

An Antique Tale.

A story of Mark Twain and Sergeant Ballentine is told as follows: Shortly after the English barrister arrived here he wrote to Twain for some special piece of information. The humorist forgot to answer, and Ballentine, after waiting a while, sent him by mail a sheet of paper and a stamp. In the course of time he received the following response, written on a postal card: "Paper and stamp received. Please send an envelope. Mark Twain." The joke has an antique flavor, which fact only verifies the suspicion that Mark really worked it off on the unsuspecting Englishman.

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He Played It.

A new rival brass band was hired to play at the funeral of a Connecticut deacon. They were playing a slow and solemn dirge at the grave, when suddenly the trombone man shot out a blast that started the hearse horses and broke up the whole procession. The leader, turned upon him fiercely, asked him what in the name of all hot placesat once he was doing that for? He answered with a smile: "Gosh! I thought it was a note, and it was a hoss fly; but I played it."—Detroit Free Press.

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An Old Letter.

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Experienced lumbermen say that the supply of walnut is diminishing, and that fully three-fourths of the good stock throughout the country has been consumed within the last ten years.

Mrs. Tyler, the ex-president's widow, is in Washington. She enjoys the distinction of being the only woman who ever entered the White House a bride. She has a young daughter, who was an infant at the time of the ex-president's death, in 1862. She is very affable, but she has not forgotten the stately manners that were in fashion 40 years ago. She wears her hair just as it is represented in the girlish portrait of her, which was painted when she was a bride.

Life in Texas.

"You am de squarest man in Austin," said old Uncle Mose, entering a drug store and taking the clerk by the hand. The drug man blushed modestly and said he always tried to do his duty as a Christian and an American citizen, regardless of age, race, sex or previous condition.

"I knowed right off that you was a Christian, sah. No man in de drug store bizness 'ceptin' a follerer ob de Lawd would hang out sich a sign as you has got. Hit shows you am a Christian fust, and a pisen mixer afterward. I was jest spellin' it out. Hit am de best advice eber I got in a drugstore."

"What sign are you talking about, Uncle?" asked the some-what bewildered druggist.

"Dat ar," said the old man, pointing to a placard on the wall which read: "Tasteless Medicines." "Dat ar am de best advice in de world, taste less medicines. I neber had tasted no medicine, no how, and dat ar am de chief reason I se alive and kickin' yit. But you am de fust Christian druggist eber I struck, and de old man strolled out just in time to avoid stopping with his head a package of hair restorer that the infuriated druggist hurled after him.—Texas Siftings.

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What most frequently becomes a woman? A little girl.

Artemus Ward used to say of liars: "It is better not to know so much than to know so many things that ain't so."

"Charley is growing a perfect love of a mustache," said one girl to another; "I can see it plain." "So you ought to, dear, it is frequently right under your nose."

A recent trial elicited the fact that many German girls cultivate their hair for sale. American girls do the same, but the girl always goes with the hair.

"Mr. Speaker, I rise to a pint of order," yelled a rural legislator. "Order two of 'em," came from another part of the house.

Washington has "comet parties," "A good idea, by Jupiter," says Spinks, "for the boys can now plan to get the girls away from their Mars."

"That's a good war steed," said a livery stable keeper to a customer, pointing to a mangy looking animal. "Why so?" "Because he'd sooner die than run!"

Said a farmer, who was given to long drinks, to a brother agriculturist, "What breed of cattle would you advise me to adopt?" "Short horns," was the significant reply.

Caution in the premises: "Hudn't I better pray for rain to-day, deacon?" "Not to-day, dominie, I think," was the prudent reply; "the wind isn't right."

An insane Rochester girl gets out of bed at midnight, and goes to work sawing wood in the back yard. Her father deeply deploras her insanity, but he always leaves the wood pile handy for her to get at.

Anxious to explain the meaning of hyperbole, a Presbyterian minister said: "Perhaps you do not understand the meaning of the word 'hyperbole.' This word, my friends, increases or diminishes a thing beyond the exact truth. Suppose I should say the whole of this congregation is fast asleep, and that would be a hyperbole; for there is not above one-half of you sleeping."

"How can I leave you, my darling?" murmured a Toledo lover in tones of distressing tenderness, as he observed both hands of the clock approach a perpendicular on the dial. "Well, John," responded the girl with wicked innocence, "you can take your choice. If you go through the hall you'll be liable to wake up father, and if you leave by way of the back shed you'll be liable to wake up the dog."—Toledo American.

"I think I shall have to ask your escort this evening," said a sister to her big brother. "Well, I guess not. Do you suppose I'm going to let folks know I can't go with any girl but my sister? I'll stay at home first." There is a good deal of such accommodation in families.

The frequency with which children are now seized with fever and then with convulsions, is at the present hour something alarming. Cases which end in death crop up every day. A little one that may an hour ago have been the delight of the family is now in many a home writing in the agonies of spasms. Do we not hear it everywhere around us? Worms are at the bottom of the mischief. They have brought on that fever which was hanging about the little victim in such an insidious way that it was well one day and ill another, until at length, between the broads produced by these pests and the malaria now so widely spread, the constitution gave way entirely, and frightful and too often fatal, convulsions result. What is the remedy? Kill the worms in the intestines, clean the body from them, drive them out by Wilder's Worm Syrup. There will be no more convulsions, no more deaths amongst the little ones. Give them the benefit of the production of skill and science, and by means of Wilder's Worm Syrup save them from this cruel death.

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