

**Humorous.**

—One of the most audacious quacks that Great Britain ever produced was John Harrison Curtis, "aurist." He knew almost absolutely nothing of the profession that he adopted, but he got something of a reputation, and was once summoned to attend Sir Robert Peel, who was suffering from temporary deafness. He went provided with two watches, one that ticked very weakly and another that made as much noise as a clock. Peel began to question him as to his mode of treatment, but Curtis, giving him a dig with a syringe, told him that if he didn't hold his tongue some injury would befall him. The quack at first applied the weak-ticking watch to Sir Robert's ear, and of course he couldn't hear anything, but after working for some time he used the other one, and Peel could hear perfectly well! It was a marvellous cure!

—A celebrated naval officer relates the following anecdote: On one of his cruises the sailors say a comet, and were somewhat surprised and alarmed at its appearance. The hands met and appointed a committee to wait upon the commander and ask his opinion of it. They approached him and said, "We want to ask your opinion, your honor." "Well my boys, what is it about?" "We want to inquire about that thing up there." "Now, before I answer you, let me know what you think of it?" "Well, your honor, we have talked it all over, and we think it is a star sprung a-leak."

—A justice of the peace living in another county was recently called upon by a couple from Barton, Vt., who desired to be married; but, two weeks after performing the ceremony, he remembered that the marriage was illegal, as being made out of the county where the couple belonged, so he married them again. Some time after he recollected that he had not been qualified for office in their county, and taking the oath he again performed the ceremony.

—On arriving at Cafais, France, on her way to make the grand tour, an English lady was surprised and somewhat indignant at being termed, for the first time in her life, "a foreigner." "You mistake, madame," said she to the libeller, with some pique, "it is you who are the foreigners. We are English."

—The steeple of St. Xavier's Catholic church in Cincinnati will stand, when complete, 320 feet from the ground, and will cost \$50,000. But it is not stated what it will stand on, when so far from the ground.

—The Argus says that the first thought on a cold morning is "God help the poor." To judge from appearances, the second thought is a determination not to meddle with the intention of Providence.

—No man can read about all these burglaries without a determination to have his wife sleep on the front side of the bed.

—Josh Billings says that in the beds of many hotels "you sleep sum, but role over a good deal."

—If you want to know whether your grandmother was cross-eyed, or where your great uncle stood in his arithmetic class, just run for office, and you'll know it all.

—A city lawyer was making a high-flown speech the other day, telling about angel's tears, weeping willows and tombstones, when his Honor said: "Confine your remarks to the dog fight."

—A down town man awoke his wife the other night, and, in a startled tone of voice, informed her that he had swallowed a dose of strychnine. "Well you fool," said she, "lie still or it may come up."

—Old Parson L. of Germantown, was a queer sort of a man. One time, when his congregation had most of them, fairly disposed themselves for their evening nap, he startled them, as well as their ideas of propriety, by asking in his loudest tone, "What's the price of butter?" At another time, some strangers coming to church with him, the congregation paid more attention to them than they did to him. Losing all patience, he stopped in his sermon and said: "Those folks in my pew are my cousins from H., so you needn't stare at them any more."

—Rev. Dr. Guthrie says, "If you want to keep a dead man put him in whiskey; if you want to kill a living man put the whiskey into him."

—Cincinnati claims to have the best hotel cook in the world. He gets up frog suppers out of motion.

—Grump accidentally sat on a red hot coal, and spent the night following in trying to turn so he could see his wound.

—There was an old piper, and his name was Uncle Ned and he died at Savannah the other day, at the age of 113. The deep boisterousness of his talking off was due to the excessive use of tobacco during the entire period of his last century.

—A New York auctioneer complains that he is like Enoch Arden—he sees "no calc from day to day."

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