Wit and Humor.

MIRTH is the medicine of life;
It cures its ills, it calms its strife;
It softly smoothes the brow of care,
And writes a thousand graces there.

"THEY SAY."

They say—ah, well I suppose they do;
But can they prove the story true?
Suspicion may arise from nought
But malice, envy, want of thought,
Why count yourself among the "they"
Who whisper what they dare not say?

They say—but why the tale rehearse,
And help to make the matter worse?
No good can possibly accrue
From telling what may be untrue;
And is it not a noble plan
To speak of all the best you can?

They say—well, if it should be so,
Why need you tell the tale of woe?
Will it the bitter wrongs redress
Or make one pang of sorrow less?
Will it the erring one restore,
Henceforth to "go and sin no more?"

When is a lady like a show window? When she takes great pains with her cash.

Why is a baby like a sheaf of wheat? Because it is first cradled, then thrashed, and finally becomes the flower of the family.

What did Adam first plant in the garden of Eden? His foot.

Why is a newspaper like an army? Because it has leaders, columns, and reviews.

Why is the in-side of everything unintelligible? Because we can't make it out.

When is a lawyer like a donkey? When he is a drawing a conveyance.

"Doctor, is tight-lacing injurious?" "Of corset is, Madame."

The persons who live on the failings of their neighbors will never die of hunger.

A COLOR that has never been seen—Blind man's buff.

The crow is a brave bird—he never shows the white feather.

A fashionable party is now called a daughtercultural show.

The man who wrote "I'm saddest when I sing," was foolish if he sung much.

Christianity commands us to pass by injuries; policy, to let them pass by us.

A WOMAN has been presented to the grand jury of Owen county, Ky., as a witch. They are most all guilty, but as they are all pretty, it is difficult to tell which is witch.

A cynical bachelor says: "Believe one-half the ill one woman speaks of another, but credit twice the good she reports of her."

A Hartford merchant says he gets along in this way: At night he stores his mind, and by day he minds his store.

What is the difference between fixed stars and shooting stars? The one are suns and the others are darters.

The minister who divides his discourse into too many heads will find it difficult to procure attentive ears for all of them.

A man once went to an eccentric judge to be qualified for some petty office. The judge said to him, "Hold up your hand. I'll swear you, but all creation could not qualify you."

A bachelor sea-captain, who was remarking one day that he wanted a good chief officer, was promptly informed by a young lady that she had no objections to be his first mate. He took the hint—and the lady.

A fellow, who has some "music in his soul," says that the most cheerful and soothing of all fireside melodies are the blended tones of a cricket, a tea-kettle, a loving wife and crowing baby.

"Fred," said a young man, walking up Cortland Street the other day, after listening to his wonderful story, "do you know why you are like a harp struck by lightning?" "No," says Fred; I give it up." "Because a harp that is struck by lightning is a *blasted lyre*."

IN a class of little girls in one of the schools the question was asked, "What is a fort?"
"A place to put men in," was the answer.
"What is a fortress, then?" asked the teacher.
This seemed a puzzler, until one little girl of eight summers answered, "A place to put women.

WHEN Daniel Webster and his brother Ezekiel were together, they had frequent literary disputes; and on one occasion, after they had retired to bed, they entered into a squabble about a certain passage in one of their school-books, and having risen to examine the authorities in their possession, they set the bedclothes on fire and nearly burned their father's dwelling. On being questioned the next morning in regard to the accident, Daniel remarked, "That they were in pursuit of light, but got more than they wanted.

Father: Mary, my love, do you remember the text of this morning?
Mary: No, pa, I never can remember the text, I've such a bad memory.
Mother: By the way, did you notice Susan Brown?
Mary: Oh, yes, what a fright! She had on her last year's bonnet done up, a pea green silk, a black lace mantilla, brown boots, an imitation honiton collar, a lava bracelet, her old ear-rings, and such a fan! O, my!
Mother: My dear, your memory is certainly bad.

A youth in love thus addressed his inamorata: "Loveliest vision, as my eye rest upon thy seraph like form, my soul is filled with the scintillating fancies of the poet. O! lovely Dido, dost love the humble suitor that craves the faintest glimmer from the meridian rays of thy young heart's affection? O! angel fresh from the burnished streets of Paradise, clad in the halo of the queen of night, dost pity the faithful Troilus who stands before thee?" and gently the maiden answered, with a heavenly sigh, faint as the night wind: "Go West, young man, and give us a rest."

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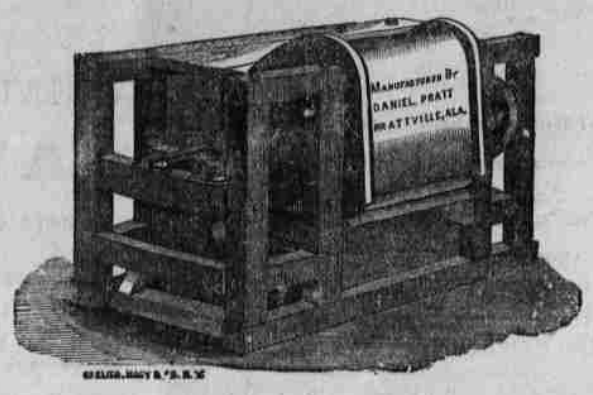

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