

Confession of a Husband. It was about the buckwheat cakes. I told Maria Ann any fool could beat her making those cakes, and she said I had better try it. So I did. I emptied the batter all out of the pitcher, one evening, and set the cakes myself. I got the flour, and the salt, and the water, and, warned by the past, put in a liberal quantity of eggs and shortening. I shortened with tallow from roast beef, because I could not find any lard. The batter did not look right; it lit my pipe and pondered; yeast—yeast to be sure. I went and woke up the baker, and got six cents' worth of yeast. I set the pitcher behind the sitting room stove, and went to bed. In the morning I got up early, and prepared to enjoy my triumph; but I didn't. The yeast was strong enough to raise the dead, and the batter was running all over the carpet. I scraped it up and put it in another dish. Then I put a fire in the kitchen, and put on the griddle. The first lot of cakes stuck to the griddle. The second did not, only more. Maria came down and asked what was burning. She advised me to grease the griddle. I did it. One end of the griddle got too hot, and I dropped the thing on the larder-side corn while trying to turn it around. Finally the cakes were ready for breakfast and Maria got the other things ready. We sat down. My cakes did not have the right flavor. I lost my appetite at once. Maria would not let me put one on her plate. I think those cakes may be reckoned a dead loss. "The dog ran off and stayed three days after one was offered to him. The cat would not eat them. The hens would not go within ten feet of them. I threw them into the pig yard, and there has not been a pig on the premises since. I eat what is put before me now, and do not allude to my mother's system of cooking."

Items from Danbury News. Since the advent of "no license" in Danbury it is impossible to get the license plate on an overcoat too deep. Coal Oil Johnny is driving a dray in Cincinnati, and steering a canal-boat in Pennsylvania, has secluded himself on a farm in California. Public attention was temporarily directed, on Saturday, from the condition of affairs in Herzegovina, by the appearance of a dog on the back of a horse on Main street. The Sanitary Record says that after dinner an hour should be devoted to social recreation, for the repose of both the body and mind. We hope farm hands will attend to this.

Don Carlos thinks his offer to combine his forces with those of the government against the United States intimidated us from fighting. Heavens! how long must we submit to this humiliation. Would that Tom Hyer were alive.

The quilting season is upon us. The frames are up-shoulders in the garret, with the quilts conspicuously standing out in them. The man of the house brings them in. It takes about an hour to bring down a set of quilting frames in a proper manner. In the first place they have to be got out from under five barrels, two trunks and an assortment of boxes, and it's wonderful the quantity of tenacity one nail possesses when it gets caught under some object you can not see. The frames catch against the chimney or entangle with the rafters, while there is never any unity between them in descending a narrow stairway. No one really knows how a man gets down stairs with a set of quilting frames, but anyone not irredeemably deaf knows that it is being done if on the same street with the performance. Then the frame is hoisted up on chairs in the best room, and the long arms stick out and catch the unwary husband in his clothes, and in turn are dropped to the floor just as the weary wife is about to take a stitch, and the remarks she makes, as the quilt suddenly collapses, are calculated to instantaneously transform his scalp into a parade ground. Four pounds of cotton batting are required on this occasion—three and a half pounds go into a quilt, and the other half pound he carries with him on his clothes.

A not able phrase—"I can't." Sweet meets—two fond lovers in a first embrace. English artist to his Celtic patient: "Come back to 'Earin'!" It is impolite to say a man has "cheek," say "facial area." It's curious that we employ Irish phrases to prevent American freezers, isn't it?

The earliest art students made arrow heads. Some of the latest art students make chuckleheads. When a Chinese sea captain wants to sell his ship, where would he take it? Why to the junk dealer, of course. "I'm married now," was the excuse a Chinese youth gave a tourist for not buying as many bouquets as in former years.

"He was one of the most energetic trustees," says a village paper in an obituary notice, "and we trustees happy."

There is a man in Indiana who takes thirty-two newspapers, and you might as well try to ride a whirlwind on a sidesaddle as to attempt to impose upon that man.

Two telegraph operators in separate Hartford offices quarreled over the wires until one challenged the other to meet him half way and fight. They met and had it out in fist-cuffs.

"Have you any nice fresh farmer's eggs?" inquired a precise old lady at a grocery store. "No, ma'am," replied the practical clerk, "but we have some very good hen's eggs." She took three to try.

Over the porch of the Old South Church in Boston is chiselled: "Behold! I have set before you an open door, and under, on the door, is printed in emphatic letters, "Positively no admittance."

It is said that the Baptist minister who is carrying on the pen-fight against the Catholics at Trenton, N. J., is so bitterly opposed to the Roman faith, that in manuscript he will not cross his letter T's.

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