

Flashes of Fun.

—“Doctor, what is the best material for a bathing suit?” “A bear skin.”

—When is a Scotchman like a donkey? When he stands on the banks and braes. (brays).

—When an idler enters the sanctum of a busy editor, and the editor says, “Glad to see you’re back,” what does he mean?

—A wag seeing a heavy door off its hinges, in which condition it had been for some time, observed that when it had fallen and killed some one, it would probably be hung.

—No, Ethel; when you hear of a young girl having made a good “match,” it doesn’t signify that she has got something that will get up every morning and light the fire.

—A cynic who was recently asked, “What is marriage?” said that it was like two culprits going to State Prison together, because there was a good deal of hand-cuffing about it.

—An experienced housewife in a long article tells “how to save your dishes from being broken.” It is unnecessary. All you have to do is to put them away and eat off tin dishes.

—A city girl saw a hen preparing to gather her chickens under her wings and shouted excitedly: “Oh! don’t sit down on those beautiful little birds, you great, ugly old rooster!”

—The railroad companies want to lay their tracks with hardened sleepers. One of the New Haven ministers says that his congregation has material enough to set up a whole parallel road.

—Compensation.—Ullo, Jones! You in Paris! Yes, I’ve just run over for a holiday. Where is your wife? Couldn’t come, poor dear. Had to stay at home on account of the baby! Why, your holiday will be half spoiled. Yes. Mean to stay twice as long, to make up!

—“Sound,” said the schoolmaster, “is what you hear. For instance, you cannot feel a sound.” “Oh, yes you can,” said a smart boy. “John Wilson,” retorted the pedagogue, “how do you make that out? What sound can you feel?” “A sound thrashing,” quickly replied the smart boy.

—One sultry Sunday a minister noticed many of his congregation nodding from drowsiness. He effectually awakened them by saying: “I saw an advertisement last week for five hundred sleepers for a railroad. I think I could supply at least fifty, and recommend them as good and sound.”

—“How in the world can you content yourself to live in this dead-and-alive place?” asked the city visitor of her country cousin. “I know I should die if I had to stay here.” “Well,” replied the rustic relative, “I suppose I should too, but then the city folks ain’t here only a few days in the year, you know.”

—The celebrated Signora Howlinski was in the middle of her solo in the Houston Opera House when little Johnny Fizzletop, referring to the director of the orchestra, asked: “Why does that man hit at the woman with his stick?” “He is not hitting at her; keep quiet.” “Well, then, what does she holler so for?”

—Little Jenny’s big sister is entertaining Mr. Skibbers, and thinks she can get along without any assistance; so she pats the little one on the head, and says: “Come, little pet, it’s time your eyes were closed in sleep.” “Guess not,” said Jenny. “Mother told me to keep my eyes open when you and Mr. Skibbers were together!”

SPECIAL REDUCTION.

Mr. Sam Johnsing, says *Texas Siftings*, has been accused of the heinous crime of dog stealing. Mr. Johnsing indignantly denied the insinuation, but unfortunately it would seem to be only too well grounded.

Sam recently approached Colonel Pennybunker, and said:

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“Oh, about five dollars,” said the Colonel.

“See heab, Kernel, you gib me four dollahs, an’ I leave dat dog lone. Dese am special rates, sah, dat I am not offering to ebberbody. Dere’s a circus a-coming, sah, an’ I must hab money.”

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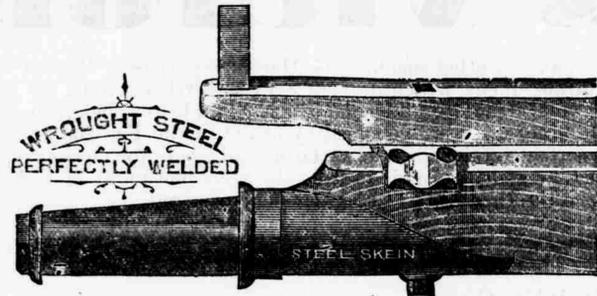
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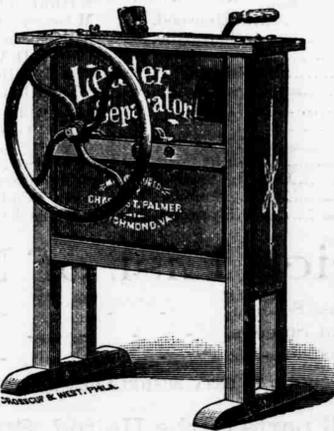
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