Cannot Retaliate.

"I wish I was an editor," exclaimed a poor devil of a doctor (albeit a very good doctor).

"Want a chance to work nights, I suppose," said a reporter, who was laboring to se mold a doubtful fact as to make it at once readable and probable.

"Yes, or day times; it wouldn't matter much, provided it was some time. But that's not my reason for wishing I was an editor!"

"What particular grievance have you got? Perhaps I can swing your shillalah for you and close your aching void, both at the same time. Loose the animile!"

"Don't you think it's about time for railroad companies to relieve their patrons of the importunities of news agents?"

"No, sir, I do not! The time is long past when the patrons of railroads should have taken a Judge Lynch with them, and a competent and strictly business jury and every telegraph pole should have been made interesting to tourists and coroners. 'Butcher the butchers!' should have been the motto of passengers long ago."

"Mind! I don't object to the newsboy who passes through the cars with the daily papers, but I do to the impertinent and importunate fiend who seems to be an escaped graduate of Chatham street; the pest who, from morning until night, makes tired passengers wish either that they were at their journey's end, or that they could have the satisfaction of hearing the wheels grinding over him and his obtrusive wares. Up engine-ward he seems to have a grocery, a book and periodical store, a cigar and tobacco stand, a toy store, a news stand, a fruit store, and a curiosity shop, and during the day you are importuned to buy each and every article in each and every establishment.

"I, for one, don't believe that when I buy a ticket and go aboard a train, the company has any right to send aboard a fiend to torment me; that when my wife and I take possession of a seat, a train 'butcher' has a right to any portion of it for storage purposes, or that I am compelled to act as a shelf for its wares, and I to-day acted upon that belief. Soon after we started this morning I purchased a newspaper for myself and a magazine for my wife, though, goodness knows, she didn't get a chance to read a word of it! As I paid the youth for them, I said: 'Now, young man, this is all the literature we shall want to-day. We shall want no political taffy in pamphlet form, extolling the virtues of candidates; we take no active interest in the James gang, the Younger brothers, the Benders, Guiteau, or any other of your corps of assassins; we desire no illustrated weeklies showing the last days of the murderers, or the last legs of the ladies of the ballet; our necessities do not include wormy figs, cholera-morbus apples, peppermint prize packages, vegetable-ivory trinkets, 1879 confectionery, or any other part of your carefully selected rubbish. Moreover, we have use for this seat—the whole of it, and shall most strenuously object to holding any of your stock in trade, the more especially as our sick baby is competent to tire out all the lap-room we have. Therefore, my boy, in your commercial wanderings through this car, just skip us!'

"About three minutes later, just as I had got fairly ensconced behind my paper, my wife exclaimed: 'For goodness' sake, take them away!' I dropped my paper, only to find that butcher holding in front of her a basket of green, wormy, and withered apples, while the puling, fretful child was in the very nice act of biting one of them. I knocked it out of her hand and informed that boy if he brought any more of his stuff near me I'd break every bone in his body, to which he replied: 'Guess not! I pays for selling on this 'ere train, and if you break any bones you'll pay for 'em, and don't you forget it!'

"It took my wife and me a long time to pacify Dollie for the loss of her apple, but we succeeded at last, and got her to sleep lying across our knees. My wife laid her tired and aching head back against the window shade and closed her eyes, while I once more commenced reading the paper. And what do you think the authorized train butcher did?"

"Something pleasant, no doubt."

"Came along and chucked a two-pound railway guide down upon her stomach, and nearly drove the wind out of her body. Ye gods! how I would like a job doctoring that boy and the Superintendent of the railroad!"—*Detroit Free Press.*

An Astonishing Story.

A dog belonging to the B—s, which was a great favorite of theirs, and regarded as of thoroughly irreproachable training, was charged by some of their neighbors with worrying sheep at night. The family rebutted this charge, on the ground that the dog was fastened up in their kitchen at night, and was never let out until the servants came down in the morning.

The farmers, however, persisted that they knew the dog well, and had seen him going from the sheepfold, though he had managed to escape them. When this was urged so strongly as to make it imperative on the B—s to take some further steps, one of the daughters volunteered to sleep in the kitchen and watch the dog's behavior.

When they made up the young lady's bed the dog seemed very restless and strange, but by and by he settled down and all was silent.

A little after midnight he got up, came to the bed, and sniffed about until he was satisfied himself the lady was not awake. Then he leaped into the window seat, lifted the catch of the shutters, and opened them. Then he undid the latch of the window, which he opened, and disappeared.

After a long interval he came back, closed and fastened the window and shutters, and finished by licking his own feet and the marks which he had left by springing on the floor. To the terror of the seeming sleeper, he now came and closely scrutinized her; but she kept still, and he at last crept off to his own bed.

As soon as she heard the servants stirring the lady rose softly and slipped through the door. But the guilty dog had marked her. He sprang up and made a dash at her with most undisguised fury, for he saw that his secret was discovered and his character blasted by one whom he now regarded as a hateful spy.

Fortunately, she got the door fast just in time, and at once alarmed the house. But the dog was now so furious that no one dared go into the kitchen, and at last a gun was brought, pointed through an aperture, and he was shot dead.—*Petland Revisited.*

Aggressive Poultry.

Sister Grimes, after hearing the announcement from the pulpit of the annual camp-meeting, at once determined to go.

"Ef the weather parmits," she said to her friend, Miss Simpkins, "and Providence is willin', I shall go an' stay through the meetin'."

Accordingly the ancient hair trunk was packed and Sister Grimes set out. The first few miles were uneventful and were passed in counting the telegraph poles and musing upon the infinite. Suddenly a change came over the spirit of her dreams. She sat upright, with a startled expression, which soon changed to one of indignation. Suddenly she faced about, and addressing a mild-looking man with a white neck-cloth who sat behind her, inquired in a voice of terror:

"What do you mean by insulting me in this manner?"

"Indeed, madam——"

"You needn't indeed, madam, me. You know you did it, and you needn't deny it, you sanctimonious old hypocrite."

"Pray excuse me, madam, but——"

"I won't excuse you, you reprobate."

"What is the matter, madam?" inquired the conductor, who was attracted by Miss Grimes' indignant tones.

"Why, this old sinner has been insulting me."

"What has he done, madam?"

"He has—well, he has been pinching my ank—that is, my feet."

"Madam," said the solemn-looking man, "what a monstrous fabrication."

"Suppose you arise for a moment," suggested the conductor.

"There, he's just done it again!" screamed Sister Grimes.

"Bless my soul!" ejaculated the accused.

Sister Grimes leaped from her seat to the aisle, with fire in her eye, and the conductor pulled from beneath the seat a large bag, from a hole in which protruded the head of a large gamecock, glaring fiercely about and lunging with his powerful beak at whatever lay near.

"Madam," said the solemn-looking man, "you see it was your own wretched bird that has done the mischief. You have accused an innocent man of a heinous offense, while you, yourself, are on your way to attend a cock-fight. Thus it is that Satan betrays his followers."—*Boston Globe.*

Rhyming Table of Presidents.

I noticed, a week or two ago, an inquiry concerning a rhyming list of the Presidents of the United States. I had a recollection of having clipped several such lists from papers, and looked them up. The tersest, and therefore the easiest and most useful, for memorizing is the inclosed:

The American Presidential line
Began in seventeen eighty-nine.
By Washington was the list begun,
Who ruled two terms, then Adams one;
Jefferson, Madison, Monroe,
Sat for two terms each; and so
John Quincy Adams came for one,
While Jackson through two terms did run;
Harrison died and left four years
For Tyler; one term Polk appears;
When Taylor died and left three years
For Fillmore; one term next for Pierce
And for Buchanan; Lincoln then
Was shot as his second term began,
And Johnson sat until came Grant
For two terms; Hayes for one; and scant
Four months for Garfield, who was killed,
And Arthur the vacant office filled.

—*New York Mail.*

A Boy Who Never Sweats.

There is a boy in Putnam County, Tennessee, a son of Jefferson Lee, 10 years of age, who, owing to the peculiar nature of his skin, has never been known to sweat a drop of perspiration in his life. Another phenomenal feature connected with the boy is that he has only four teeth, and he had those when born, having never cut nor shed any since his birth. He is very much affected by the seasons. In the summer he gets exceedingly warm and is compelled, in order to live at all, to keep his head and body wet with cold water, and falls off to almost a skeleton, but when winter comes and cold weather sets in he is enabled to dispense with his bath and grows fat. He is said to be a sprightly boy, with plenty of sense.

In Poland the stones of engagement rings are chosen according to the month in which the engagement was made—the ruby for July, the pearl for May, the sapphire for January, for March the turquoise, which, it is believed, will turn green upon the inconstancy of the giver. The emerald, given in June, is for fidelity, and the Russians expect to have one emerald among the wedding gifts from the husband; it is the omen of certain happiness.

The Wises of Virginia have been noted for generations as a dueling family, but they have not always accepted the challenges sent to them. It is related of Henry A. Wise that a minor politician named Finney challenged him, the message reaching him while he was playing cards. He looked up from his hand, took the challenge, and, after glancing over it, said, contemptuously: "No, tell Mr. Finney I will not fight him. I would as soon shoot at a poor blind girl."

A deaf family in New Hampshire has been traced back to the fourteenth century in England, and in all that time has regularly shown a succession of deaf mutes. In Maine there is a family in which there are ninety-five deaf mutes, all of them connected by blood or marriage.

"Next to everlasting life," says an atheist, "what is better than eternal sleep?" Nothing for you. A man who cannot enjoy this world can hardly be expected to enjoy the next.

News of the Victories

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A Blunt Partisan.

The patriots of New England who labored to secure self-government for the colonies had to encounter their neighbors who were devoted to the King and Parliament.

Among these loyalists were found, here and there, a clergyman who thought it his duty to preach the submission of subjects and the rights of rulers.

One of these clergymen was the Rev. Mr. Chase, of Portsmouth, N. H., who numbered among his congregation Capt. John Blunt, shipmaster and farmer. On the birth of the Captain's sixth boy, it was determined after a family consultation, to name him William, and he was carried to the church to be christened.

It happened on that Sunday morning that the Rev. Mr. Chase, bent on eradicating the growing disloyalty of his people, preached a sermon in denunciation of Oliver Cromwell, a blasphemous revolutionist.

Capt. Blunt, being an outspoken patriot, determined to resent the minister's attack on the Puritan hero.

"What is his name?" asked his clergyman, as the child was placed in his arms.

"Oliver Cromwell," replied the Captain in a distinct voice.

"What—what did you say, sir?" asked the amazed minister, gasping as if he had been struck.

"Oliver Cromwell, sir," said the Captain, in a voice as stentorian as if shouted to his men in a gale. And the boy was christened Oliver Cromwell Blunt.—*Youth's Companion.*

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Rainbow Rocks of the Yellowstone.

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