Holt County Sentinel.

FRIDAY, ...MARCH 12, 1869.

THE GLORIOUS WEST.

The following amusing burlesques of the style of journalism prevalent in the far West were copied recently into an English paper with severe comments upon the shocking condition of the American barbarians of the Plains:

"A little bit of romance has just transpired to relieve the monotony of our metropolitan life. Old Sam Choggings, whom the editor of this paper has so often publicly thrashed, has returned from Mud Spring with a young wife. He is said to be very fond of her, and the way he came to get her was this: Some time ago we courted her, but, finding she was on the make, threw her off, after shooting her brother and two cousins. She vowed revenge, and promised to marry any man who would horse-whip us. This Sam agreed to undertake, and she married him on that promise. We shall call on Sam to-morrow with our new shot gun, and present our congratulations in our usual form."—*Hangtown Gibbet.*

"A stranger, wearing a stovepipe hat, arrived in town yesterday, and put up at the Nugget House. The boys are having a good time with that hat this morning. The funeral will take place at 2 o'clock. Dog Ranche is unhealthy for swells."—*Dog Ranch Weekly Howl.*

"A painful accident occurred in Frog Gulch yesterday, which has cast a wet blanket of gloom over a hitherto joyous and whisky-loving community. Dave Spigger—or, as he was familiarly called, Murderer Dave—got drunk at his usual hour yesterday, and, as is his custom, took down his gun and started for the fellow who went home with his girl the night before. He found him at breakfast with his wife and thirteen children.

"After killing them, he started out to run, but being weary, stumbled and broke his leg. Dr. Bill found him in that condition, and, having no wagon at hand to convey him to town, shot him to put him out of his misery. Dave was dearly loved by all who knew him, and his loss is a Democratic gain. He never disagreed with any but Democrats, and would have materially reduced the vote of that party had he not been so untimely cut off."—*Siskiyou Knockdown.*

"The scoundrel who tipped over our office last month will be hung to-morrow, and no paper will be issued next day."—*Calaveras Shrieker.*

"Four babies who had been put into the cage at Hell shaft yesterday, while their mothers played a game of draw, climed over the side. We did not learn who won the last draw."—*Nigger Hill Patriot.*

"There is a man in town that claims to be the man that murdered Sheriff White some months ago. We consider him an imposter, seeking admission into society above his level, and hope people will stop inviting him to their houses."—*Frog Spring Herald.*

A Beautiful Incident.

A naval officer being at sea in a dreadful storm, his wife, who was sitting in the cabin near him, and filled with alarm for the safety of the vessel, was so surprised at his composure and serenity that she cried out——

"My dear, are you not afraid? How is it possible you can be calm in such a dreadful storm?"

He rose from his chair, lashed to the deck, supporting himself by a pillar of the bed place, drew his sword, and pointed to the breast of his wife, exclaimed, "Are you not afraid of that sword?"

She instantly answered, "No."

"Why?" said the officer.

"Because," rejoined the lady, "I know that it is in the hands of my husband, and he loves me too well to hurt me."

"Then," said he, "remember, I know whom I believe, and that he holds the winds in his fists and the water in the hollow of his hand."

THE DIFFERENCE.—A young lady rises early, rolls up her sleeves, and walks into the kitchen to get her breakfast, or insists upon doing so, and afterwards, with cheerful and sunny smiles, puts the house in order without the assistance of "mother." She will make a good wife, and render home a paradise. Young man, "get her!"

Another young lady is a parlor beauty, pallid from company, dissipation and want of exercise; reads novels and almost dies of laziness, while her poor old mother does her washing. She is a useless piece of furniture, an annoyance to her own household, and a curse to the husband she may chance to "rope in," and will go whining to her grave. Young man, "let her alone!"

SNEEZING OMENS.—The *Home Magazine* gives the following hints for the superstitious, but we are afraid they are hardly adapted to this locality, yet reproduce them as a literary curiosity:

Sneeze on Monday you sneeze for danger;
Sneeze on Tuesday you kiss a stranger;
Sneeze on Wednesday you sneeze for a letter;
Sneeze on Thursday for something better;
Sneeze on Friday you sneeze for sorrow;
Sneeze on Saturday you see your sweet-heart to-morrow;
Sneeze on Sunday your safety seek—
the devil will have you the whole of the week.

The Seneca paper tells the following: The pastor of a certain church not a thousand miles from this place, a few Sabbaths ago, when about to baptize a child, reproved the flock in the following fashion: "My dear people, I feel that you are neglecting parental duties, as this is only the second child presented for baptism during my pastoral connection with the church." (Sensation among the crinoline.)

"My dear," said a husband to his wife, "are you comfortable in the corner there?"

"Oh, very snug."

"Don't you feel cold?"

"Not in the least."

"Does your window shut tight?"

"Yes, very, thank you!"

"Well, come, let us swap seats!"

Courtship is bliss, but matrimony is blister.

At a debating society in the country, the subject was: "Which is the sweetest production, girls or strawberries?" After continuing the argument for two nights the meeting finally adjourned without a conclusion—the old ones going for the strawberries, and the young ones for the girls.

"I say, boy, is there anything to shoot about here?" inquired a sportsman of a boy he met.

"Well," was the reply, "nothin just about here; but the schoolmaster is down the hill yonder—you can pop him over."

A chap from the country stopping at one of the hotels, sat down to dinner. Upon the bill of fare being handed to him by the waiter, he remarked, that he didn't care 'bout readin' now—he'd wait till after dinner."

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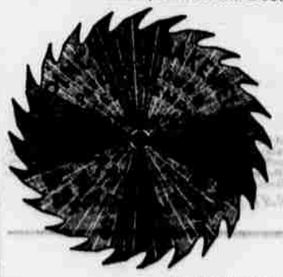

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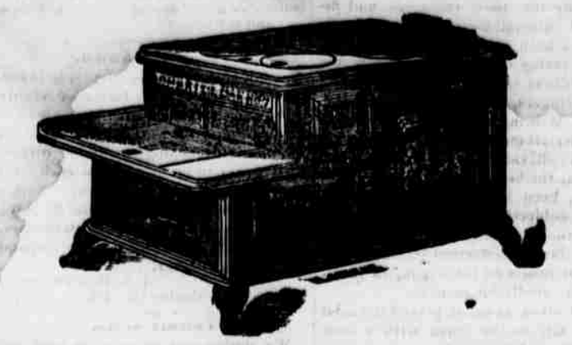

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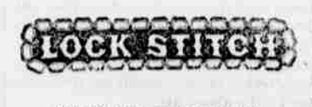

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