

Never judge by appearances; a ragged old coat may contain an editor.

"Good-bye" in the telephone reminds one of autumn; it is the yell o' leave.

"Well, wife, you can't say I ever contracted bad habits?" No, sir; you generally expand them.

Profanity pays occasionally. A parrot with the largest assortment of oaths fetches the biggest price.

A New Jersey lady waded out and pulled in her husband, who was drowning. As usual, she grabbed him by the hair.

Darwin says that the monkey can blush. He certainly ought to when he sees the way his descendants are cutting up.

Takes the cake—the tramp. He also takes anything else he can fasten his talons on, from the hen house to the clothesline.

The difference between a besotted man and a pig is a slight one at best. One's a hunting grog and the other's a grunting hog.

The time of young ladies is divided into two parts. Half of the time they wait for the mails, and the other half for the males.

"Will there be war?" asks the timid editor. The chances are that if he refuses to give his wife the price of a new fall bonnet, war is inevitable.

Rattler says the cures effected by laying on of hands are an old story with him. His mother often indulged in the pastime in times past.

Some unknown person attempted to break into the editor's house recently, but discovered his mistake and escaped before the editor could rob him.

The latest agony is for a young lady to have a dog to match her dress. We'd like to see a crushed strawberry dog—in fact, any kind of a crushed dog.

A gallant railroad engineer met a girl in the morning, courted her all day, and in the evening married her. That was sort of a locomotive spark.

"What do you think of Fielding?" she asked of young Mr. Tawmus. "Oh, it's important, of course, but it won't avail anything without good batting?"

The moral side of it: "And, so Miss Fuller, you think Miss Johnson did wrong to go on the stage in tights?"

"Indeed I do. Why, her limbs are as thin as pipe-stems."

"I was so mad at George last night," said a girl of her sweetheart. "Yes," said her ill-natured brother, "I noticed when I looked in the parlor that you were up in arms."

At the opera in Dublin a gentleman sarcastically asked a man standing up in front of him if he was aware he was opaque. The other denied this allegation, and said he was O'Brien.

"I don't like to have my husband chew tobacco," remarked a young married lady, "but I put up with it, for the tin-foils is just too handy for anything in doing up my front crimps."

The difference between the business of a circus advance agent and a druggist seems to be this: "The first spends much of his time in the posting of his bills; the latter in busting his pills."

A woman who is kissed by mistake in the dark always screams and makes a great row about it, but you can wager she is provoked in another way when the man commences to offer excuses and says he wouldn't have done it if he had known whom it was.

"No George, I can never return your love; I never dreamed you loved me so; you should have spoke of it before. But I cannot return your love." "No," moaned the broken hearted lover, as he grasped his hat, "nor the oysters and ice-cream either," and George went out in the wet.

Ben Butler says he "has made his own way in the world because he lived on a farm when he was a boy." That's about it. If he couldn't learn to throw a stone with accuracy and fury on a Massachusetts farm, it wouldn't be for lack of raw material. It is, indeed, a living wonder the boy could ever learn anything else.

"See here, sir," exclaimed a grocer, bristling up with righteous indignation as the milkman made his morning call, "I should like you to explain how the chalk and white clay that I found in my coffee cup this morning got there."

"Don't know I am sure," said the milkman, "unless you sweetened your coffee with the same sugar you sold me yesterday."

Statistics state that there are two million widows in the German empire. It has heretofore understood that young men leave Germany for this country in order to escape compulsory military service, but after reading the foregoing statement we are in possession of a much better reason for their emigration.

A man in Judge Geddes' district in Ohio was in the habit of visiting a neighboring town and getting drunk. One night on his return home with several sheets in the wind, he approached his house, saw no light, and suspected that his wife had gone to bed. "Now, Mary has gone to bed," he said, "and hasn't anything for me to eat. I'll make it warm for her. But in a moment he saw a light and then said: "I'll be blessed if the extravagant thing isn't setting up till this late hour of night burning up my oil. Now, darn me if I don't make it hot for her."

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