

Cincinnati is to have what, so far as we know, is a novelty in American cities, a public forum, to be used for meetings of citizens. A wealthy citizen proposes to build it on a public square in front of the new post office, at a cost of half a million dollars. The rostra, or speaker's stand, is to be of marble.

A St. Louis clerk tried to get up a corner in the chicken market one day last week. He has been driving half the clerks on the thoroughfare wild with envy by a magnificent cluster diamond ring. One morning, while at Lucas market, his hand reposed on a chicken-coop, and a curious cackler went for his ring, plucked out and swallowed the largest gem in the cluster. It is unnecessary to say that the coop of chickens at the dealer's price. He says he will have that diamond if the family is compelled to eat chickens all summer.

The Jackson (Tenn.) *Whig and Tribune* tells of a woman who sent her husband to buy a jug of molasses. He got drunk and fetched home the jug filled with whiskey. She took it up, snelt it, set it back and then squaring herself, arms akimbo and eyes flashing, she exclaimed, "Whar's them molasses?" The old man smiled and winked pleasantly and waving his left hand proprietarily, exclaimed, "Them's they!" He is now convalescent, but the jug is hopelessly deranged.

One of the editors of the Cincinnati *Enquirer* recently saved the cook of a canal boat from drowning and has received a letter from the girl's father, saying: "You have saved the girl and she's your'n." No cards; no editor.

Walter Savage Landor related how he once met Napoleon walking in the garden of the Tuileries and added, in characteristic Landor style: "The fellow looked at me so insolently that if I had not had a lady on my arm I should have knocked him down."

"How does your husband get along?" inquired a friend of an undertaker's wife. "Nothing to complain of, thank the Lord; he had twelve funerals yesterday."

The editor of a Pennsylvania paper having failed to get a pass, congratulating himself on the fact that Tom Scott can't control the through route to heaven.

A suit for damages for breaking the leg of a child seven years old was on trial recently in the Superior Court, Boston. Preliminary to the testimony of the child, his counsel asked him: "What will be the consequences if you testify falsely?" The child answered: "I shall be punished with everlasting fire." "Very well," responded the attorney, "The child was permitted to proceed and narrated the circumstances very naively and intelligently."

The average salary of the sixty-one thousand Protestant clergymen in the United States is computed at \$700 annually. Probably more than one-third of the whole number receive no more than \$500.

A clergyman in Davenport, Iowa, exchanged pulpits with a pastor in a not distant city a few Sundays ago and meeting at the railroad crossing they had a brief chat together. They carried satchels just alike and when the car-bell rang each caught up one and started for the train, to find on reaching their destinations that they had exchanged satchels and sermons.

"Is Mike McCloskey in the ranks?" asked the Commander-in-Chief, as the army stood in line of battle. "Here, General," said Mike, stepping forward. "Then let the engagement begin," said the General. "This is the way Mike tells the story."

A young man in a suburban town sent off his first postal card on Thursday morning. After writing a message on the back he enclosed it in an envelope, clapped on a three-cent stamp and dropped it into the post-office, remarking that it was a very handy arrangement and should have been introduced years ago.

A staid citizen of Indianapolis, while recently on a business visit to New York, was asked to escort a charming young widow hence to her home in Western New York. He complied, of course; but when on reaching the place of her residence, all her friends began congratulating her and him on what they supposed to be her new alliance, it became aggravating and embarrassing and he was compelled to explain that he had a wife at home, to whom he had been married for sixteen years.

A man in a neighboring town who married a widow has invented a device to cure her of eternally praising her former husband. Whenever she begins to descant on his noble qualities, this ingenious No. 2 merely says: "Poor dear man! How I wish he hadn't died?" and the lady immediately thinks of something else to talk about.

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