

**Whitewash**—Whitewash, which is said to be nearly as serviceable as oil paint upon wood, brick or stone, is made by slaking half a bushel of unslaked lime, keeping it covered during the process and straining it afterward. A peck of salt dissolved in warm water is then added, with three pounds of ground rice boiled to a thin paste, half a pound of powdered Spanish whiting and one pound of clear glue dissolved in warm water. The mixture having been thoroughly made, should be hot when applied, a common paint or white-wash brush being used. The wash may be kept in a kettle or portable furnace. This recipe is used by the government, having been issued by the Lighthouse Board of the Treasury Department.

A Judge at Raleigh was guilty of borrowing a chew of tobacco of a prisoner and then sending him up for three years.

Chickasaw county Iowa has just received its first piano and one of the boys there denounced it as "the all-frosted fiddle you ever see."

Having a bill against a man in Kennebec town, we sent a letter of inquiry to a newspaper man of that locality. The reply was, "He is dead but he pays just as well as he ever did."

**A Definition of "Nothing."**—At Banchoy lately the parish schoolmaster out of curiosity, put the question to the scholars, "What is nothing?" A pause ensued, until an urchin, whose proclivities for earning a penny were well-known among his schoolfellows, got up and replied, "It's when a man seeks ye to hand his horse and jist says thank ye."

If you would not have affliction visit you twice listen at once to what it teaches.—*Burgh.*

**Single Beds.**—The large double bed, which has held its own for centuries, is fast falling into disfavor, to be superseded by the single bed. The fact is pretty well established that wherever two persons sleep together, one abstracts from the other some amount of vital force. This is especially the case where old and young persons share the same bed. Besides, in a room where there is no decided current of air, the emanations from the lungs and skin of a sleeper poison the air for a considerable distance. In the public wards of great hospitals, never less than two and a half feet is allowed between each bed for this reason. In the sleeping apartments of royalty and nobility single beds are everywhere the rule and nowhere the exception. The Emperor of Germany sleeps upon a narrow bed and a hard mattress. The single bed covering is a wadded silk quilt. The Emperor and Empress of Austria take their royal slumbers on similar beds, with the same description of coverlet. One of the principal advantages of these narrow beds is that the mattresses are easily aired and that, in the opinion of all housewives, must be a very important consideration.

**Funny Temperance Case.**—In Akron, Ohio, I heard a funny temperance case. A rum seller, whom I will call H. Church, because he was "high" most of the time, had been sued several times for damage done by his rum on citizens of the town. One man came out drunk and smashed in a big glass window. He was too poor to pay for it and the owner came against Church. A boy about sixteen got drunk and let a horse run away with him, breaking his arm. His father made Church pay the damage. A mechanic got drunk and was killed on the railroad track, and the widow sued Church for \$2,000 and got it. A farmer got drunk and was burned in his barn on the hay. His son sued Church and recovered. Church got sick of paying out so much money for personal and property damages. It ate up all the rum seller's profits. Still he acknowledged the law to be a statute and that it made him responsible for all the damage done by his rum. He used to argue, also, that sometimes his rum did people good and that he said he ought to receive something back.

One day lawyer Thompson got to drinking. Thompson was mean, like most lawyers, and when he died of the delirium tremens there wasn't much mourning in Akron. There wasn't anybody who cared enough for Thompson to sue Church for damage done. So one day Church went before the Court himself.

"What does Mr. Church want?" asked the Justice.

"I tell yer what, Judge," commenced the rum seller, "when my rum killed that thar mechanic Johnson and farmer Mason, I can down like a man. I paid the damage and squared up like a Christian—now didn't I, Judge?"

"Yes, you paid the damage, Mr. Church; but what then?"

"Wall, Judge, my rum did a good deal to 'em killin' lawyer Thompson now, and it 'pears ter me when I kill a lawyer I kinder oughter get a rebate."

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