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WIT AND WISDOM.

Fortified vessels—ships with "forecastles."

A poor man is to be avoided—he lacks principal.

when may a smith be said to commit a felony? When he forges.

A horse's teeth tells how old the creature is, but a woman's tongue doesn't.

Why is a burcher's cart like his boots? Because he carries his calves there.

People speak of the sun breaking out. Will that account for the spots on its face!

Can a tall man bave a short memory? Yes, just as a short man can have a long sleep.

It is perfectly clear that every person on earth must be "under a cloud" sometimes. A concert singer having hurdered a time, subsequently tried his voice, and acquitted himself.

himself.

A man was seen going up Camp street lately with three real legs—but one was a leg of mutton on his shoulder.

We often omit the good we might do in consequence of thinking of that which it is out of our power to do.

Congestion of the brain is very prevelent in the army just now, and is said to be another name for too much whisky.

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An amateur astronomer says, "The light supposed to be a comet's tall, is nothing more than a streak of lightning friz up."

We ascertain the qualities of a bell by ringing it. A young man had better ascertain the qualities of a belle before ringing her.

A New York drayman owns a horse so poor that a knot is tied in his tail to prevent his body from slipping through the collar.

A woman, purchasing some cups and saucers, was asked what color she would have. "Well I ain't particular, any color that won't show

Digby says it is true that "there is more pleasure in giving than receiving," but he also thinks it especially applies to medicine, kicks and advice. "Poob, pooh." said a wife to her expiring husband, as he strove to utfer a few parting words, "don't stop to talk, but go on with your dying."

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A lawyer who had a most absurd case submitted to him, on being asked if the action would lie, answered, "Yes, if the witnesses will lie too, but not otherwise."

The young ladies of the Treasury Department are forbidden, by a printed placard, to whistle while at work—a most tyrannical interference with woman's rights.

"My son," said an old lady, "how must Jonah have felt when the whale swallowed him?" "A little down in the mouth, I sup-pose," was young hopeful's reply.

A moral debating society out West is engaged in a discussion on the following question, "If a man deserts his wife, which is the most, abandoned, the man on the woman?"

A schoolmaster asked one of his scholars in the winter time, what was the Latin for cold. "Oh," answered the lad, "I forget at this moment, although I have it at my linger sends."

"Well, wife, I don't see for my part how they send letters on them 'ere wires without bear-ing 'em all to bits." "La, me! they don't send the paper: they just send the writing in a fluid state."

A lady wished a seat. A portly handsome entleman brought one and seated the lady. Oh! you're a jewel," said sho. "Oh, no," he eplied, "I'm a jeweler; I have just set the

l."

old minister asked a woman what could lone to induce her husband to attend this "I don't know," she replied, "unled swert to put a pipe and a jug of whisky in

said a young wife to her husband, a s after marriage, "you were honest o tell me that your chimney smoked, didn't you tell me that you smoked

An Englishman, traveling in Kilkenny, came
to a ford, and hired a boat to take him across.
The water being more agitated than was agree able to him, he asked the boatman if any person was ever lost in the passage. "Never,"

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replied-Pal. "my brother was drowned here last week, but we found him the next day."

At Erie, Pa., the other day, a woman entered a dry goods store and asked to see some mourning stufi." The clerk asked how the beceased was related to her, she replied, "The set is, flere ain't nobody dead as I knows on, but the doctor says my old man can't live more man a week or so at the furthest, and bein' as was market day, and I was in town, I thought had better Le gettin' the funeral fixius, and make them up, 'cause it's a real bother to get mead when there's dead folks in the use, and I hate to borrow."

Incedote of Sidney Smith.—It was at a dinner on at the Founding Hospital, that the great met with a retort that he was never tired sterring to afterwards. He had been coning, in the half bantering manner in which was inimitable, with his visa-vis at the of St. James, upon the relative merits is and English soldiers, and urged the viority of the latter, inasmuch as they it for kohor while the Swiss fought for y. "The fact is," answered the Swiss man, "we each of au fight for what each

JUVENILE COLUMN.

OUR MOTHER.—Of all the languages spoken by man, from the Hebrew of biblical times to the gutteral accents of the Red fine no of the new world; from the musical sounds of the Italian to the hartsets sounds of our own Anglo-Saxon idion—the sweetest word is that name which sends a thrill to the heart as we pronounce it—mother!

What pen can describe the love of a child for its mother, the holiest of all affections on this earth! It seens as if it were a spark of the Divine love, placed in our hearts by the Creator of all things, to live there until the day when the soul, leaving its mortal prison, shall ascend to the presence of Him who is all love. A mother's influence follows her child through life. Gray headed men, bowed by age, speak with all the tenderness of an infant of the mother who, for half a century past, has slept in the cold grave, and their eyes, bleared by the sorrows of a long and eventrallife, shed tears at the sweet remembrance; from the gasping lips of the soldier, mortally struck in the furious charge, the last word, faintly heard, is "mother" Perhaps at that solemn hour, when the soul is called to the dread presence, it clings, as to an anchor of salvation, to that sainted affection whose existence purifies the human heart.

Crimmas about to commit some tearrul act, have pansed, struck suddenly by the recollection of a beloved mother, an appeal to her name, a resemblance awakening tender memories, and the raised hand has dropped the unrelevous knife, the guilty man has wept like a child, and repentance has crept into his hardened heart. In all stations of life, for the priest in his cloister or the tyrant on his throne, "A mother is a mother still.

The holiest thing alive."

If a mother's sainted love follows us thus through live, what influence must it not have on us during youth? The infant in its mother's arms forgets pain; the child runs to her in its young sorrows, in youth we have no better driend.

Gallant boys who feel your souls burning with the aspirations of manhood, and who prepare yourself for the battle of life, look upon that kind mother; remember how many sleepless nights she has passed holding you in her sims, you, her treasure, whom she disputed to grim death; remember that sweet smile, your reward when good, and those sorrowful eyes speaking silent reproof when you have erred; remember all this, engrave it in your heart and preserve it as a stalisman that will protect you in the hour of danger and temptation.

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And you, gentle girl, the constant companion of that dear mother, can you forget her lessons? Do you recollect when at her knees you lisped your first prayer? how she guided your young mind and taught you to know and love God? How sweetly you slept with her blessing on your young head and her last kiss on your lips? Treasure that love and let it be your constant guide; honor your mother, let her always have your undivided confidence, love her dearly. A day will come when she will be in her grave, when you, too, will have your first born at your knee, and feel

"A springing joy."

"A springing joy,
A pleasure which no language can express,
An ecstary, that mothers only feel!"

Then, when you stroke his golden curls, and the thoughts of the future recalls those of the

the thoughts of the future recalls those of the past, let the in your power to say:

"I have never given pain to my mother."

KINDXESS REWARDED.—Once during a very severe winter, two village children went to the mill, each carried upon the head a little bag of grain. In passing before the miller's garden, Bertha was filled with compassion at the sight of some little yellow birds perched upon the hedge, that were dying with hunger. She opened her bag and threw some handrals of grain to them.

Her brother Robert grumbled at this and said: "Jou are very foolish to have such ten-

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'It is true I am not obliged to take pity on
these birds; but our good parents will not
seed me for 'doing so, and God may make
amends for it in another way."

When the two children came again to the
milt to get their four, they found that Bertha's
bag had more in it than Robert's. The boy did
not know what To make of it, and his sister
was very much inclined to regard it as a miracle.

you for your goodness of hearts."

A Good Rule...—A certain man, who is very rich now, was very poor when he was a boy. When asked how he got his riches, he said: "My father taught me never to play till my work was tinished, and never spend my money until I had carned it. If I had but an hour's work in the day, I must do That the first thing, and in an hour. And after this I was allowed to play, and then I could play with much more pleasure than if I had the thought of an unfinished task before my mind. I carly formed the habit of doing everything in time, and it habit of doing everything in time, and it in became easy to do so. It is to this that I

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