

A little nonsense now and then, is relished by the wisest men.

Why had a man better lose his arm than a leg? Because in losing his leg, he loses something "to boot."

Somebody says a wife should be like a roasted lamb—tender, and nicely dressed. A scamp adds: "And without any sauce."

A Yankee asked a young negro what he had such a short nose for. "I speels so it won't poke itself into other people's business."

What is the difference between a soldier and a fashionable young lady?—One faces the powder, and the other powders the face.

An editor says:—"For the sad results of intemperance, see our inside." We suppose the linings of his stomach were in a wretched state.

Oh! Aunt Prim, Grandma says little girls—ain't got any legs, only boys have legs—'if mine ain't legs, what are they? Aunt, (modestly) Perambulators my dear.

"Come, don't be timid," said a couple of snobs to two mechanics; "sit down and make yourselves comfortable." "I do that, we should have to blow our brains out," replied one of the mechanics.

An excellent old deacon, who, having won a fine turkey at a charity raffle, not liking to tell his orthodox wife how he came by it, quietly remarked, as he handed her the turkey, that the "Shakers gave it to him."

What's to become of me, if you die? asked an affectionate wife of her reading husband. "I don't know," he snapped off, sternly. "It would look better in you, to be thinking about what's to become of me!"

A California man tied one end of a lariar around his waist and lassoed a cow with the other. He thought he had the cow, but at the end of the first half mile he began to suspect that the cow had him.

What agonies must that poet have endured, who, writing of his love, asserted that he found it under the doorknob and under the silent stars, and found the compositor had made him declare that he "kicked her under the cellar stairs."

That was a very tender-hearted man near Pittsburg who, on being told that his wife, who had left the house only an hour before, and that her body was found a mile or so below, said: "Oh, she must have floated down quite lively!"

A printer, having been "flung" by his sweetheart, tried to commit suicide. The "devil" found out and took him to the sanatorium where the editor was writing dms to delinquent subscribers. The picture of despair presented by the editor recalled the printer to his fate. He begged to consider himself comparatively lucky.

A young lady at an evening party some time ago, found it appropos to use the expressive term "dressing" in conversation; but thinking it too vulgar, substituted the following: "Perambulating progression in pedestrian excursions along the far-famed thoroughfare of the sparkling river of Palestine, adorned with a heterogeneous conglomeration of unforseen difficulties."

Squire—"Hobson, they tell me you've taken your boy away from the National School; what's that for?" Villager—"Cause the master ain't fit to teach um."

Squire—"Oh, I've heard he's a very good master." Villager—"Well, all I know is, he wanted to teach my boy to spell 'taters' with a 'p'."

A sarcastic Ohio editor notices that "last evening the beautiful daughter of Mr. Lovepuff, the accomplished and gentlemanly wagon-maker of this vicinity, was united in wedlock to George Beerst, the talented artist, whose charming landscapes are upon the shelves of every buggy ever turned out of his father-in-law's shop, and who, at stripping carriage wheels, has no peer since Rubens died."

We met an old darkey trudging along with a heavy sled of bacon, which he had been trucking over the mountains. He observed that he was miserably cold, and we felt sorry for him, for a bitter cold wind was blowing. We remonstrated with him: "Why do you spend your money in buying a heavy sled, when a good master?" Villager—"Well, all I know is, he wanted to teach my boy to spell 'taters' with a 'p'."

How to FEED A GUNTER.—The head waiter in one of our hotels was a few days ago the recipient of a young pig. Never having had such a "party" to take care of before, he was at a loss to know how to feed it, but finally concluded that the leanings of the table would fill the quarters. These he supplied in liberal quantities, and as a consequence piggy soon got very sick. One day, after having given to it the usual collation, the colored gemman was observed feeding a large can with ice cream, and thinking that the animal was about to die, he called for a doctor. "Golly! he's jes got to learn to eat dessert, or die!"

DIDN'T LIKE MUTTON.—A good story is told of the recent excellent performance of Hansel and Gretel at a Baptist Church. A farmer took with him a grand music so splendidly rendered on that occasion, and after listening with apparent enjoyment, the pair became suddenly interested in one of the grand choruses. "We'll sing 'em," said the "astray." First a sharp soprano voice exclaimed: "We all, like sheep." Next a deep bass voice uttered, in the most earnest tone: "We all, like sheep." "Darn'd if I do!" exclaimed old Rusticus to his partner. "I like beef and bacon, but I can't bear sheep meat!" There was a general chorus of "amen," and the splendid music was then quietly slipped out.

PAT'S PREY.—Pat was an idle boy. One day he was suddenly called on and the question propounded by the pedagogue: "How many Gods are there?" "Pat was not a distinguished theologian, but quickly answered: "There's one." "Take your seat," thundered the master, "and if you don't answer in five minutes, I will wait you." The probationary passed, and Pat, waiting till he had a quarter of an hour, and then, being distinctly asked the number to be five, sir, he answered: "He received the promised waiting, and returned to his seat ten minutes for consideration."

Ten minutes up, Pat was up too, and satisfied that he had fixed the number he sufficiently high before, shouted out: "There's ten, sir." "He saw the ferule descending, and across the door, he cleared a five dollar note, and a quarter horse across the meadow. Panting with exhaustion, he met a lad with a look of one in pursuit of knowledge under difficulties he asked: "To school, you're going?" "To school, yonder," was the reply. "How many Gods are there?" "One," answered the boy.

"Well, you'd better not go there, you'll have a good time with your one God. I just ran across a quarter horse wasn't enough to save me the darndest licking you ever had of."

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TAX COLLECTOR'S SALES.

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A certain tract of land assessed in the name of Napoleon Lee, situated near Barry's Landing, measuring 120 acres, bounded north by lands of Alex. Smith, south by lands of Widow Richard, and east by lands of Louis Boudreaux, with all the buildings and improvements thereon, situated on the Parish of St. Landry, in the town of Opelousas, on SATURDAY, the 7th day of December, 1872, at eleven o'clock A. M., the following described property, to-wit:—

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