

SPINNING WHEEL.

THE WINDMILLERS AGAIN.
The old millers came to rest,
Within the village store,
Where Perkins de't out kalker
And sugar for galore.
An' us they sidled coss with faces bloom-
in'
Rozily, an' "howdy do's" of greetin'
To the "lected place of meetin'".
Amaziah Zeb'ul Tinkins took the middle of
the floor.

"Thur hain't no sense nor reason,"
Said "Maziah with a wink."
"Why other folks should kick ag'in
Just what a man'll drink."
An' then he ambled jolly with Perkins
creepin'
Softly down the old stairs a'creakin'
Where the "old miller" was
From the barrel thatwax as bustin' from
the spigot to the sink.

Then Heczekiah Slocum took
A herring from the pail,
An' "piled it from the pizlard"
To the neck of the miller.
An' "beamin' casual he sighed: "In Kenna-
bunk yer see
They dried the codfish on the sandy
Beach, 'Gosh' where all was handy—
aft hee they fasten herring down-an' do
it with a nail."

Said Perkins, the proprietor,
When all was said an' done:
"Says, Amaziah Tinkins,
"Consarnin' of yer son-
He's slipt in debt 'r cigarettes an' other
thin's
To pay his debts—I wonder can you pony
Forty-five cents—thanks, I only
Mushmused the miller slight occurrence
'Cause the cash book has run."
Horace Seymour Keller in New York Sun.

Few shrewd students of human
nature exist than the little donkey boys so
familiar to the Egyptian tourists. The
tourist of course has done much to quick-
en this shrewdness. Few persons have
such opportunities to study the various
types and characteristics of so many
different races and nationalities. The
donkey boy who speaks less than half a
dozen languages is the exception. Inci-
dentally he doesn't amount to much as a
donkey boy, success in that profession
depending largely upon one's ability to
address a tourist in the latter's own
tongue. The names of the donkeys vary
with the nationality of the tourist. The
identical animal which, when mounted by
Miss Knickerbocker, responds to the
name "McKinley," answers to "Glad-
stone" when an English girl is upon his
back, or "Bismarck" when the rider is
from or fraulein. An American woman
in Egypt this last season, upon asking
her donkey boy the name of her beast,
was promptly told "Gladstone." "Oh,
no, no Gladstone," replied the American,
who had been in Egypt long enough to
know the tricks of the tourist trade, and
Bismarck, by the way, was the name of
Americans who know how to speak their
own language. The donkey boy looked
up quickly. "Not Bismarck, lady?" he
half-questioned. "You no German."
"No, not Bismarck," returned the Ameri-
can. "I'm an American." The donkey boy
looked puzzled. "Donkey's name not
Gladstone, not Bismarck," he repeated.
"No, no English, lady; you no German.
What are you, lady?" "I'm an American,"
the tourist. "I'm an American," the donkey
boy laughed. "Oh, no; you no 'Merican,
lady," he said, incredulously. "You no,"
pinching his nostrils together with a pair
of grimy fingers. "You no talk through
your nose."—New York Evening Sun.

"The man is a drivelling idiot," said the
first magnate.
"A plumb fool," agreed the coal baron.
"An unmitigated lunatic," assented the
steel king.
"Crazy as a March hare," assented the
great financier.
"A hopeless imbecile," asserted the
power in Wall street.
"Absolutely," uttered devoid of
sense," chimed in the senator.
"As brainless as a barrel," added the
corporation lawyer.
"But what has he done?" asked the
ordinary citizen.
The crowd was convulsed with laughter.
"Why, he says," they replied, choking
and gurgling, "he actually says that
money isn't everything."—Alex. Hackett,
in Smart Set.

A good story comes from Houston,
Tex., on Samuel Martin, an auctioneer,
and whose home is in Milwaukee. The
story goes that Mr. Martin was selling
a line of fine jewelry and in the course
of the sale put up a fine \$300 diamond
ring. A frisky and excitable dog was
so carried away with the sight of the
jewel and Mr. Martin's words that he
stood on his hind legs, frisked about
barking joyously. Suddenly Mr. Martin
let the ring slip from his fingers, and
the dog at the same instant leaped up-
ward with a joyous bark. The ring and
the dog met in the middle, and in some
way the ring flopped right into the dog's
mouth. The bark was cut in two in the
middle and the dog was almost strangled.
When he recovered, the ring was
in the dog's anatomy.
The crowd stood paralyzed over the
seeming loss of the ring. All except
Mr. Martin, who immediately grabbed
up the animal and said: "Ladies and
gentlemen, we have here probably the
most valuable dog in the world. He is
quite eccentric, feeds on diamonds, and
as he is now, I will warrant he is one of
the most valuable slices of dog meat to
be found anywhere. He is also a
combination dog—if you don't want him
to catch rats or use him as a lap dog,
you can convert him into a jewelry cas-
ket, which I will guarantee is burglar
proof. No safecracker can work the
combination on this dog. Now, ladies
and gentlemen, how much am I offered
for this burglar-proof combination jew-
elry-casket and house dog?"
It is said the dog's owner purchased
him for the full value of the diamond.
Mr. Martin, however, says the story is
a joke of the worst sort.—Evening Wis-
consin.

The colonel of a British regiment, of
whom Good Words tells, was noted for
his precision and love of order. One day,
after parade, he complained to his hand-
master, "Jenkins," said he, "the trom-
bone players are spoiling the appearance
of the entire battalion." "Ow so, sir?"
Jenkins asked. "Not enough uniform-
ity," replied the colonel. "You must see
in future that the men move those slid-
ing things in and out together."

Mr. Green of Wichita, Kas., who has
just celebrated his ninety-sixth birthday,
was a neighbor of Martin Van Buren,
whom he disliked. He saw and talked
with a man who witnessed the ride of
Gen. Putnam and who said that
Putnam did not ride down the steps, but
descended a hill beside them. He knew
Aaron Burr, Admiral Decatur, President
Jackson and Santa Ana. His boyhood
chum was a cabin boy to John Paul
Jones, the famous sea fighter. "The last
time I took a drink," said Mr. Green,
"was the day Franklin Pierce was elected.
Myself and three others went into a
tavern and set 'em up. The round cost
me 12 cents. In those days whisky was
good and it didn't cost much. After I
drank my fizzer I turned around to the
boys and said: 'That is my last drink.'
They laughed, but I have kept the pledge
ever since." Referring to his dislike of
Van Buren, he says: "Maybe it is be-
cause I knew him so familiarly. He
looked too much like a wolf to suit me."

The Classical Cannibal.—"But why,"
asked the sub-chief of the Cannibal isles,
"do you insist upon having the man who
fell while leading the charge against us

served up at the banquet this evening?
He seems to be hard as nails."
"Huh?" answered the chief of the Can-
nibal isles. "I read in a book of poetry
left by our last meal that 'the bravest
are the tenderest.'"—Baltimore Ameri-
can.

"Now," said the Northern visitor, "if
there was a colored man in your com-
munity who had proved himself to be a
law-abiding, sensible man, would you not
give him a lift?"
"Well, suh," replied the Southerner,
"his chances of being lifted wouldn't be
so very strong. We don't generally
lynch that kind, suh."—Philadelphia
Press.

Progressing.—"How are you getting on
with your new house, Maude?" "Oh!
just splendid. Harry is letting me select
all the color for the parlor, drawing
room, dining room and bedrooms, and
after he gets some money he's going to see
somebody about building it!"—Baltimore
News.

There is a young man downtown, re-
ports the Philadelphia Record, who has
the trick, or habit, of saying: "Since
you press me." On being offered a cigar
he answers smilingly: "Well, since you
press me, I will, thanks," and to an in-
vitation to luncheon, to the theater or to
a drink his answer is always the same:
"Since you press me, I believe I will."
It happens that he is engaged to be mar-
ried, and that his fiancée has a little
brother. This lad has heard often and
wiled much wonderment the phrase,
"Since you press me," used on all sorts
of occasions, and the other night at a
dinner party in his house, when, unfor-
tunately there were some strangers pres-
ent, he pointed his knife at the young
man and said, in his loud, childish treble
to his father: "Papa, why is Mr. Blank
always sayin' to sister, 'Since you
squeeze me'?"

Ascum.—"Isn't that man a city hall
official?"
Joakley.—"Yes. Didn't you read his
annual report? It is full of sweeping
statements."
Ascum.—"That so? Who is he?"
Joakley.—"Chief of the Street Cleaning
Bureau."—Philadelphia Press.

He.—"Darling, tell me truly, does the
fact that I weigh 100 pounds less than
you make any difference in your love for
me?"
She.—"Of course not, dearest, but some-
times I would like to know how it feels
to sit in your lap."—Brooklyn Life.

The telephone girl and the bill clerk,
to whom she had promised her heart and
hand, were sitting in front of the fire-
place talking about the happy days to
come when they would be one.
From one little detail to another the
talk finally drifted to the subject of light-
ing the fires in the morning. On this
point the young man was decided. He
stated his opinion emphatically, and when
it was a wife's place to get up and start
the fires and let her poor, hard-worked
husband rest.

After this decision there was a silence
for a space of about three quarters of
an hour. Then the telephone girl thrust
out the finger encircled by her engage-
ment ring and murmured sweetly, but
firmly:
"Ring off, please. You have got con-
nected with the wrong number."—Salt
Lake Herald.

Teacher.—"What zone is this in which
we live?"
Johnny.—"Temp'rate."
Teacher.—"Correct. Now, what is
meant by a temperate zone?"
Johnny.—"It's a place where it's freez-
in' cold in winter an' red hot in sum-
mer."—Philadelphia Press.

She Preferred It.—"It is better
for me to live apart, without the
scandal of a divorce." She—"I don't
agree with you. My social position is
not so strong at present that I can af-
ford to neglect any means to make it bet-
ter."—Brooklyn Life.

This is purely a conversational joke
heard in Washington. A correspondent,
quoting it, adds that it gives it away to
write it, but the writing may be worth
while if only to show how grave and re-
verend senators sometimes get down to
earth. One senator meets another in a
cloakroom. "By the way, senator," the
second senator thinks he hears the first
senator say, "where would you go if you
wanted a housemaid?" "Ah," the sec-
ond senator replies, "I should go to an
employment agency, but Mrs. Senator
usually attends to that sort of thing."
"Indeed!" says the first senator, "I merely
wanted to know. For myself I should
go to a carpenter and builder." Then
the second senator realizes that the first
senator said "house made" and they eat
a piece of pie over it.

"No; old Mr. Adoniram Taft did not
precisely doubt the efficacy of prayer."
"Howsumever," said he, "I notice that
they that's forever prayin' fer rain or
else prayin' fer it to quit rainin' don't
seem tew git nuthin' much done, some-
how."—Punch.

Maude—"Gaskell thinks he is a regu-
lar lady killer."
Esther—"I shouldn't wonder. I had
talk with him last evening, and I
really thought I should die, he wearied
me so."—Boston Transcript.

Antidote for Tragedy.—Winks—"Come
along, old boy, I've got two complimentary
tickets for a dramatic performance."
Jinks—"Tragedy, or comedy?" "Trage-
dy." "I don't like tragedies. They
peal so strongly to one's sympathies that
I always feel blue for a week." "This
one won't. You'll come home as jolly
as if you'd been to a circus. It's by an
amateur company."—New York Weekly.

Deep Respect.—"You must always have
the greatest respect for your parents,"
said the benevolent stranger. "I have,"
answered the boy with freckles. "Why,
either one of them can whip me with one
hand."—Washington Star.

A traveler getting outside of St. Pe-
tersburg discovered when he tried to re-
enter the city that he had left his pass-
port in the bedroom of his hotel. The
guards refused to let him pass; refused
to send for the passport. "According to
you," said he, "the only thing for me to
do is to throw myself in the Neva."
"No," said the sentry, "suicide in Rus-
sia is strictly against the law."

"Some men," said Uncle Eben, "seems
built in such a way dat dey nebber seems
to be puttin' forward de bigges' efforts
'cep'n' when dey's headin' foh trouble."
—Washington Star.

All in Knowing How.—She—"I often
wonder how you manage to dash off
those exquisite little poems of yours.
And what a lot of money you must
make." The Poet.—"Oh, it's very easy.
I sit down, say in January, and think un-
til about August or September. Then in
November or December when the poem is
completed, I sell it for \$5, or sometimes
as high as \$10."—Life.

GREAT COLLECTION OF CACTI.

Specimens from All Over the World to
be Shown in Pittsburgh.

Superintendent Falconer of Schenley
park is busy arranging for the stocking
of the new cacti house which Henry
Phipps has offered to add to the conserv-
atory. According to Mr. Falconer it will
be more than twice as large as any cacti
house in America, and he is making ev-
ery effort to place in it the most complete
exhibit of cacti in the world. The house
will be exactly similar to the other
wings, a curvilinear structure, 75 by 36
feet, built on a framework of iron with
a stone wall supporting the glasswork.
It will extend out on the west side of
the thirty-foot passage between the Vic-
toria house and the palm house, parallel
with the west wing, where the rose show
is located at Easter. It is hoped to have
the structure completed and filled by the
end of October and probably in time for
the chrysanthemum show.

Supt. Falconer now has correspond-
ents in the West Indies, Florida,
Northern and Southern California, Colo-
rado, Nevada, Utah, Texas, Arizona,
New Mexico, and Mexico trying to ar-
range for the gathering and shipping of
the plants during the summer months.
Some one from this city may be sent
out to these countries with a view to
studying the plants in their native wilds,
and to arrange for the collecting and
shipping.

The gathering of these plants is an un-
der-taking of great difficulty, as most of
the best specimens are found in the de-
sert and mountain regions, in many cases
almost inaccessible, and must be trans-
ported on the backs of burros from 75
to 100 miles to reach a railroad.

In addition to plants known as strictly
cactus others of a succulent nature,
such as century plants, yuccas, bitter
aloes, and flesh' Euphorbias will be
placed in the cacti house. Trailing over
the stonework, next to the pathway, will
be the perennial ice plant (mesembryan-
themum), so abundant in the California
gardens, but which comes from South
Africa. So benches will be in the house,
but it will be mounded and undulated in
a natural way and the beds elevated by
tufa stone. Cacti from the northern
climates will be placed at the colder end
of the house, while those from southern
countries will be in the warmer end in
order to give them their natural climate
as nearly as possible.—Pittsburg Dis-
patch.

Gasu-Basu, a New Anesthetic.
A new local anesthetic obtained from
an Indian plant, called "gasu-basu," has
recently been submitted to careful exami-
nation by some Hungarian dentists. The
anesthetic action of this substance was
discovered a year ago by a dentist in
Flume, Dr. D. Dalmia, who tried the ef-
fect of gasu-basu in cases of painful pul-
pitis, and recommended it as a powerful
anesthetic which might replace cocaine in
the treatment of that condition. Dr. Dalmia
also separated the active principle of the
plant, which proved to be an alkaloid,
and in his later experiments he used the
alkaloid with hydrochloric acid. This salt
has been named "nervocidine." In weak so-
lutions (one-tenth or one-twentieth per
cent) nervocidine produced a marked lo-
cal anesthesia of the cornea of warm-
blooded animals. Two drops of a one-
twentieth per cent solution applied to
the human conjunctiva produced a burn-
ing sensation accompanied by lacryma-
tion and followed after twenty minutes
by anesthesia of the cornea lasting for
five hours. After seven hours the cornea
regained its normal condition. A one-
tenth per cent solution of nervocidine
brushed over the mucous membrane of
the cheek caused local anesthesia of the
brushed surface and of the tongue, ac-
companied by loss of the sensation of
taste and the perception of touch, but
without loss of the perception of heat
and cold.—Lancet.

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Falls, eighteen miles west of Waco, but
now lives with his son-in-law at Valley
Mills, Texas.

A short time ago, by request, Uncle
Isaac came to Waco and sat for his pic-
ture. In his hand he held a stick cut
from the grave of General Andrew Jack-

son, which has been carried by him ever
since. Mr. Brock is a dignified old gen-
tleman, showing few signs of decrepitude.
His family Bible is still preserved, and it
shows that the date of his birth was writ-
ten 114 years ago.

Surely a few words from this remark-
able old gentleman, who has had 114
years of experience to draw from, would
be interesting as well as profitable. A
lengthy biographical sketch is given of
this remarkable old man in the Waco
Times-Herald, Dec. 4, 1898. A still more
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tions to be different diseases. For the
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petite; it gives me strength; it keeps my
blood in good circulation; I have come
to rely upon it almost entirely for the
many little things for which I need medi-
cine.

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which the children should be so carefully guarded. If you would have them
grow to manhood and womanhood, strong, healthy and happy, do not give
them medicines, when medicines are not needed, and when nature needs
assistance in the way of a laxative, give them only the simple, pleasant and
gentle—Syrup of Figs.

Its quality is due not only to the excellence of the combination of the
laxative principles of plants with pleasant aromatic syrups and juices, but
also to our original method of manufacture and as you value the health of
the little ones, do not accept any of the substitutes which unscrupulous deal-
ers sometimes offer to increase their profits. The genuine article may be
bought anywhere of all reliable druggists at fifty cents per bottle. Please
to remember, the full name of the Company—
CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP CO.—is printed on
the front of every pack-
age. In order to get its
beneficial effects it is al-
ways necessary to buy
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