

WITTICISMS.

"Gott for dam! I knocks you down higher than a kite!"—Quotation from a modern German poet.

"How much did that elegant costume cost?" said one lady to another. "I don't know; I haven't been sued for it yet."

The telephone is very popular in Colorado. By means of it a stranger can carry on conversation with a native without feeling obliged to ask him out to drink.

Brigham Young's grave is utterly neglected and his widows never visit it. They went there once to cry over his remains, but it made the ground so sloppy they all caught cold.

Swimming is becoming a favorite amusement with the New York ladies. It has long been known that husbands of New York ladies often find it difficult to keep their own heads above water, and now, perhaps, their wives will help them.

When Brown failed to catch a young lady who slapped his hands at Copenhagen, Fog remarked that it was a marine disaster. "A smack lost, you know," he exclaimed in answer to the interrogating glances leveled at him from all sides.

"My son graduated with honors," proudly said an Arkansas gentleman. "He took the gold medal and the professors declared that he would make his mark." "What is he doing now?" asked an acquaintance. "He's in penitentiary at present, but, sir, he graduated with honors."

"My son," said an Arkansas colonel of the reform school, "in life always make it a point not to fight." "Suppose a man calls me a d—d liar, what must I do?" "Find out whether he has told the truth or not. If he has, acknowledge the accusation, and if he has not, move to another neighborhood."

A Richmond lady says she was "awfully put out" by a mistake she made last Sunday. She had a nickel and a quarter, and when the contribution plate came around had to let it go without getting any change. She was as mad as a wet hen until having "owned up" her husband made up her loss with another quarter.

That man was a conscientious Christian who recently died in Somerville and concerning whom this story is told: He had married the second time, and his wife, a loving kind-hearted woman, was greatly disturbed at his approaching dissolution. "I believe there is no chance of my recovery," he said. She shook her head and burst into tears. "The doctor says no, but there is one consolation—you are prepared, John." "Yes, I'm quite prepared." "Then we'll meet in heaven," said she. "Yes, I hope so; but as I was married before, we can only meet as friends." This is rather hard on the poor widow if she doesn't happen to get married again.

"Probably there is no instance," says Arthur Helps, "in which any two lovers have made love exactly in the same way as any other two lovers since the world began." Probably not; but the variations can not be very marked. A great many young men go seven nights and remain until after midnight, and the only difference may consist in the quality or quantity of confections they carry in their coat-tail pockets. One pair of lovers may while away the hours by discussing the "Effect of Magnetism in Chemical Action," while another couple will kill time by sitting as close together as one chair will permit, and not make a single remark of interest to the outside world.

How much a man is like-old shoes? For instance: both a soul may lose; Both have been tanned, both are made tight by cobbler; both get left and right; Both need a mate to be complete; And both are made to go on feet. They both need healing; oft and sold; And both in time turn all to mold. With shoes the last is first; with men The first shall be the last; and when The shoes wear out they're mended new; When men wear out they're men-dead, too. They both are trod upon, and both Will tread on others, nothing loth. Both have their ties, and both incline When polished in the world to shine; And both get out—and would you choose To be a man or be his shoes?

Mixed Blessings.

The blessings of bachelors life in the west is never thoroughly appreciated till after sweltering over a stove and rejoicing in the fact that fried eggs are all that are required to make the meal complete. You reach for the paper sack that contains them, and taking a knife commence to crack. The first has a kind of stale appearance that is scarcely up to the standard of your appetite, so you try another, the improvement of this on the last is slight, but encouraging, so you try a third, when, Eureka! you find a good one, confidence is restored, and you reach for that grocery sack, pick up another and make a lick at it with the knife, when crack! it explodes, covering your stove, self and cooking outfit with an effusion that fills the cabin, hot and half the camp with a far reaching, pungent and not altogether agreeable odor taking complete possession and causing you to wander off in deep meditation of what the hen was made of that laid that egg, and whether any more of her product is innocently reposing in that paper sack.

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