

HUMOROUS.

— Don't loaf about the streets and depend on the Lord for your "daily bread." He isn't running a bakery. — "Are you going to make a flour-crated barn, Jekkins?" asked a young lady of her gardener. "Yes, miss; them's the orders," answered the gardener. "Why, it'll quite spoil our croquet ground!" "Can't help it miss; them's your pa's orders. He says he'll have it laid out for horticulture, not for husbandry!"

— A clerk in a city book store, thinking to annoy a Quaker customer who looked as though he was fresh from the country, handed him a volume, saying: "Here is an excellent essay on the rearing of calves." "This had better present to thy mother, young man," was the spontaneous retort of the Quaker.

— The "ounce of prevention worth a pound of cure," was strikingly reversed by the old lady, who not long ago, in her perambulation coming upon a tall road track at a station, asked how soon the next train would pass. On being answered "in half an hour," she decided at once to delay crossing the track till the cars had passed, remarking sagely that a "body couldn't be too careful." It is probable that it was a relative of the same old lady for whom the physician prescribed cod liver oil, and wrote the Latin formula, "Ole. Jec. Ass.," being an abbreviation of oleum jecoris assella. The medicine was taken and in a few weeks the old lady completely recovered her health. A neighbor expressed surprise at her improved condition, inquiring the secret of so rapid a restoration. "Why," said the old lady, "It was that beautiful medicine, the oil of jackass, that brought me to my feet again."

— It is reported of a clergyman in Sacramento, that being called upon to visit a sick young man, he read some portions of the Bible, and then remarked, as he got up to leave, "There now; put that in soak till I call again."

— The last definition is that given by a little fellow in a public school at St. Paul, Minn., who, having spelled the word "sob," was asked to define the word, and said: "It means when a fellow don't want to cry and it busts out itself."

— A colored preacher, in translating to his hearers the following sentence: "The harvest is over, the season is ended, and thy soul is not saved," put it: "De corn it am cribbed, dere ain't any more work, and de debbil is still foolin' wid dis community."

— The rush for marriage licenses has begun. The motto of the anxious applicant is:

Long nights are coming on.
And cold, stormy weather;
What's the use of going it alone,
When two can go together?

— A country pedagogue requested all of his scholars to write a piece, under penalty of thrashing. A rising genius got off the following:

Lord of love,
Look down from above;
Our poor scholars;
We have failed a fool
To teach our school;
And p'ym'nt due dollars.

Tribulations of a Local Editor.

The Danbury News says: Once upon a time a local editor dreamed that he was dead and in another world. He approached the gate of a city before him, and knocked for admittance, but no one answered his summons. The gate remained closed against him. Then he cried aloud for an entrance, but the only response were scores of heralds appearing above the wall on each side of the gate. At sight of him the owners of the heads set up a dismal howl, and one of them cried: "Why didn't you notice the big egg I gave?" At this horrid and most unexpected interrogation the poor local turned in the direction of the voice to learn its owner, when another voice shrieked: "Where is the piece you were going to write about my soda fountain?" and close upon this was the awful demand: "Why did you write a piece about old Peddie's fence, and never say a word about my new gate?" Whatever answer he was going to frame to this appeal was cut abruptly off by the astonishing query: "What did you spell my name wrong in the program me ter?" The miserable man turned to flee, when he was routed to the spot by this terrible demand: "Why did you put my marriage among the deaths?" He was on the point of saying the foreman did it, when a still voice finally cried: "What made you put in my runaway and spoil the sale of my horse?" And this was followed by the voice of a female hysterically proclaiming: "This is the brute that botched my poetry and made me ridiculous!" Whereupon hundreds of voices screamed: "Where is my article? Give me back my article!" And in the midst of this horrid din the poor wretch awoke, perspiring at every pore, and screaming for help. The next day he resigned, and we had to hunt up another local editor.

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