

The German rose-raiser, who got off the following comparison of merits, has been invited to speak before the ladies of the Pittsburgh Floral Society, followed by a general discussion for the purpose of showing him his mistake. The worthy Teuton's words were: "I have so much drouble mit the ladies when dey comes to buy mine rose; dey wants him hardy, dey wants him doubles, dey wants him moonly, dey wants him fragrant, dey wants him nice goulter, dey wants him everydings in one roses. I hopes I am not what you call uncalled man, but I have somedimes to say to dat ladies—'Madam, I never often sees dat ladies dat was beautiful, dat was rich, dat was good temper, dat was young, dat was clever, dat was perfection, in one ladies. I sees her much not!'"

Cute.—A member of the Missouri Legislature, whose reputation was exceedingly below "par," absented himself for awhile, and then had his death announced. Thereupon the Legislature passed the usual resolutions of condolence, some of the wily member's bitterest enemies eulogized their "departed friend's exalted character and high moral worth," and the next day he reappeared in his seat with the resolutions and eulogies neatly pasted in his memorandum book as a receipt in full for the past and a letter of credit for the future.

Don't tell an editor how to run a newspaper. Let the poor unfortunate find it out himself.

An Atry Location.—The Chief Signal Office has under consideration the establishment of a signal station on the summit of Pike's Peak during the coming summer. Preparations were made for this last summer but were suspended for want of proper telegraphic facilities. The station will be a mile and a half higher than Mount Washington, New Hampshire, and will afford unusual facilities for the study of upper atmospheric currents.

Very certain.—The surest way to lose your health is to keep drinking other people's.

The wonder of science at Cambridge, Mass., hitherto unremarked—A gas is the philosopher there.

The latest problem for civil engineers is to make one of the keys of a piano fit the lock of a canal.

When may a man be said to be literally immersed in his business? When giving a swimming lesson.

A cynic describes marriage as an altar on which man lays his wallet and woman her affections.

Here is the newest floral "sentiment": If you wish for heart's-ease, don't look to marigold.

How can a man see the point of a joke when he is the butt.

A lady in Lancaster, aged ninety-seven years, recently presented to her grandson a German Bible printed in 1517 and a life of Luther, also in German, bearing date 1546.

Strange as it may appear, there is a man in this state who spends most of his time in attending to his own business and says he finds it quite profitable.

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Barnum is looking round for a polite hotel clerk to add to his collection of curiosities.

A gentleman, in a fit of absent-mindedness, told another that he had two sons—both boys.

More men grow old from having nothing to do than from overwork. The running machine will keep bright for years—the idle machine will soon rust out.

One of the latest cases of absence of mind is that of a man in Tennessee who used a roll of greenbacks as a stopper in his demijohn. If he would only keep the stopper there, he would probably find a profit even in this expensive stoppage.

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