet exploding and burning us all? That was the worst thing since the flood, when Noar ran the excursion boat from Kalamazoo to Mount Ararat. You see we had been reading about the comet, which is visible at four o'clock in the morning, and I heard pa tell the hired girl to wake him and ma up when she got up to set the pancakes and go to early mass, so they could see the critter. The hired girl is a catholic, and she don't make no fuss about it, but she has got more good, square relidgin than a dozen like pa It makes a good deal of difference how relidgen affects different people, don't it. Now pa's relidgin makes him wild, and he wants to kick my pants, and pull my hair, but the hired girl's relidgin makes her want to hug me, if I am abused, and she puts anarchy on my bruises and gives me pie. Pa wouldn't get up at four o'clock in the morning to go to early mass, unless he could take a fish pole along, and some angle worms. The hired girl prays when no one sees her but God, but pa wants to get a church full of sisterin', and pray loud, as though he was an auctioneer selling tin razors.

Well, when I heard pa tell the hired girl to wake him and ma up, I told her to wake me up about half an hour before she waked pa up, and then I got my chum to stay with me, and we made a comet to play on pa. You see my room is right over pa's room, and I got two lengths of stove pipe and covered them all over with phosphorus, so they looked just as bright as a comet. Then we got two Roman candles and a big sky rocket, and we were going to touch off the Roman candles and the sky rocket just as pa and ma got to looking at the comet. I didn't know that a sky rocket would kick back, did you? Well, you'd a dide to see that comet. We tied a piece of white rubber garden hose to the stove-pipe for a tail and went to bed, and when the girl woke us up we laid for pa and ma

Pretty soon we heard pa's window open, and I looked out, and pa and ma had their heads and half their bodies out of the window. They had their night shirts on and looked just like pictures of Milleaites waiting for the world to come to an end. Pa looked up and seed the stove pipe, and he said: 'Hanner, for God's sake, look up there That is the darnest comet I ever see. It is as bright as day. See the tail of it. Now that is worth getting up to see.'

"Just then my chum lit the two Roman candles and I touched off the rocket, and that's where my eye winkers went. The rocket bursted the joints of the stove pipe, and they fell down on pa, but ma got her head inside before the comet struck, and wasn't hurt, but one length of stove-pipe struck pa endways on the neck and almost cut a biscuit out of him, and the fire and sparks just poured down in his hair, and burned his nightshirt. Pa was scart. He thought the world was coming to an end, and the window came down on his back, and he began to sing, 'Earth's but a desert drear, Heaven is my home.'

"I see he was caught in the window, and I went down stairs, to put out the fire on his nightshirt, and put up the window to let him in, he said: 'dy boy, your ma and I are going to Heaven, but I fear you will go to the bad place,' and I told him I would take my chances, and he better put on his pants if he was going anywhere, that there would be liable to be ladies present, and when he got his head in ma told him the world was not coming to an end, but somebody had been setting off fireworks, and she said she guessed it was their dear little boy, and when I saw pa feeling under the bed for a bedslat I got up stairs pretty previous, now, and don't you forget it, and ma put cold cream on where the sparks burn't pa's shirt, and pa said another day wouldn't pass over his head before he had me in the reform school.

"Well, if I go to the reform school, somebody's got to pay attention, you can bet your liver. A boy can't have any fun these days without everybody thinks he is a heathen. What hurt did it do to play comet? It's a mean father that won't stand a little scorchin' in the interest of science."

The boy went out, scratching the the place where his eye-winkers were, and then the groceryman knew what it was that caused the fire engines to be out around at four o'clock in the morning looking for a fire.—*Milwaukee Sun.*

PUNCTUATED JOKES.—If brevity is the soul of wit, how is this ||?—[Wheeling Journal.

—It is without a ||.—[N. Y. Enterprise.

Do you expect anybody to " " that?—(Philadelphia Sunday Mirror.

Those are the worst jokes of the.—[Washington Critic.

My *** your pointed as a †, aren't you?—[Burlington Enterprise.

We—the opportunity to say that these are real ? ? ? you' fellows propound.—[Gold.

Well, they afford us a $ous sort of amusement a best, and—our spirits greatly.—[Elevated Railway Journal.

If you were in this § of country we would grasp your ✍.—[Meriden Recorder.

An editor is an * his reputation with such puns.—[Welcome.

Much ado about 0.

Ayer's Ague Cure should be in every household in regions where Fever and Ague prevail. It should be taken as a preventive by every resident and traveller in malarial districts.

RULES FOR COOKING VEGETABLES.—A French cook gives the following general rules for cooking all kinds of vegetables: "Green vegetables should be thoroughly washed in cold water and then dropped into water which has been salted and is beginning to boil. There should be a tablespoonful of salt for each two quarts of water. If the water boils long before the vegetables are put in, it has lost all its gases, and the mineral ingredients are deposited on the bottom and sides of the kettle, so that the water is flat and tasteless, and the vegetables will not look well or have a fine flavor. The time for boiling green vegetables depends much upon the age and time they have been gathered and the more quickly they are cooked. Below is a very good time table for cooking vegetables.

Potatoes boiled, thirty minutes.
Potatoes baked, forty-five minutes.
Sweet potatoes boiled, fifty minutes.
Sweet potatoes baked, sixty minutes.
Squash boiled, twenty-five minutes.
Green peas boiled, twenty to forty minutes.
Sheiled beans boiled, sixty minutes.
String beans boiled, one to two hours.
Green corn, thirty to sixty minutes.
Asparagus, fifteen to thirty minutes
Spinach, one to two hours.
Tomatoes, fresh, one hour.
Tomatoes, canned, thirty minutes.
Cabbage, forty-five minutes or two hours.
Cauliflower, one or two hours.
Dandelions, two or three hours.
Beet greens, one hour.
Onions, one or two hours.
Beets, one or two hours.
Turnips, white, forty-five to sixty minutes.
Turnips, yellow, one and a half hours,
Parsnips, one or two hours.
Carrots, one or two hours.

TYPOGRAPHICAL TERRORS.—Typographical errors are funny things, as well as most exasperating. In a local paper at Newport the reporter wrote of a new apparatus for "washing windows in second stories." The compositor left out a single letter, and the article appeared under the heading, "How to Wash Windows in Second Stories." A still funnier mistake also occurred in a Newport paper. Wishing to pay a distinguished citizen, who was abroad, a pretty compliment, the editor wrote that he was enjoying himself at Paris—at a convention—with prominent savants and radicals. The printer caused it to be announced to us that our distinguished and most upright townsman was having a good time abroad in company, with eminent "servants and rascals." I wrote something once about "nuggets of gold." To my horror it was printed "bags of nutmegs." And again, writing of the delicious restfulness we found lying on the pine needles in the Georgia forests, the printer made me say that I took my daily siesta on a "bed of fine needles." One can get used to almost anything; but I remember well how, in my early days of newspaper work, I used to be overcome almost to faintness by some terrible typographical error now and then.

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To Whom it May Concern.

Persons indebted to the late firm of King & Yates are notified that the bills of their indebtedness have been placed in hands of Joseph F. Morgan, Attorney, Leonardtown, for collection. Prompt settlements will therefore avoid costs.

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THE VOLTAIC BELT CO., Marshall, Mich., will send DR. DYE'S CELEBRATED ELECTRO VOLTAIC BELTS AND ELECTRIC APPLIANCES on trial for thirty days to men (young or old) who are afflicted with Nervous Debility, Lost Vitality and Manhood, and kindred troubles, guaranteeing speedy and complete restoration of health and manly vigor. Address as above. N. B.—No risk is incurred, as thirty days' trial is allowed.

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July 20, 1882—tf.

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THE undersigned Attorneys at Law and Solicitors in Chancery, have, this 1st day of January, 1880, formed a co-partnership in the practice of their profession, under the name and style of Camalier & Abell. They will practice in the county of St. Mary's and the adjoining counties.

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Office in the Court House Address
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St. Mary's county, Md.
B. HARRIS CAMALIER,
ENOCH B. ABELL.
Jan 8, 1880—tf.

THE undersigned, Attorneys-at-Law, have this 8th day of February, 1881, formed a Co-partnership in the practice of their profession under the name and style of

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J. PARRAN CRANE,
DANL. C. HAMMETT,
Feb 10, 1881—tf.

D. S. BRISCOE,
Attorney and Counsellor-at-Law,
41 St. Paul's St., Baltimore, Md
Jan 16, 1873—tf.

R. C. COMBS,
Attorney-at-Law,
Leonardtown
Aug. 12, tf.

GEORGE BLAKISTONE,
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June 6, 1878.

JO. F. MORGAN,
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LEONARDTOWN, MD
April 1, 1880—y

JAS. H. WILSON,
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,
LEONARDTOWN, MD.
Feb. 19, 1870—tf.

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March 23, 1882—y.

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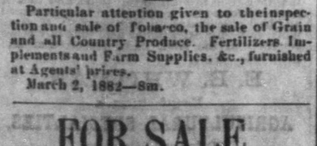

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Sep, 15, 1881—tf.

FOR THE LEGISLATURE.

Messrs. Editors of the Beacon.—We suggest that if Mr. A. BURROUGHS can be prevailed upon to become a candidate for a seat in the next Legislature of Maryland, we believe that he would make an able representative and reflect much credit to the old county of St. Mary's. In making this suggestion, we beg leave to say that Mr. Burroughs is not a man of great show, but we know him to possess a mind superior to the most of men and we regard him as a man of ability, honor, integrity and influence.
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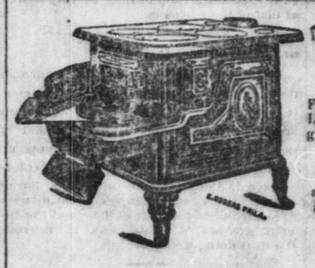

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June 15, 1882—tf.

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FOR THE LEGISLATURE.

Messrs. Editors—Please announce the name of Mr JOHN H LEACH as an independent candidate for a seat in the House of Representatives of the next General Assembly o Maryland.
POOR MEN AND REPUBLICANS.
Feb 9, 1882.