Humorous Sketches.

HAD BEEN AROUND.—At the City Hall market yesterday, while a lady was purchasing a white fish, a man about fifty years old, and a stranger to her, approached and remarked:

'Missus, I have traveled over Europe, Asia, Africa, and the Holy Land; I have viewed the pyramids, sailed on the Nile and fished in the Tiber. Permit me to offer you a word of advice. Don't cook that fish with the scales on.'

'I didn't mean to, sir,' she indignantly replied.

'Very well, missus. I have crossed the Atlantic ocean fourteen times; ascended the Ander, sailed up the Mississippi, and tramped across the Great Sahara Desert. Let me say one word more: Cut the head off before you cook it!'

'Do you think I'm a heathen?' she retorted. 'I guess I know how to cook a fish!'

'You may, madam—you may. I have soldiered for Queen Victoria, I fought for Uncle Sam, drawn a pension, kept a post office, learned to fidle, and was never sued in my life. I beg your pardon, madam, but let you advise you not to eat the bones of that fish. Some folks eat bones and all, but they sooner or later come to some disreputable end!'

'I'll thank you to mind your own business!' she said, as she picked up the fish.

'I have traveled over the smooth prairies' he replied with the greatest politeness, 'climed the Rocky mountains, killed Indians, fought grizzles, suffered and starved and perished, and I leave you with the kindest and mast earnest wishes for your future welfare. Also, cut off the tail before cooking!'

And he went away.

'Billy, how did you lose your finger?' 'Easy enough,' said Billy.

'I suppose you did—but how?'

'I guess you'd a lost youren if it had been where mine was.'

'That don't answer my question.'

'Well, if you must know,' said Billy, 'I had to cut it off, or else steal the trap.'

An oil dealer sold some winter oil that was warranted to stand the severest cold. Shortly atteward it froze stiff. The purchaser went to the vendor with loud complaints.

'I told you it would stand the coldest weather,' said he; 'I didn't tell you it would run. You see it stands perfectly still, and you can't make it budge.'

'Benjamine,' shouted Mrs. Toodles to her husband, who was going out of the gate, 'bring me up five cents worth of snuff when you come.' 'Snuff? Mrs. Toodles; snuff?' he ejaculated, as he paused with his hand on the latch; 'no, no, Mrs. Toodles, the times are too hard to admit of such extravagance; you must tickle your nose with a straw when you want to sneeze.'

A Scotch gentleman of fortune, on his death bed, asked the minister 'whether, if he left ten thousand pounds to the kirk, his salvation would be certain.' The cautious minister responded: 'I would na like to be positive, but it's weel worth the trying.' The gentleman paid the money, and soon afterwards gave up the ghost.

A delinquent arrest for drunkenness was asked in the police court what he had done with his money. 'Invested it in lots,' was the reply. 'What lots?' was the next question. 'Lots of whiskey,' he replied with a serious face. There was a laugh, and the justice told him to go and come no more.—*Rochester Democrat.*

How had you the audacity, John said a Scottish laird to his servant, 'to go and tell some people that I was a mean fellow, and no gentleman?' 'Na, na, sir,' was the candid answer, 'you'll no catch me at the like o' that. I aye keep my thoughts to myself!'

'Mrs. Sage, I would like to know whose ferryboats these are that I tumble over in the hall?' 'Ferryboats, indeed, sir! Those are my shoes! Very polite of you to call 'em ferryboats!' 'Didn't say ferryboats, Mrs Sage. You misunderstood me. Fairy boots I said, my dear friend.'

'How did you like my sermon?' said a vain clergyman to a distinguished chance listener. 'Ah, sir, there was one beautiful passage.' 'Yes, yes,' said the dominie delighted, rubbing his hands; 'and what was that.' 'The passage from the pulpit to the vestry.'

A darkey who was stooping to wash his hands in a shed didn't notice the peculiar actions of a goat just behind him. So when he scrambled out of the water and was asked how it happened, he answered: 'I dun-no 'zactly. But 'peared as if de shore kinder histed and frowned me.'

Philosophers say that shutting the eyes makes the sense of hearing more a cute. A wag suggests that this accounts for the many closed eyes that are seen in our churches every Sunday.

KANSAS TEACHER.—'Where dose all of our grain product go to?' Boy—'It goes into the hopper.' 'Hopper! what hopper?' 'Grasshopper triumphantly shouted the boy.

OLE BULL was once seeing the sights at Donnybrook Fair, when he was attracted by the sound of a very loud violin in a tent. He entered and said to the player: 'My good friend, do you play by note?' 'The divil a note, sir.' 'Do you play by ear, then?' 'Never an ear, you honor.' 'How do you play then?' 'By main strength, be jabers!'

GERMAN EXCHANGE.—'Coming across the Channel the other night,' said a traveler, 'I got chatting with a German, and asked him what he was doing. 'Vell,' he replied, 'shoost now I am doing nodings, but I have made arrangements to go into pizness.' 'What are you going into?' 'Vell, I goes into partnership mit a man.' 'Do you put in much capital?' 'No; I doesn't put in no gabital.' 'Don't want to risk it, eh?' 'No; but I puts in de experience.' 'And he puts in the capital?' 'Yes, dat is it. We goes into pizness for dree year, he puts in de gabital, I put in de experience. At the end of de dree year I vill have de gabital, and he vill have de experience!'

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" " "	Philadelphia,		12.55 p m
" " "	Baltimore,		1.20 p m
" " "	Harrisburg,		5.00 p m
" " arr. at	Williamsport,		8.55 p m
" " "	Lock Haven,		10.20 p m
" " "	Bellefonte,		11.50 p m
Erie Mail leaves	New York,		8.25 p m
" " "	Philadelphia,		11.55 p m
" " "	Baltimore,		11.55 p m
" " "	Harrisburg,		4.25 a m
" " "	Williamsport,		8.35 a m
" " "	Lock Haven,		9.45 a m
" " "	Renovo,		11.05 a m
" " arr. at	Erie,		7.50 p m
Limited Mail	leaves	Philadelphia,	7.20 a m
" "	"	Baltim