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Of every description done with neatness and dispatch on the most liberal terms, for Cash.

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DOOK; OR, GONE ASTHRAY.

My horse is shlepep out, I'm afraid
He has been dook, stolen or strayed;
Mine pig-back horse dat looks so plipry,
Bout fourteen oder twelve hands high.

He shust he got his four feet plack
Mit striped spots all down its pack;
Two legs before and doo behind,
I'e sure you keep all dis in mind.

He's plack all ober and dat ish drue,
All put his face and dat's plack doo;
He drots and ganters vaux and baces,
And outvorks Peelzepup in traces.

And ven he gallops in der shtreet,
He vanks upon his legs and feet;
Vone leg goes up and todder down
Put don't get furder dan de ground.

He has dn ears stuck pon his head,
Poth of dems neither vite or red;
Poth just alike, but vone you see
Ish plucker dan de older pe.

He's got doo eyes dat looks von vay,
Only he lost von dn odder day;
Und ven you vish to dake a ride
Jump on hish pack on de odder side.

And it ish sure ash gospel drue
De eye dats plind vill not see you;
Hish dail's pehint him look ant shleek,
Only I cut him off last veek.

And derefore tish not any more,
As half so longer ash before;
He cocks his ears and looks von vay,
And vill not shtart or drun avay.

Now dis my horse—here vat I say,
You'll know him cause he run d away;
If no one dink just how he look,
He'll ask de man dats got him dock.

To dell him how I said he pe
And den he'll know mine horse ish he;
Whoever hash my plack horse got,
Must prought him pack shust on de spot,

Or else dake on him de sort
And subbe him shware he's got him not,
And den I guess pefore next tay
He'll pring mine horse vot vent avay.

If nobody ish not got mine horse,
Vy den of course he ish not lost,
Put must he somewhere gone asthray,
Mithout he's stopt and lookt his vay.

And den I tink he'll soon pe home,
Minout nobody make him come;
He ish mine own goot horse I swow,
And all I've got pesite mine vrow.

And she's gone avay, my dearest vife,
So I'm a handle mitout a knife;
My horse and vife dey poth pe gone;
And if nopody prings me todher or one

I vill soon die for poth mit sad,
And den you'll see I'll pe some glad;
For if somepody pring pack mine horse
He'll find me pe so much more worse.

Mitout de dollar dat I pay
To pring my horse vats shtrayed away,
And if he pring te tief or vife,
Vy den he pay me twenty five.

Mitout no question asked by me
Now py dis notice you vill see
I live right opposite from Haus,
And he lives just opposite from me.

SHIFTER SHILLOCH.

PROMPTNESS.—Promptness, says a contemporary, is a capital quality in the character of any person. To be in your place at the proper time, to meet your engagements when they fall due, is a noble and worthy affair. In all their appointments, ministers should be prompt, and their hearers will come to be prompt likewise. Business men should be prompt to meet their engagements, and to consider their promises as sacred, and then their customers and patrons will consider theirs sacred. Parishioners should be prompt to meet their subscriptions for their minister's support, and then he can meet promptly his store bills and other pecuniary liabilities. Subscribers should be prompt in paying for their papers.—To be prompt will abundantly pay for all it costs to be so, into whatever matter you carry this virture. A want of promptness engenders ten thousand ills. It bothers the publisher, when you read his hard earned paper and do not pay for it promptly. It incommodes your minister, when simply for want of a little promptness his quarterly pay runs far behind. It impairs the interest and profit of the social meetings of your churches, when brethren fail in promptness to attend, and in promptness speak and pray when they do attend. In fact, not to be prompt is bad in forty different ways, while on the other hand, promptness is a cardinal virture of the very first importance. Be prompt always.

☞ An Irish servant was requested by a lady to go to one of our clothing stores and obtain a "bed comforter" for her.—In about an hour afterwards she returned with one of the clerks.

A Talented Son.—The son of a worthy deacon, whose father being away from home, undertook to say the family prayers, or, rather the prayer he had been accustomed to hear repeated every evening, since the days of his baby-hood. He commenced aright, and for a time got on swimmingly, quite astonishing his mother, who had no idea she had so talented a son. At last, when he was in the midst of his invocation, his memory forsook him, and he repeated the first part of the prayer over again. This he did several times, till at length the patience of the good dame was thoroughly exhausted.

"John," she whispered, "John, *do* get through some time."

"I would, mother," replied the poor boy, "*but I don't know how to wind the darned thing up.*"

A Kentucky Anecdote.—A Southern gentleman owned a slave, a very intelligent fellow, who was a Universalist.—On one occasion he illustrated the intellectual character of his religion in the following manner: A certain slave had obtained a license of the Baptists to preach. He was holding forth in the presence of many of his colored brethren at one time, when he undertook to describe the process of Adam's creation. Said he, 'When God made Adam, he stoop down, scrape up a little dirt, wet it a little, warm it a little in he hands, and squeeze it in the right shape, and den lean it up against de fence to dry.

'Top dere! said our Universalist darkey. 'You say dat are de fustest man ever made?'

'Sartin!' said the preacher.

'Den,' said the other, 'jest toll a feller whar dat ar fence come from!'

'Hush! said the preacher, 'two more questions like dat would spile all the feology in the world.'

☞ A printer, not long ago, being "flung" by his sweetheart, went to the office to commit suicide with the "shooting sticks," but the thing wouldn't go off.—The "devil," wishing to pacify him, told him to take a peep into the sanctum, where the editor was writing duns to delinquent subscribers. He did so and the effect was magicial. He says that picture of despair reconciled him to his fate.

☞ "What has brought you here?" said a lone woman who was quite flustrated, the other morning, by an early call from a bachelor neighbor, who lived opposite, and who she regarded with peculiar favor. "I cam, to borrow matches." "Matches!" said the lady, "that is a likely story! Why don't you make a match of yourself? I know what you have come for, cried the exasperated old virgin as she backed the batchelor into a corner, you came here to kiss me almost to death! But you shan't unless you're the strongest, and the Lord knows you are!'

....Jones, while recently engaged in splitting wood, struck a false blow, causing the stick to fly up. It struck him on the jaw and knocked out a front tooth.

"Ah," said a friend, meeting him soon after, "you have had a dental operation performed I see."

"Yaze," he replied," it was *axe* idental."

....At a late trial, the defendant, after hearing the witness jumped up and said:

"Them allegations is false, and the blasted alegator knows it.

....Somebody says *deed* is a mean word, any way you can fix it. You can't make a respectable word of it anyhow.—Remove the *d* and it is evil, transpose the *e* and it is vile remove the *v* and it is ill, remove the *i* and the *l* itself is cockney of *hell*.

....The author of the following original conundrum is now confined in a calico straight jacket—his feet in a woodbox, and his head in a honeycomb poultice: When is a lover justified in calling his sweetheart *honey?* When he is *beeloved*.

....What key will finally open all doors of civilization to all mankind?—Answer—Yan-key (Yankee).

...."Do you play by the *ear?*" inquired, a pupil of a dancing school fiddler. "No, my dear, I play by the *night*."

....Men are like bugs; the more brass they contain, the further you can bear them. Women are like tulips; the more modest and retiring they appear, the better you love them.

....On a very pretty girl's saying to Leigh Hunt "I am very *sad you see*," he replied "Oh, no, you belong to the other Jewish sect, you are very *fair I see!*"

....A dry old crust of a fellow who was unhappy with his preacher, because the "dry vine," as Carlyle would call him, could not penetrate the thick ligament that covered the crusty man's soul, signified to his minister his desire to have a pew nearer the pulpit.

"Can't you hear?" asked the good man.

"Yes," was the reply.

"Can't you see?"

"Yes."

"Then why do you change?"

"Because," said the obdurate one, "I am so far off that when your words get to me, they are as flat as, dishwater."

A sailor dropped out of the rigging of a ship of war, some fifteen or twenty feet, and fell plump on the head of the first lieutenant.

"Wretch," said the officer, after he had gathered himself up, "where the devil did you come from?"

"An sure I came from the north of Ireland, yer honor."

☞ A gentleman having been asked, on his return from a party the other evening whether he had seen Miss———, a young lady noted for her "low neck," dress, replied that he "had seen a good deal of her."

THE NEWS.

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J. H KNOX.

John D. Richardson, : : : : : : : Editor.

To The People of Mississippi.

HAVING purchased a large lot of new Printing Material, from New York, we intend to enlarge the **Prairie News,** about January next, to an equal size with any other paper in North Mississippi. It is our intention to make the NEWS one of the first newspapers in Mississippi, and hope the public will give us a helping hand, and come generously to our support. Neither labor nor expense will be spared to make it the best

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