

PITH AND POINT.

You can tell dog-wood by its bark.
Possesses great healing power—the cobbler.

THE latest definition: A naturalist—one who catches gnats.

THE mean temperature is what disgusts a man with every climate.

SHIP Captains ought to be good dancers, because they are good skippers.

WHEN a tenant wishes to hold his dwelling for another year he re-leases it.

THE phrenologist is a man who cannot do his work well unless he feels right.

MURDER on the high C is a common occurrence among a certain class of soprano singers.

THE Empress of Austria wears a train thirty feet long. There are probably no train-robbers in Austria.

A FASHIONABLE young lady, like an inexperienced printer, makes a great bustle in correcting her form.

WEBSTER was an esthetic, because he enthusiastically says in his dictionary that the verb "speak" is too utter.

A MAN can get into good society in Leadville if he hasn't had the jim-jams, but he'll have to stand being regarded as rather fresh.

CASSAGNAC, the French editor, has fought 110 duels. He has therefore run as much risk as a man who has played three games of base-ball.

"Do not marry a widower," said the old lady. "A ready-made family is like a plate of cold potatoes." "Oh, I'll soon warm them over," replied the damsel; and she did.

MISS SWISSHELM says: "If men wore boots at all the boots should reach to the waist and be fastened to a belt."

"Think of a man with such boots having the jim-jams. Great snakes!

"No," SAID Mrs. Goodington, casting her eyes over specs to the silhouette of her lamented Daniel. "I can't say as I like to see a man too stout, but just a little inclined to petulance, you know."

In a garb that was guiltless of colors
She stood, with a dull, listless air—
A creature of dumps and of dolours,
But most undeniably fair;
The folds of her garments fell round her,
Revealing the curve of each limb;
Well-proportioned and graceful I found her,
Although quite alarmingly thin.

—Ella Wheeler.

"Mrs. JONES has sent to borrow my bonnet, and I don't want to loan it to her. What message shall I return?" said a lady to her husband. The reply was clear and prompt: "Tell her she has your good will, but cannot have your fixtures."

"I'm not very proud of your progress in school," remarked a New Haven mother to her son, who was struggling along in grade five. "There's Charley Smart is way ahead of you, and he isn't as old." "I know it. Teacher said he'd learned all there was to learn in my room, and that left me without anything to learn."

In a primary school, not very long ago, the teacher undertook to convey to her pupils an idea of the use of the hyphen. She wrote on the blackboard "Bird's-nest," and, pointing to the hyphen, asked the school: "What is that for?" After a short pause, a young son of the Emerald Isle piped out: "Plaze, ma'am, for the bird to roost on."

A GENTLEMAN called to consult a physician with regard to a rheumatism which caused him much pain. The doctor immediately sat down and wrote him a prescription. As the patient was going away the doctor called him back. "By the way, sir, should my prescription happen to afford you any relief, please let me know, as I am myself suffering from a similar affection."

THE humorist of the Hawk-Eye, Bob Burdette, feeling in a penitential mood, stands up in meeting and accuses himself as follows:

I accuse myself of various and numerous faults.

I accuse myself of a love of ease.

I accuse myself of a hatred for work.

I confess that I have a good voice for sleep.

I accuse myself of throwing a quart of ink and a box of pens into the Susquehanna river.

I accuse myself of wishing those were all the pens and that was all the ink in the world.

I accuse myself of spending all my postage stamps for cigars.

I accuse myself of wanting to be cashier of a Newark national bank for about fifteen minutes.

That is the kind of a duck I am, ghostly Hawk-Eye, but I promise to do better.

I promise myself that every day.

I make more promises in half an hour than I can keep in ten years.

I can't imagine where all my promises go. I can't keep them, but I am positive nobody else takes them.

A stranger may sometimes, but he never does it again.

So no more at present.

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