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### Poetry.

#### Der Small Young Baby.

So help me gracious every day  
I laugh me wild to see der day  
My shma young baby dry to play—  
Dat ammy leale baby.

When I look on them leale toes,  
Und see der funny leale nose!  
Und see der funny leale nose!  
I smile like I was crazy.

Und then I heard der real nice say  
Der leale baby der real nice say  
"More like his father every day!"  
I was so proud like blazes.

Sometimes there comes a little shmall—  
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### Wit and Humor.

#### A mathematical paradox—One stew is two.

Don't get in debt to a shoemaker if you would call your sole your own.

For the head of a young lady you may become a tailor, if you suit her.

The man who booted that he was "above board" occupied lodgings immediately over a dining-room.

The injunction to give the devil his due is obeyed in printing offices Saturday nights.

Worth, the modiste, it is said, was once a printer. Some one says he still "makes up forms."

Ingersoll made \$30,000 out of "Hell."

One profane contributor says he will never in ke that much in it.

In the New York penitentiary there are 27 clergymen, 42 lawyers, 13 doctors and 3 printers. As usual, the printer is behind.

So many numbers about to be hanged "hope to meet all in heaven," that we have about concluded to start for the other place.

A London publisher spent \$12,500 in advertising a new magazine before the first number was printed, of which 100,000 copies were consequently sold.

A fellow says: Home with a scolding wife and an upset bed, is one and the same to him, as in either case he gets tongue more than he wants.

Scientific men say that a person is half an inch taller in the morning than in the evening. In spite of this we all know that men get fearfully high in the evening sometimes.

In a recent publication, a "funny fellow" writes some verses entitled, "Lines on a Pig." If he will read his next edition, "Lines on a Horse," it will be more appropriate.

There is something nice about the balance of trade. A worthy farmer who comes into every town loaded with new wheat, almost every day goes home loaded with old rye.

How mean the Buffalo Express is! The St. Louis lady says she has never seen Mr. Tilden. This accounts for the rumor that she is going to marry him. If she had seen him she wouldn't think of such a thing.

If we were Schurz we'd kill somebody. He never can have a gentlemanly controversy with anybody without nineties of the newspapers fall to shouting to him to kill his Schurz on.

Miss Jones, Texas, was a wife of this State since it's clock this morning. Homes for the homeless! Come to Texas by the St. K. and T. *Burlington Hawkeye.*

A man very much intoxicated was taken to the station house. "Why did you not bill him out?" inquired a bystander of a friend. "Bill him out?" exclaimed the other, "why, you could not pump him out."

What is more aggravating than, when starting out in a heavy rain storm, to attempt to button your overcoat up to the neck, and ascertain that the only button on the coat is located down at its equator.

In the State of Alabama the negroes chew the tassel of the fir tree instead of tobacco, and seem quite pleased with the substitute. Well, does not the old adage say, "Be fir-clevers and you will be happy?"

"The sun rises in the east," explained the teacher. "Yes, and there's suthin' rises in the west, too," chimed in one of the smaller boys. "Well, what is it?" asked the school-ma'am. "Injuns!" shouted the urchin.

Andrew Jackson Davis has just published a graphic work on "The Foundation of Hell," but we are pained to note that, in common with other guide-books of a similar nature, it is not accompanied with a map and diagrams.

No vulgar lady passenger on the train, after passing a topographical bridge,—"Thank goodness, we are now on terra firma." Factions gentlemen—"Yes ma'am. Less terror and more firm."

"An Irishman on being asked how he liked America, replied:—"By me soul, I see anything I ever saw for fraolam. And the beauty of it, do ye see, is that if ye don't like it ye can leave it."

"I hope there are no cannibals around here," said a stupid traveler to a United States frontier girl, as she was mixing a batch of bread. "There are plenty of 'em," returned she, pouring some corn-meal into the pan. "We always eat a little Indian with our bread."

A newly-wed couple from the country went to spy the Pittsburg—all places in the world—and, for the first time in their lives, saw and bought some peanuts. "There, Mandy!" exclaimed the bridegroom, after a few moments of vehement suction, "I've been suckin' that darned thing for five minutes, and there ain't a bit of juice in it! Come on, let's go."

The quickest method of developing human life is to plant a photographer's camera in front of a lonesome, deserted country hotel, and long before the artist can get a focus, the porch, balcony, doors, windows, side fences and dormer windows of that hostelry will be alive with smiling, unconscious humanity.

It took three men, two boys and a brindle dog an hour and a half to drive a sandy pig a distance of two blocks down to the ferry boat yesterday afternoon. When the warlike drive ended the dog was bit in three places, the boy had sprained his ankle, broken two windows by throwing stones at the pig, one of the men was tired to death and the other two were drunk, and the pig was two miles back from the river, going west.

One night last week, at a party in Toronto, a young man was fighting some of the young ladies by his daring exhibition

### Man's Better-Half.

A woman that successfully hides her age is educated beyond her years.

An old woman in North Carolina fainted a few days ago at her first sight of a railroad train.

He: "You know one loses a hair with each kiss." She: "Well, you wouldn't be long getting bald."

"I never knew a fashionable woman who didn't think more of a fool than of an upright, sensible man," says Talmage.

The folks of Athens, Georgia, have been selling kisses at a dime apiece, for the benefit of the yellow fever sufferers.

The girls like the new song, "Put your arm around me boys." It sounds so much like, "Put your arm around me boys."

"Let me kiss him for his mother," is the unspoken wish of many a fair girl, but how few boys ever want to kiss a girl for her father.

Some editor, whose name is prudentially withheld by his contemporaries remarks that "it takes more than a woman to displease a woman as it takes to please her."

It is an unfair interpretation of the libel text to say that man was the principal object of creation, and that woman was only a side issue.

"What constitutes the chief happiness of your life?" asked a serious Sunday School teacher. She blushed, and then replied: "It is that John has at last fixed the dog."

The strongest propensity in a woman's nature," says a reverend student of the sex, "is to want to know what is going on, and the next thing is to boss the job."

A timid Bostonian has married a young lady whose weight weighs closely upon 200 pounds. "My dear," says he to her, "shall I help you to lose the face?" "No," says she, "I will help the face."

There is no excuse now for not knowing how to bake and wash. The brands of baking powder number thirty-three, and Michigan alone manufactures 9,000 wash-bowls per day.

The editor of the *Hackensack* (N. J.) newspaper went to call on his girl, when he saw on the front steps a sign which said, "Beware of the paint." He went away sighing, "I never before knew that a girl painted."

A railroad brakeman in St. Louis dreamed he heard the long whistle, and nearly twice his wife's ear off. His wife said he might reverse her "switch," but she would not let him be taken for an engineer.

About this time of the year, when you see a woman carrying a bundle in her arms, it is carrying a bundle of some horse plant that she doesn't know the name of, which his wife is going to keep next month, for the pleasure of seeing it freeze about Christmas.

"Yes," said a young lady, who was possessed of a fine voice, "I am often asked to appear in public, but—'But what?' observed a friend. "Well, she replied, 'I should never be able to sustain my part. I am so easily decomposed.'"

A Newark paper is responsible for this: "Dearest," he murmured, ecstatically, as he folded her in his arm for the first time, "let me sample the nectar of your lips." "Take a whole schooner of it," she faintly whispered: "it's all on tap."

A young lady, being addressed by a gentleman much older than herself, observed that the only objection she had to a union with him was the probability of his dying before her and leaving her to the sorrows of widowhood. To which he made the complimentary reply: "Blessed is the man who hath a virtuous wife, for the number of his days shall be doubled."

Mr. Tilden, at a recent wedding party in New York, was introduced to Miss Haselton, of St. Louis. Samuel blushed, hesitated, and was finally quiet except with his reflections upon what a good job it was to meet the one to whom he was engaged. The plan had been whispered to catch him, and the company enjoyed the episode very much. P. S.—Miss Haselton was in delicately brocaded silk.

*Keokuk Condition:* "A man knows just as well how to describe a woman's costume as a woman does about the right place to sign her name to a deed. But a man wouldn't attempt to describe a woman's costume, while a woman—well, she would attempt anything if she had the least suspicion that she didn't know how to do it, and was convinced, within herself, that such was actually the case. Hence, expressing a wish that the chest may be made as thorough a seismograph as she was expecting to gain a livelihood by her needle."

The Grand Duchess of Baden, the only daughter of the Emperor of Germany, is a woman of admirable good sense. She has placed her young daughter in the excellent girls' school in the Schloss, at Karlsruhe, where she is proceeding step by step with her young companions, and teachers and playfellows have been alike careful not to distinguish her by any of the high and exceptional titles she may bear in after-life. She is to work and play, run and wrestle, give and take, on perfectly equal terms with all her companions, and to receive exactly the same punishment if she is remiss in study, sewing, knitting, or any other occupation of an ordinary school-girl. The Grand Duchess is credited with expressing a wish that the chest may be made as thorough a seismograph as she was expecting to gain a livelihood by her needle.

A beautiful young heiress in Moscow has married a beggarly eighty-six years old. It has a queer look at first, but nothing could be more natural. The young girl—she is only twenty-two—could not enter into the possession of her fortune until she was married, and the young man whom her guardians introduced to her were empty-headed or stupid, to whom she was unwilling to bind herself for life; so she resolved to marry an old beggar and get the money without sacrificing her independence. The old man was one of her pensioners, and readily consented to marry her and then keep out of the way, retiring on a comfortable allowance. All

the beggars in town feasted and made merry on the wedding night.

The newspapers are fond of telling stories about the cowardice which women are alleged to show in the presence of a mouse. A severe masculine censor once declared that the most grave and wise gathering of women, for the most important and serious purpose, could be interrupted by the least mouse in the room. That was man's theory. Here is a fact: "While a judge was holding court at Van Wert, Ohio, a few weeks ago, a mouse took advantage of his pre-occupation and climbed up inside his pantaloons. The attorneys and attendants became aware of the situation, when the judge suddenly gave a jump, clapped his hands to his legs, and stampered on the floor. The sheriff rushed to the rescue, and the spectators rose in their seats, not knowing what was about to happen. The judge whispered to the inquirer out in the general confusion that ensued, the mouse escaped." Funny the laws of derision that would have gone up from "the superior sex," if it had happened in a court presided over by a woman!

Many times the small cost will be returned to every person in the country, or village, or city, who supplies himself and family with the plain, practical, reliable, *patent* information given in this *American Agriculturist*. It was so named because started 37 years ago as a rural journal, but is now greatly enlarged in size and scope, and positively illustrated, so that it meets the wants of all classes—cultivators of the soil, planters, or fruit-growers, of land, horses, sheep, swine, mechanics, etc., etc. From 600 to 800,000 copies are printed every week, and it is sold at the eye and understanding, many useful labor-saving and life-saving contrivances, largely home-made, and for one dollar and ten cents, also, in the form of a complete construction of dwellings, plans, etc. These numerous engravings, maps, etc., are given to every subscriber, and are of great value to all who are engaged in any of the above pursuits. These numerous engravings, maps, etc., are given to every subscriber, and are of great value to all who are engaged in any of the above pursuits.

Remember a bout Churches.

That they never forget to take up a collection.

That short sermons are always the most effective.

That every one tries to be the last one out when service is over.

That no preacher ever neglected to tell the story of the prodigal son.

That the woman with a new bonnet and the young man with a high collar always occupy front seats.

That the "squire" with a pretty girl has to walk the whole length of an aisle before he can get a seat.

That the snail had his boy always get up in the face when his father or big sisters get up to tell their experience.

That some good deacons always get up just before the collection, and says so nothing about the "poor brethren."

That the man who sings the hymns on the old-fashioned plan thinks all the psalms should be sung to the same tune.

That the "ology of the world" who helps to sing the doxology imagines that he is taking an active interest in his soul's salvation.

That some people take more pride in saying they "have been to church in two years," than others do in declaring they "haven't missed a Sunday for seven years."

That the young man who hasn't had 3 cent in the past two years is going through every pocket while the contribution basket is going around, then asks the man in the next seat if he can change a V.—*Reynolds Herald.*

Female Free Masons—Only Ten Ever Initiated since the Death of Them Now Living.

From the *Charlotte* (N. C.) O. G. ever.

Recently the *Observer*, after referring to the fact that the Hon. Mrs. Mason was supposed to be the only female Free Mason in the world, divulged the fact that Mrs. B. B. Babington, who was at one time a resident of this State, was also a member of the ancient and honorable order. The *Observer's* article has brought the *Sherby Aeronaut* to the front, and in its issue of yesterday, the editor, Mr. J. B. Babington, writes as follows:

"Inasmuch as the lady referred to in the above article is our mother, we deem it our duty to republish it and make the necessary corrections. The story is correct with the exception of places and ages. The lady's father was a native of New York, and moved to Greenup county, Ky., where our mother was born and reared. The place where she was made a Mason was