

A Little of Everything.

EXERCISE FOR USING TOBACCO.—In our neighboring towns the lads of a school acquired the habit of smoking, and resorted to the most ingenious methods to conceal the vapor from the master. In this they were successful until one evening, when the master caught them at it, and stood before them in awful dignity.

"How now?" shouted the master, to the first lad, "how dare you be smoking tobacco?"

"Sir," said the boy, "I am subject to headaches, and a pipe takes of the pain."

"And you? and you? and you?" inquired the pedagogue, questioning every boy in his turn.

One had a "raging tooth," another "choked," the third a "cough," in short they all had something.

"Now, Sirrah," followed the master to the last boy, "what disorder do you smoke for?"

Alas! the excuses were exhausted; but the interrogated meekly, putting down his pipe, after a farrow whiff, and looking up in his master's face, said in a whining hypocritical tone:

"Sir, I smoke for corns!"

The following clerical inventory of materials of the poetry of the day has been kindly prepared by some prominent person for the convenience of such as feel themselves inspired by the tuneful mind:—

200 loud-mouthed cannon
2500 whistling bullets.
150 pounds of n. e. e. l.
2 tons of battle-aid smoke.
500 prancing and neighing steeds.
300 beautiful maidens, assorted.
250 gallant youths.
10 broken hearts.
75 raven tresses, various lengths.
50 Auburn tresses, various lengths.
175 stars, twinkling and blinking.
120 blue eyes, finest quality.
100 black eyes, of uncommon brightness.

1 hogshood of tears,
1000 sighs, deep and affecting,
10 dozen gleaming swords,
110 waving flags and streaming banners.
1 idea, supposed to be new.
1 grain of common sense.

If this list does not present a fair inventory of the poetical goods, wares, and merchandise constituting the stock in trade of our inspired friends, we will take pleasure in making any desired correction.

PUNISHING SMELLERS.—In Palgrave, a recent work on Arabia there is an amusing story of a man who complained to the Amir's son, that one of his neighbors smoked.

"How do you know it?" asked the Amir.

"I smell it," said the man.

"Then you entered your neighbor's private apartment?"

"No," was the reply, "I only put my nose in."

Whereupon the Amir ordered the executioner to snuff off the complainant's nose, so as to save it from the temptation of sniffing in another man's bazaar in future.

That was not so bad, and some people had better make a note of it. The habit of "sticking one's nose in another's dish," as the Yankee phrase has it, would be sensibly diminished, probably, if the Amir's remedy for such a proclivity were administered promptly.

A story is told of an inveterate drinker who signed the temperance pledge, but was found soon after imbibing as often as ever. To his friends who remonstrated with him, he replied that the document which he had signed was invalid, because it had no internal revenue stamp.

A Young lady out West who lately collided with an ice-bound side-walk, remarked, as she assumed a perpendicular position, "I'll have a man to hang on to before another winter."

"Well Charley," said a friendly gent to an urchin of three years on Christmas Day, "what did you find in your stocking this morning?" "Find," replied the young hopeful, "why I found a big hole." The questioner gave the boy one cent.

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"I have one of the best wives in this section," said a good-natured husband, "she always strikes me with the soft end of the broom."

"A certain landlady makes her piles so light that her lodgers can see to go to bed without a candle after eating a moderate sized piece."

"Revenge is sweet," as the boy said who had been whipped by a grocer while he was stealing his sugar.

A gentleman complaining of the various taxes says, he cannot put on his boots in the morning without a stamp.

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