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## Mrs. Caudle on the Velocipede.

Mrs. Caudle (first night).—“There, Caudle, just, just look at that! Tom the best pair of pants you had in the house. Now, how did that come about?”

Mr. C.—“Well, you see I rode the velocipede this forenoon, and another machine ran into mine, and before I knew it my pants were torn.”

Mrs. C.—“Ripped your coat, too, haven’t you? You didn’t want me to see that test? And there’s your best beaver, all smashed up!” Perhaps you’ll say the velocipede did that? It did, did it? But, Mr. Caudle, what’s the matter with your hands? Why they are all blistered up.”

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Mr. C.—“A slight bruise, only a slight bruise; keep me in the house only a day or two. You see, Jack—and he was 350 pounds—accidentally drove his velocipede over my foot, and yet one must endure these little things in order to become an adept in riding the velocipede.”

Mrs. C. (third night).—“Now I would like to know where you’ve been all this blessed evening?” Here it is fifteen minutes of midnight, and you just coming home to your lawfully wedded wife. You needn’t say that you have been to the lodge; because I know it isn’t a lodge night.”

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Mrs. C.—“Now, Caudle, I know what you were going to say. You were going to tell me that you must desert me every night for six weeks while you learn to ride a velocipede. If wives had their way they’d burn every velocipede in town. And what was the matter with you last night? I couldn’t get a wink of sleep. Your legs kept going up and down all night, like pump handles. Velocipede motion was it? Put your feet in the stirrups, and turn and throw your knees up and down, does it? Now, don’t tell me it’s nothing when you get used to it. It is bad enough to sleep with a man when he is quiet, but to have the bedclothes slopping up and down all night as regularly as the clock ticks, is a little too much, velocipede or no velocipede. If you ride the velocipede another day, Caudle, I’ll leave the house.”

And with this conclusion the lady ceased, finding her worthy spouse was already fast asleep.

His BIRTHDAY.—Twas night, and such a night as earth ne’er saw before. Murky clouds veiled the fair face of the heavens, and gave to pitchy darkness a still deeper dye. The moon had fled, the stars had closed their eyes, for dusk was doing which they dare not look upon. For a time the world lay still, but the winds cased to blow; the mountains trembled; the forest dropped its leaves; the flowers lost their fragrance and withered; all nature became desolate; the serpents hissed; harpies screamed, and satyrs revelled beneath Upas; domestic beasts crept near to the abode of man; the lion relinquished his half-eaten prey; the tiger ran howling to his lair, and even the hyena quitted his repast of dead men’s bones. Man alone of all earth’s creatures slept, but he cannot descend to surliness. In short, however he judges honorable practices toward every man.

A LOSE NIRO.—During the war a “Contraband” came into the Federal lines in North Carolina, and was marched up to the officer of the day to give an account of himself, whereupon the following colloquy ensued:

“What’s your name?”

“My name’s Sam.”

“Sam what?”

“No, sir, not Sam Watt. I’m just Sam.”

“I hasn’t got no other name, sir. I’m Sam—dat’s all.”

“What’s your master’s name?”

“I got no master now; massa run away—yah! yah! I’m free nigger now.”

“Now what’s your father’s and mother’s name?”

“I’ve got none, sir—neber had none. I’m just Sam—ain’t nobody else.”

“Haven’t you any brothers and sisters?”

“No, sir; neber had none. No brother, no sister, no fadder, no modder, no mama—nothin’ but Sam. When you see Sam you see all dare is of us.”

Query—How is Sam enrolled on the poll list, or for jury duty, or for official appointment?

Josh Billings defines a “thunder-bred business man” as “man that knows enough about stealth so there kant anybody steal from him, and enough about law so that he kin do his stealin’ legally.”

I don’t believe in total depravity; every man has somthing in him to show that God made him.

I suppose that one reason why the road to ruin is broad, is because it accommodates the great amount of travel at that direction.

I think I had rather bear a man brash about himself, than few bear him all the time ov sam one else—for I think I like vanity a little better than he do.

He said he was sick.

A greenhorn, standing behind a sewing-machine at which a young lady was at work, looking alternately at the machine and at its fair operator, at length gave vent to his admiration with, “By golly, its purty, ‘specilly the part that’s covered with calico.”

“What are you doing there, Jane?”

“Why, ma, I’m going to dye my doll’s pin-striped red.” But what have you got to dye it? “Beer.” “Who on earth told you that beer would dye red?” “Why, ma, I said it was beer that made your nose so red, and—”

“Here, Susan, take this child.”

Mamma, said a precocious little boy, who, against his will, was made to rock the cradle of his baby brother, “If the Lord has any more babies to give away, don’t you take ‘em.”

It is very well to advise people to take the bull by the horns, but what will the bull aforesaid be about all the time?

A married lady being asked what she replied: “No, thank you; I have nothing enough at home.”

## Sket Poetry.

### CHANT OF THE WHITE BONDSMAN.

[AFTER THE MANNER OF RENAISSANCE.]  
Men of labor, ever faithful,  
Lift your honest hearts on high;  
Is the power of wealth on the dial?  
O, how patiently you waited  
The hap-hazard of a day,  
While your tyrants still unfeasted,  
Stole her golden fruits away!  
Gift in power,  
Hour by hour,  
They have spurned their solar fire;  
So will ever,  
Hating never,  
Till ye tame them and desire.

How the vampires of the nation  
Play the scoundrel role,  
Warp its ear and mock control!

How they beat them to the mazes,  
While the masses yet stare free!  
How they grimly close the classes,  
Patched with gold and liberty!

Still in power, do;

Though your mere were cast in shadow,  
You had vision for beyond;

Giving minstrels, golden evenings,  
New your lives are sealed in bond;

Then the moon, like the sun,  
Beats the mass of your slaves!

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The GENTLEMEN.—A modern writer thus describes a gentleman:

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