

Humorous.

A GREAT SECRET.

My friend's, here's a secret By which you may thrive I am fifty years old, And my wife's forty-five.

A queen among beauties, The wedding-guests said, When they went to church, With the priest, and were wed.

That's thirty long years past, And I can avow, She was no more a beauty To me then, than now.

For never the scath of a Petulant frown, Did I ploughed with its furrows Her young roses down.

And still, like a girl, when Her praises I speak, Her heart fairly blushes, I self through her cheek.

Her smile more tender For being less bright, And the little bit of powder That makes her hair white.

And all the soft patience That shows through her face, In my eyes, are only Like grace upon grace.

For still we are lovers, As an alive, Though I, sir, am fifty, And she's forty-five!

And here's half the secret I meant to unfold, She don't know, my friend, Not the least, how to scold!

Nor does she get pettish, And ask to a pound, Since we've fell to love, We've never fell out!

And here's the full secret, That saves us from strife: I kept her a sweetheart, I making her wife!

And if you but wed on My pattern, you'll thrive, For I, sir, am fifty, My wife, forty-five!

THE PERPLEXED HOUSE-KEEPER.

I wish I had a dozen pairs Of hands this fine minute; I'd soon put all these things to rights— The very deuce is in 'em.

Here's a big washing to be done, One pair of hands to do it, Sheets, shirts, and stockings, coats and pants— How will I'er go through it?

Dinner to get for six or more, No loaf left over from Sunday, And baby cross as he can live— He's always so on Monday.

And there's the cream, 'tis getting sour, And must for ever be churning, And here's Bob wants a button on— Which way shall I be turning?

'Tis time the meat was in the pot, The bread was worked for baking, The clothes were taken from the boil— Oh, dear! the baby's wailing!

Hush, baby, dear, there hush, sh-sh! I wish he'd be a little, Till I could run and get some wood To hurry up the kettle.

Oh, dear! if P— comes home, And finds things in this bother, He'll just begin and to me all About his tidy mother.

How nice her dinner used to be, Her dinner always ready, Exactly when the kitchen bell rung— Right out before my waiting wifes They say that hasty words from wives Set sober men to drinking.

Now isn't that a great idea, That men should take to sinning, Cause a weary, half-sick wife, Can't always smile so winning?

When I was young I used to earn My living without a penny, Had clothes and pocket-money, too, And hours of leisure double.

I never dreamed of such a fate, When I'm a lass 'twas courted— My mother, nurse, seamstress, cook, house-keeper, chambermaid, laundress, Dainty woman and scrub generally, doing the work of six.

For the sake of being supported, This need is the leading feature, but is no reason a man should be led around by it.

A POETICAL American describes ladies' lips as "the glowing gateways of pork and potatoes."

Why is a young lawyer like a national currency? Because he is a legal tender, and somewhat green.

A DEBATING society out west is discussing the question, "Which is the butt end of a goat?"

A ST. JOSEPH wife shot her husband, the other night, for drinking beer. He promised to buy her a muff and didn't.

A WISCONSIN paper mentions a case where burglars broke into a store, but the goods were marked so high that they would not take any away.

The solution of the question whether women are equal to men is upon the woman is, and who the man is.

Two young men who broke into a fruit shop at Belfast, Me., were discovered by teeth marks on the apples, which they mistook for maple sugar.

The wind blows with such force in Colorado that when a man loses his hat he has to telegraph to the next station to have some one stop it.

A GOOD deal of the consolation offered in the world is about as soothing as the assurance of the man to his wife when she's at the bottom, my dear.

"Mr. SMITHERS, how can you sleep so?" "The sun has been up these two hours." "Well, what if he has?" said Smithers. "He goes to bed at dark, while I'm up till midnight."

A SOUTHERN paper says that "Clark County farmers are turning mother earth with a will." In these latitudes the operation is usually performed with a plough.

ANNA DICKINSON says that "there is no work a man can do but it will be better done by having a woman at his side." "How about carrying a kicking mule?" said a correspondent.

"What makes you look so glum, Tom?" "Oh, I have had to endure a sad trial in my feelings." "What was that?" "Why, I had to tie on a pretty girl's bonnet while her ma was looking on."

"Are you colored?" a Providence policeman asked of an inebriated tramp in the station house, whom he could not see distinctly in the semi-darkness of the cell. "No," drawled the drowsy and drunken "Fifteenth Amendment," "not colored; I was born so."

STATEMENT OF THE FINANCES OF THE COUNTY OF COLUMBIA.

From January 1, 1870, to January 1, 1871.

DAVID LOWENBERG, Esq., Treasurer of Columbia County, in account with said county, for county expenses, for 1870.

Jan. To amt outstanding for 1869 and previous years, \$2,150.00

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To cash from Jacob Yoke late Treasurer, 603.47

Mar. 1, 1870, balance on hand, 3.20

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