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VARIETIES.

"Jons, did Mrs. Green get the medicine I ordered?"

"I guess so," replied John, "I saw crape on the door the next morning!"

A HINT.—If your sister, while tenderly engaged in a tender conversation with her tender sweetheart, asks you to bring a glass of water from an adjoining room, you can start on the errand, but you need not return. You will not be missed, that's certain—we've seen it tried. Don't forget this little boys.

The following sermon, on, though brief, contains a great deal of truth: "Our ingress in life is naked and bare; our progress in life is trouble and care; our egress out of it we know not where; but doing well here we shall do well there; I could not tell more by preaching a year."

"Well," said the old Judge to a negro who had been hauled up for stealing a pullet, "What have you got to say for yourself?" "Nuffin but dis; I was as crazy as a bed-bug when I stole dat ar pullet, 'cos I might had stolen a big hen, and nebber done it. Dat shows 'clusively dat I was laborin' under de delirium tremendous."

A LOVING HUG.—A newly married couple from down east were taking their nocturnal repose, and talking over matters and things, when a thunder-clap and vivid flashes of lightning filled them with fearful apprehensions. Suddenly a tremendous crash caused the loving couple to start as though they had received an electric shock. Jonathan, throwing his arm around his dear, exclaimed: "Hug up to me Liz; let's die like men."

An orator, in appealing to the "hone and sinew," said: "My friends, I am proud to see around me to-night the hardy yeomanry of the land, for I love the agricultural interests of the country, and well may I love them, fellow-citizens, for I was born a farmer—the happiest days of my youth were spent in the peaceful avocations of a son of the soil. If I may be allowed to use a figurative expression, my friends, I may say I was raised between two rows of corn." "A pumpkin, by thunder!" exclaimed an inebriated chap just in front of the stage. Speaker suddenly disappeared.

Rather Enthusiastic. The following story is acknowledged to be a "good 'un," but we believe it has not found its way into the papers to any great extent: A few years since, some roguish boys in a town not a thousand miles from the capital of New Hampshire, persuaded Joseph N—, or as he was generally called, "Joe," to attend Sunday school. Joe was an overgrown, half-witted profane lad, and the boys anticipated considerable fun; but the various questions propounded to him were so readily and correctly answered, that no one could for a moment suppose that he was not versed in theological lore.

Joe was duly ushered in and placed on a seat in front of the one on which his friends were seated, and recitation commenced. The teacher first questioned the class on their regular lessons, and then turned to Joe.

"My friend, who made the world we inhabit?" "Eh," said Joe, turning up his eyes with the look of an expiring calf. "Who made the world we inhabit?" "Just as he was probably about to give the correct answer, one of the boys seated behind him, inserted a pin into his (Joe's) pants about nine inches below the ornamental buttons on his coat.

"God Almighty!" answered Joe, in an elevated tone, at the same time rising to his feet. "This is correct," replied the teacher, "but it is not necessary that you should rise in answering; a sitting posture is just as well."

Joe was seated, and the catechism proceeded. "Who died to save the world?" The pin was again inserted, and Joe replied in a louder tone than before, "JESUS CHRIST," again rising from his seat.

"That is also correct; but do not manifest so much feeling; do be a little more reserved in your manner," said the teacher in an expostulating tone. After Joe had calmed down, the examination went on.

"What will be the doom of all wicked men?" was the subject now up for consideration; and as the pin was again "stuck in," Joe thundered out, with a still higher elevation of his body, "HELL AND DAMNATION!"

"My young friend," said the instructor, "you give the true answers to all the questions; but while you are here we wish you to be more mild in your words. Do, if you can, restrain your enthusiasm, and give a less extended scope to your feelings."

Joe "graduated" that day. He was never seen in Sunday school afterwards.

FARM AND HOUSE.

A Libel on the Tomato.

The following precious nonsense is going the rounds of the agricultural and other papers: "A good medical authority ascribes to the tomato the following very important medical qualifications; 1st that the tomato is one of the most powerful aperients of the liver and other organs; where the calomel is indicated, it is one of the most effective and the least harmful medical agents known to the profession. 2d. That a chemical extract will be obtained from it that will supersede the use of calomel in the cure of disease. 3d. That he has successfully treated diarrhoea with this article alone. 4th. That when used as an article of diet, it is almost sovereign for dyspepsia and indigestion," etc.

This we regard as a sort of double header, being a wrong to the medical profession, and a libel upon our most excellent friend the tomato. No "good medical authority" ever wrote himself down so stupid as to accuse a tomato vine of being an apothecary's shop, or a pair of Doctor's saddle-bags. Just think what a condition our lives must be in at the close of the tomato season, after being so powerfully "aperiented," to say nothing of the "other organs." The whole thing savors of the most ardent quackery. The tomato extract dodge was tried years ago, and we had "Tomato pills, will cure all ills," as the quack epidemic for its day. Let no lover of the delicious tomato be deterred from enjoying it for fear of taking anything bearing the slightest resemblance to calomel or any other medicine, but eat as many as he likes without thinking of his liver or the doctor.—[American Agriculturist.

FRENCH PICKLE.—A lady of unquestioned skill sends us the following recipe:—Take 1 peck of green tomatoes and cut in thin slices—take a layer of tomatoes and sprinkle salt upon it, and so alternately until the whole peck is disposed of—let them remain in this condition over night—in the morning squeeze them out dry. Then take two heads cabbage, cut up fine; 1 dozen large green peppers, cut up fine; one-half peck onions, cut up; then add one-half pound mustard, one-half pound white mustard seed, 1 pound sugar, 2 ounces allspice and cloves whole, and 2 ounces celery seed—mix all together and cover with vinegar and boil two hours.—[Ex.

A YANKEE TRICK.—A cute Yankee gentleman suggested to "local" a plan by which fowls can be effectually cured of scratching gardens. Chickens are always a pest where vegetables or flower gardens exist. The Yankee concern is simply a stick about two inches in length, so secured at the heel of the fowl that as the foot is raised the stick falls and strikes the ground, throwing the fowl forward. As the gentleman observes, "If a chicken with this thing on, persists in scratching, its repeated efforts will walk it clean out of the ranch."—[Nevada Transcript.

UNDIGESTED FOOD.—There is the difference between the healthy and the debilitated stomach, that the strong can admit more food than can be digested, and thus pass off, while the weak or dyspeptic can not bear the strain, or the amount of irritation which the excess causes, acting as it does, as a foreign matter. Hence some men gorge themselves, and yet go their way almost as usual, feeling perhaps "dumppish" somewhat. It is however a hurt to the stomach, and in time will be felt.

RECIPE FOR ROSKS.—The night before you wish to bake, take one pint of milk, 2 teacups of good yeast, 4 eggs, and stir in flour to make a thick batter. Let it rise till morning, then add three cups of butter, 1 cup of sugar, 2 teacups of soda, 2 teacups of nutmeg. Mix the white of 1 egg with molasses, and rub over the top before putting them in the oven, and also after they are baked. This will make 3 large tins. The above recipe is definite enough to suit your correspondent, and can't be beat.—Lydia J. Anderson, Almond N. Y. 1865.

APPLE JELLY.—Take apples of good quality and flavor, cut them in slices or quarter and stew till soft, then strain out the juice, boil to the consistency of molasses; add a pound of crushed sugar to every pint, stir constantly till the sugar is dissolved, add essence of lemon. The pulp that is left may be rubbed through a sieve; add half its weight in sugar, boil together a few moments, stirring constantly. This is a good marmalade.—[Maryland Farmer.

CREAM PIE.—One quart of thick sweet cream, the yolk of one egg. Two-thirds of a cup of sugar. Bake between two crusts. If the cream be thin, thicken a little with flour.

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