

Interesting Items.

How Hot Iron may be Handled.

About the year 1809, one Lionetto, a Spaniard, astonished not only the ignorant, but chemists and other men of science, by the impunity with which he handled red-hot iron and molten lead, drank boiling oil, and performed other feats equally miraculous.

Colored Lawyers in Kentucky.

On the 24th inst., an "innovation upon the old-time customs and prejudices of the Kentucky bar," says the Louisville Courier-Journal, "which was begun on Monday, in the examination of N. R. Harper and Geo. Griffiths, both colored, as to their fitness for the practice of law in the State courts, was consummated by their being licensed and fully admitted to the bar of this State."

The Gift of Tact.

What a wonderful oil upon the machinery of human affairs tact is! To know just what to say, and when to say it, and to whom to say it—to know when to be silent, and when deferentially to listen—is a great gift.

A new mill for grinding wheat by percussion, while it is unsupported and falling freely, or being projected through the air, is in operation in Edinburgh.

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Fun and Fancy.

"You say, Mrs. Smith, that you have lived with the defendant eight years. Does the court understand from this, that you are married to him?"

"In course it doe." "Have you a marriage certificate?" "Yes, your honor, three on 'em—two gals and a boy."

"Have you any traveling ink-stands?" asked a lady of a young stationer. "No ma'am, we have them with feet and legs, but they are not old enough to travel yet."

Two gentlemen were lately examining the breast of a plough on a stall in a market place. "I'll bet you a guinea," said one, "you don't know what this is for."

"Done," said the other, "it is for sale." The bet was won and the wager paid. "Captain, I have caught a Tartar. Fetch him along then."

"He won't come." "Come along yourself and leave him." "I can't; he won't let me."

An apothecary's boy was lately sent to leave at one house a box of pills and at another six live fowls. Confused on the way, he left the pills where the fowls should have gone, and the fowls at the pill place.

The folks who received the fowls were astonished at reading the accompanying direction, "swallow one every two hours!"

"Hear the words of instruction, my son, while you are sober," said a sailor, "for it is not possible to be taught when you are tight."

A baker has invented a new kind of yeast. It makes bread so light that a pound of it weighs only four ounces.

The wheel of Fortune must have belonged originally to an omnibus; for it is continually "taking up" and "putting down" people.

A critic describes a lady vocalist's voice as being as clear as a bell, and says one can see through it. Does he mean that it is cracked?"

"You have to work for a living, I s'pose," said a white-gloved young man to an honest mechanic, "what is your trade?" "A rope maker, at your service," replied the worker.

In the war of the revolution John Bull wasted a great many balls which the Yankees were piling up. While doing so the British commander sent a message to them, "We want balls; will you sell them?" The answer was, "we want powder; send us powder and we'll return your balls."

A merchant examining a hog-head of hardware, on comparing it with the invoice, found it all right, except a hammer less than the invoice.

"Oh, don't be trouble!" said the porter, "Sare the boy took it out to open the hog-head with."

A young fop about starting down to New Orleans, proposed to purchase a life preserver. "Oh you'll not want it," suggested the clerk, "bags of wind won't sink."

"Mr. Smith, you said you officiated in a pulpit; do you mean by that that you preached?" "No I held the light for the man that did." "Ah! the court understood you differently. They supposed that the discourse came from you."

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