

The Avant Courier.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1879.

Woman's "No."

The London Truth offered a prize for the best letter, the subject to be the refusal of an offer of marriage. The result was an inundation...

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My dear Edwin:

There is nothing in the world I value more than your friendship. You suggest to me the adoption of a course by which I should most certainly lose it.

Dear Sir:

You have been so good as to accept the proposal you have just made, for amiability of temper and chronic dyspepsia, as I know too well from my dear father's case, a unity incompatible one with the other.

Never betray a confidence.

Never leave home with unkind words. Never give promises that you do not fulfill. Never laugh at the misfortunes of others.

Never pick the teeth nor clean the nails in company.

Never fail to be punctual at the time appointed. Never make yourself the hero of your own story. Never make much of your own performances.

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Never fail to give a polite answer to a civil question. Never present a gift saying it is no use to yourself. Never call attention to the features or form of another.

Never read letters which you may find addressed to others.

Never question a servant or child about family matters. Never poll a gentleman, or being civil and polite to ladies. Never refer to a gift you have made or a favor you have rendered.

Never associate with bad company. Have good company or none.

Never, when traveling abroad, be ever boasting of your own country. Never look over the shoulder of another who is reading or writing. Never punish your child for a fault to which you are addicted yourself.

Never appear to notice a scar, deformity, or defect of any one present.

Never answer questions in general company, that have been put to others. Never arrest the attention of an acquaintance by a touch, speak to him. Wit and Humor.

Parts unknown—On a bald head.

A stick in time saves nine—boys out of ten. An over-shoe—Driving a hen over a fence. Could an Indian's war-whoop be called a song of praise.

The affection which would make a preacher dress and walk and talk and behave himself in general unlike other people is more apt to be his admission into their society, at least, in such a way as to make his presence and good ministry a powerful influence for good among them.

We all love a good man. But it takes more to prove to us that he is such than his assuming the attitude of overmuch righteousness. Whisky is now made from leather, and this may perhaps explain why so many persons who drink it are always strapping.

There is no good way to keep a lawyer from talking.

If he has no real case he will appear a case, and continue the argument. Ex-Gov. Miller, of Minnesota, delivered a lecture entitled: "All Men are Liars." His tickets read: "All Men are Liars—omit one."

Noah was the first witch on record.

He "pitched the ark" without and without. The game was finally called on account of the rain. Drinking men claim that they imbibe to satisfy an appetite. But we have noticed that the more they drink the more happy they get.

Man is a gregarious—woman is the line.

Man is a gregarious—woman is the line. The fault is her kiss, the bait Love is the hook. And marriage is the frying-pan—Pack. A man may give kerosene to the his girl to kindle a fire with, but if he gives her a curse, seen by his wife—look out for a conflagration.

A party of baptist clergymen were blaspheming of Martha's Vineyard the other day.

A question arose as to whether a certain sect was really a life in, and the payment of them will bankrupt the country. "We call 'em baptists," said a native fisherman. The baptist clergymen rather eagerly asked why. "As they say, 'spite so soon after they're out of the water.'"

"How do you tie a love knot?" asked Laura, toying with a bit of blue ribbon.

"Oh, any way," growled Tom, from behind his newspaper, "just so as it will come out easy." Mrs. Hayes—Conkover did you really think Mr. Conkover did these naughty things that the newspapers now accuse him of? Ruthy—Well, ha-d-d-y-e-e-c-r.—Elmira Gazette.

"Fact is," said Smith, "I intended to return your book a month ago; but Brown saw it on my table, and he begged so hard that I lent it to him."

"Just as soon as he returns it I'll bring it back," said Brown, "this is a case of booking by double lentry." The Louisville Courier-Journal prints a poem "To My Mule." The first two lines are: O mule, long-suffering, heavily-laden mule, the butt of all the world's broad ridicule. And the last: No now, my mule, your matia nibbins much. And I will trim your tail the white you lurch.

At the poem breaks off suddenly here, the inference is strong that the misapprehending and too confiding bard was watted up the golden stairway.

A clergyman who lives in a country town, and who intones very well, has recently been up to London, and was very much amused with "H. M. S. Pinafore." A Sunday or so back he electrified the congregation in the Communion Service, by ending up with "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house; thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife; no more do his sisters and his cousins, nor his aunts, his sisters and his cousins whom—" Here he stopped short, and finished hurriedly with, "nor anything that is his."

"How we have the great Egyptian wonder, captured in the wilds of South Africa, with a loss of five thousand men and an expenditure of forty millions of treasure!"

exclaimed the showman, shaking his whip in a threatening manner at a stuffed hide in a glass cage. "Don't go to close," said a mother to her son; "it might sidge you." "How was the man, for the safety of your offspring?" observed the showman, eloquently; "for does not the good book teach us that wonders will never cease? Pass rapidly on to the next cage and view the living skeleton, or the man who married his mother-in-law."—Gleanings of Europe.

President Tyler and the Schoolboys.

A correspondent of the Louisville Courier-Journal relates the following story: When John Tyler was President, the Whip party was displaced with him, and said many a man, for the safety of a short stay in a small country village. The school teacher of the district school invited his Excellency to witness the culture which she imparted to her pupils. She drew them up in line and propounded the following questions: "Who was the first President?" "George Washington!" the boys sang out in chorus. "Was he a good man?" "He was!" the boys emphatically replied.

"Who was the second President?"

"John Adams." "Was he a good man?" "He was." "So she kept on through the list until she got to Tyler. Then she asked: "Who is the present President?" "John Tyler." "Is he a good man?" "We are commanded by the Scriptures not to speak evil of our rulers," rolled out the little band of cubby politicians.

Good in Any Climate.

The following you may be able to solve. It will probably be greatly enjoyed by a certain class of our readers to whom it applies, and we hope they will act upon the suggestion: By a careful and continuous application for a time, this may be used, and we can but think that when the solution is reached, by a short time will elapse before the happy result thereof will be felt in a form that we can really appreciate. The conclusion, however, may be problematic, but we anxiously await its determination, trusting that it may be in our favor.—Exchange.

Clerical Tabs.

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A day or two ago, as the San Francisco steamer was moving away from her landing, a party of German, much excited, ran as rapidly as possible down the straggling, fearful that he would be left, his speed being augmented by the kindness of the idlers on the wharf, who encouraged him with such shouts as "Go it, fatty!" "Let out another link, old boy!" "Hurry up, you're late!" "Just see him fly!" etc.

The boat and crew made a jump and landed on board all right. Taking his handkerchief from his pocket, he mopped the perspiration from his face, drew a long breath, and then happening to glance back toward the landing, from which the steamer was then moving, he beheld a hundred yards distant, he ejaculated, in the tone of one who has escaped a deadly peril, "What a jump I did make!" An Englishman was riding on a Continental when, on a sudden halt and loud report informed the passengers that some accident had happened. Every one else rushed out, of course, to see what was the matter, but he sat tranquilly, as if not at all interested in anything beyond his own thoughts. Presently a person came up and informed him that the engine had burst its boiler. "Awe!" Then came another, saying that there were fifteen persons killed. The Englishman still sat unmoved and granted out another "awe!" But, finally, a third messenger came running up in great haste and said: "My dear sir, your vessel has been blown into ten pieces!" "Awe!" was the response. "Just bring me the piece that contains the key to my portmanteau!" The decision of the Pennsylvania legislature on the issue of the Pennsylvania State at Pittsburgh in July, 1877, and the lawyers are rushing in suits by the hundred, a legislative act having declared that the suits must be brought within two years from the time the losses were incurred. The claims will amount to nearly \$3,000,000, and the payment of them will bankrupt the country.

Odds and Ends.

Are book worms good for bait? There are over one hundred Chinaman in the City of Boston.

A brother of Mark Twain is mailing clerk in the Louisville post-office.

If the Lord had any regard for reporters he would manage to make things a trifle more lively just now. Over two hundred and eighty-five million tons of coal are annually produced in the world of which the United States digs less than one-fifth.

The deepest running stream that is known is that of the Niagara river, just under the suspension bridge, where it is 700 feet deep by actual measurement.

There are still over \$4,000,000 acres of unimproved lands in Illinois. The total number of acres under cultivation is 25,931,468, the average value of which is \$14.38 per acre.

The man who gets the maddest at a newspaper joke on himself, is the same party who goes around showing the paper to everybody he meets when the joke is on some other fellow.

A Negro at Dallas, Tex., believing that God demanded the sacrifice of his family, gave poison to his wife and three children; but an irreligious physician interfered and saved their lives. The town of Albert Lea, Minn., was named after Col. Albert Lea, the first white man who traversed that part of the State at the age of 80 years.

A Florida man, who owns 150,000 cattle and is richer than anybody else in the State, is a recluse, living in a shanty which he sells his surplus cattle in Cuba; he seldom sees men, and he hides his money in cans on his land.

How swiftly the moments are passing in which we may give the sweetest joy or keenest sorrow to those we love as we do our lives. Husband, wife, father, mother, and children, then curb that bustling temper, hold back the impatient word, and remember. Joaquin Miller says: "If you were to take a newspaper in your hand and crumple it up, and then spread it out again, the creases in it might fairly represent the streets and lanes and alleys of London, so angular, so awkward and irregular in this, the greatest of all cities of the earth."

A New Haven firm recently shipped an elegant coupe to San Francisco, inclosed in a canvas covering, and some impatient chap made it turnish him a free ride to the Pacific by getting into it for New Haven and taking along a good supply for his ten day's journey. But the carriage was not in the best condition possible when uncovered.

The "God in the Constitution" party held a convention recently in this city. They received last year \$1,829 and expended \$2,157 in the work of agitation for the great reform, which was rough on the treasurer. In view of recent disclosures, it seems more to the point to get common honesty in the hearts of legislators than the world God in the written constitution.—Pittsburgh Post.

A clock made entirely of bread has lately been constructed in Milan, from Peru. It was invented by an Indian, who, having no means of purchasing material, saved a portion of the soft part of his daily bread for the purpose. He solidified it with a certain salt which rendered it very hard and insoluble in water. The clock keeps good time, and the case, also of hardened bread, displays artistic talent.

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