

Oh-oh-oh sunshine, and three-blessed rain. How ye do warm and melt the rugged soil...

GABRIEL'S LAST HORN.

In Coles county, there lived a man named Isaac Dodson, and his wife, who were both firm believers in the prophecy of Father Miller...

After having "set their house in order," the following conversation took place: Husband—My dear wife, I believe I have made every preparation for to-morrow. I have forgiven all my sins...

Wife—Well, husband, you begin—I can't. Husband—No, you know, my love, Paul says husbands have a right to command their wives...

Wife—In the sight of God, I reckon it's my right, I will tell you, dear husband, our eldest son, William, is not your child.

Husband—Great God! Mary! I never dreamed of your being untrue to me. Is that so? Wife (in tears)—Yes, God forgive me, it's true.

I know that I did very wrong, but sorry for it, but in an evil hour I fell, and there's no help for it now. Husband—William not mine! In the name of God, whose child is he?

Wife—He's Mr. Graham's constable. The Lord be near your poor wife! Husband—So, William ain't my child! Go on.

Wife—Well, your daughter Mary, named after me, ain't your's neither. Husband—Salutation! Talk on, Mary—come right out. Who's Mary's father?

Wife—Mr. Rider, the man that built the meet-in-house, and went to the lower country. Husband (resignedly)—Well, as there is but one duty, I'll bear it; so go on, if you have any thing else.

Wife—Well, there's your youngest— Husband—I suppose Jenny ain't mine neither. Wife—No, dear husband, Jenny, that rec both boys so well, ain't your's neither.

Husband—Mighty Lord! Is that so? In the name of the Saviour, whose is he? Wife—He is the one-eyed shoe-maker's, that lives at the fork of the road.

Husband—Well, by Heavens—Gabriel, blow your horn! I WANT TO GO NOW! AMERICAN CHARACTER.—The Boston Journal tells the following story:

"A case came under our observation this morning of a young man about 17 years of age, from New Hampshire, who goes out in the big Mary Weller, He is the son of rich parents, who have offered him every inducement to stay at home. His father has offered him ten thousand dollars, if he will remain, and an aunt, who followed him to the wharf, offered him seven thousand more. But he preferred going. The tears flowed down the face of that kind aunt as she left the wharf, after the brig hauled away toward the stream and sorrowfully wended her way home.

It is said the young man is heir to about two hundred thousand dollars. There are some who think this young man a fool; but we rather think that he shows that he cares for something besides money.

CAS USE NEGRO SERIAL ANOTHER NEGRO.—A western paper gives an amusing account of the trial for a horse-stealing of a negro for stealing a slave. The counsel for a long and irresistible speech, and thus summed up his case: It is impossible—said he—for one slave to steal another; gentlemen of the jury, I say it is impossible for one negro to steal another. Suppose gentlemen of the jury, my horse should get out of the lot and run away, and go by the house of John A. Bell, and his horse should follow him off, would you hang my horse for stealing John A. Bell's horse? No, gentlemen of the jury, you would not do such thing. The jury cleared the negro, of course.

A WITTY KNAVE.—A fellow who claimed acquaintance with almost every goaler of the kingdom, went into a shop at Ludgate hill to purchase some lace, where he told that a piece that reached from one of his ears to the other would serve him. Having accordingly made the agreement with the man in charge, he began to measure, observing that one his ears was nailed to the pilory at Bristol. London News.

It is time that our young ladies dropped the old plan of referring the boys to their paternal parent, when they receive an offer of marriage. Come girls, lay aside the old way, and when a young man of the right stamp offers himself, don't look down and stare some particular figure in the apparel out of countenance, and whisper, "ask us," but throw your arms round his neck, kiss him, look him in the eyes, and say—"Well I will,—Hilbany Katcherbacher."

Judge STROMBERG'S TOAST.—The following toast was proposed by Judge Stoddard at the late Taylor festival. The first part was cheered to the last part proceeding. It did not appear in the published proceedings. "Toast—"Gen. Zachary Taylor, the president," (here the old man paused for a moment to catch breath, but the Taylorites supposing him through, commenced cheering. He silenced them however, by the following conclusion.) "as ignorant of the science of government, as Nicodemus of the new birth." None laughed but the Judge.—Cleveland Herald.

WOMEN FOR CALIFORNIA.—The gold-diggers of California are likely to have help-ones to share the fruit of their plunder. Mrs. Eliza W. Farham, whose husband died at San Francisco last September, and who finds it necessary to go out there in consequence, proposes to take with her a company of unmarried women, not under twenty-five years of age, who carrying unadorned testimonials as to character, education, &c. Further information may be obtained by applying to her in New York.

A man in Chatham, N. Y., has a frog 22 years old, which weighs 175 pounds. It is kept in a cellar and fed on corn meal and cabbage.—Boston Herald.

That frog belongs to Mr. Norman Bradley, who resides in Canaan, near East Chatham depot. A friend of ours called to see him last week, and found him chained to a post. The chain is attached to a ring in his nose. Mr. B. was compelled to chain him in consequence of his having become somewhat ferocious, as he attacked Mr. B. and tore off his dress. Mr. B. offers to sell him for \$1,000.—Hudson Democrat.

A GOOD REASON WHY.—A Maine paper says that the reason why the Vermont and New Hampshire boys are so tall, is because they are in the habit of throwing themselves up as to keep over the mountains, to see the sun rise. It is dreadful stretching work.

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