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—How many regular steady boarders in this house? asked a census taker of a servant girl. There's fifteen in all, sir; but not mor'n four of 'em is steady persons, sir.

—A party of young men were out serenading a few nights since. They sat on the pavement, which has been recently paved with a tar solution.—Next morning the rear of six pair of pants dotted the walk, and music is heard no more around that cottage.

—A fellow who hid under a sofa at an informal Boston missionary meeting says that the thirty five ladies spoke twice of the down trodden heathen and more than a hundred times of a new kind of hair dye.

—Lancaster, Pa., boastfully records the building of a large shoe factory within its limits, but its pride is abased by a Maryland critic who observes that of course there would be no market for small shoes there.

—A while ago, a farmer in Virginia lost his wife, and out of love for her he called his estate Glenmary. A neighbor having met the same affliction, and equally desirous of keeping before him the image of his dear departed, followed his example, and his farm is known by the name of Glenbetsey.

—A gentleman who was once on a journey became deeply engaged in thought, when a woman approached him and said: Sir, can I open that window? He slowly dragged out, I suppose you can if you bring your whole mind to it. She quickly retorted, None of your palaver, for I am darn sick to my stomach.

—Dear George, how sweet and wavy that wheat is! exclaimed a fair young lady, looking languidly from a car window. Yes love, how beautiful! say, dear George, more intent on insinuating his arm around a twenty four bone corset, how like a—a—how like a dream! How like oats! retorted a disgusted Granger; them's oats, young man!

—A writer in the St. Paul Press tells a story of Horace Greeley. Horace wrote a note to a brother editor in New York, whose writing was equally illegible with his own. The recipient of the note, not being able to read it, sent it back by the messenger to Mr. Greeley for elucidation. Supposing it to be the answer to his own note, Mr. Greeley looked over it, but likewise was unable to read it, and said to the boy: Go take it back. What does the fool mean? Yes, sir, said the boy, that is just what he says.

—They are polite to the Louisville girls in the next and rival town. A dialogue therein is thus recorded:—Young man *logotur*—There's an angel with wings my dear Alice. Pshaw! that's only a Louisville girl with her ears spread.

—Snooks' boy heard him say, the other day, that there was money in bees, and he proceeds to investigate the old man's poultry-yard. He had gone through a dozen fine specimens when the old man descended upon him, and the boy now wonders if there's a balm in Gilead.

—A Richmond man, who had been complained of for keeping a vicious dog, put the animal upon the stand as a witness. On being asked if he would bite any one, he uttered a peculiar noise, and shook his head. He was then asked if he would bite if his master set him on, and replied in the affirmative by nodding his head and barking. When asked if he would bite the court shook his head vigorously, and this secured for him an honorable acquittal.

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