

Humorous.

The Boston Post states, as an interesting fact to single gentlemen, that there are fifty four widows of generals, and two hundred and seventeen of colonels, on the pension rolls.

—A wicked man in Davenport, being on his deathbed, wished to consult some proper person regarding his future state, and his friends sent a fire insurance agent to him.

—An Illinois debater "Lau 'em" when he arose and said: "Yes, gentlemen, Waterloo was the biggest kind of a fight, but Washington whipped 'em like a wink!"

—Save your pennies if you wish to become rich. A figuring chap has discovered that by saving five cents each day—a mere trifle—you will have over eight thousand dollars, counting interest, in one hundred and twenty years. What is the need of being poor?

—A bright lad who commenced to go to school for the first time last September, is progressing wonderfully with his studies. He can mash flies between the covers of his books, and place carpet tacks on the boys' seats with a proficiency seldom acquired in so short a time.

—A patron of a certain newspaper once said to the publisher:—"Mr. Printer, how is it that you have never called on me for my paper?" "Oh," said the man of types, "we never ask a gentleman for money." "Indeed," replied the patron, "how do you manage to get along when they don't pay?" "Well," said the editor, "after a certain time we conclude that he is not a gentleman, and we ask him." "Oh ah—yes—I see. Mr. Editor, please give me a receipt," and hands him the amount due. "Make my name all right on your books."

—One morning, on entering the chamber of a French marquis, whom he had tended through a very dangerous illness, the doctor was thus accosted: "Good day to you, Dr. Bouvard; I feel quite in spirits, and thank my fever has left me." "I am sure it has," replied Bouvard drily. "The very first expression you used convinced me of it." "Pray explain yourself." "Nothing is easier. On the first day of your illness, when your life was in danger, I was your dearest friend; as you began to get better, I was your good Bouvard; and now I am Dr. Bouvard; depend upon it, you are quite recovered."

—Count Joubert had attacked Marshal Soult with a number of epigrams, and the Marshal meeting him at a reception of the Court of Louis Philippe, turned his back upon him just as the Count was coming forward to speak to him, and this in the presence of thirty people. "Monsieur le Marschal," said Joubert, quietly, "I have been told that you consider me one of your enemies. I see with pleasure that it is not so." "Why not, sir," said Soult. "Because," said Joubert, "you are not in the habit of turning your back to the enemy." The Marshal held out his hand, and the Count's success was complete.

—Half a century ago, when the income of a Dissenting preacher in England was not very large, his salary was often supplemented by a bountiful supply of provisions from the well-to-do members of his congregation. A Baptist minister in Hertfordshire used at Christmas time to be positively inundated with hampers filled with good things. On one occasion an enormous turkey was sent to him by the thoughtful kindness of a neighboring farmer; but, as the minister's family had already provided for the Christmas dinner, the bird was sent into the market and sold. A passer-by, seeing this fine specimen of poultry, said, "What a splendid turkey! Just the thing for the parson's Christmas dinner!" And to the "parson" it was sent. The prudent wife sent it a second time to the market and sold it again for a handsome sum. Another friend, similarly struck with the magnificent proportions of the turkey, purchased it and also sent it to the "parson." Not wishing to fly in the face of Providence, the good man said at last, "It is very clear that the Lord means us to have this turkey," and with the entire approbation of the family, it formed part of the Christmas dinner.

—John Robinson made New Year's ends. He called on a saloon keeper, he called for liquor, called the liquor out, and drank enough to trip him up. Then he called for police, and when the police came he cald them bars and snell.

"I was having a little fun," he exclaimed, winking at his Honor. "John Robinson, you are aware that this is a very solemn world," said the court, "a world which has ten hearts aches to one smile? Don't you know that the grim shadow of grief rests upon every door step, and that the tomb-stones in the cemeteries almost outnumber the trees in the forest? There's wailing in every household, John Robinson—there's grief in every heart. And yet you claim that you were only having a little fun!" "That's all, your Honor; it was a holiday." "It was sad fun, John Robinson. While all the rest of us were swearing off and making double-back-acton resolves you were lying at the corner of an atley dead drunk. It is \$5 or sixty days, sir, and if this case was before a Chicago police justice, he'd make it \$500 or life sentence."

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