FATHER ABRAHAM.

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BREEF FUM SCHWEFFLEBRENNER. SCHLIFFLETOWN, Dec. 131, 1869.

MISTER FODDER ABRAHAM:

Om letshta Somshdog owet hen mer a meeting g hot doh im shteddle un hen eans fau denna Litterlichy Inshtitoots organized. Ich bin nei gonga derfore, weil so an Inshiitoot a goot ding waer for practissa u der leckter bisness. De Bevvy, du weasht, hut yetz aw ear i kup ful fan der leckter bisness, awer sell wumman's rites suit mich net recht. Anyhow, ich bin noch net gons ready for all mei cayene rites tsu surrendera tsu de weibsleit, un wann's net war dos de Bevyy orrick popnlar is, un kent a ordlich gooter pilegreenbax macha on seller bisness, donn deat ich's gor net shtanda dos se sich ob gebt

mit seller woman's rites society. Awer, ich mus der de perceedings gevva fun unser Inshtitoot meeting. Mer sin im neia teka-shteanich brick shool house :sommå kumma, un der G'shwire Lawbuck, hen se President g'leckt, un der Joe Muckatliggle Seckrittery, un ich bin der Dresherer.

Der G'shwire hut an speech g'macht we er sei sitz g'numma hut im shool meashter seim shtool dort hinnich em desk, un der Seckrittery hut de perceedings in so a klea bichly nei ob g'shrivva. D'no hut der Bill Sensawetzer proposed dos mer a subject uf nemma setta for debeata un hut a motion g'macht dos mer setta amohl de froke doh uf nemma:

'Wær war der greasht monn, der Kristthe Kullumbus oder der General Jackson?" Der Muckafliggle hut awer g'meant seller subject wær nix wært, fun weaya weil de leit in unser nochbershaft gor nix wissa fum Kullumbus, un weil er cans fun denna Fedderalishta war wu geaya's lond g'frochta hut sellamohls we de Ænglender Baldimore g'numma hen, deata se aw nix um ean gevva.

Der Senawetzer hut donn a moshen g'macht dos mer debeata set well dos de mutter is, es kinkle wu's oy leagt odder sell wuits ous breet?

sell hut de kærls all g'soot, un der d'shwire hut g'sawt se mista now deseida welly uf der 'farmatiff side shpeetcha wetta, un donn kennta se ahead gea mit em debcata. Sell 'farmatiff' un neckatiff' hen se awer net førshtea kenna, un ich aw net. Der G'shwire huts donn explain'd dos ce "farmatis" thesis to sell WU sich shoa up nicht hucht un leagt's oy, for sell, scan er, is de 'farmatiff side—an positiffy sti-possitiff weil koa oy tsu seana is so long dos es noch net im nesht is, un mente biple done uf streat un ment wann's hinkle donn uf shteat un week awit un gockst, sell is kea neckatiff, awer an 'farmatiff act. Un donn hut er's aw explain'd uf der neckatiff side. An oy, odder a gons nesht foll oyer ous tsu breea, secht er, is a neckatiff g'sheft, weils gor kea shoffas braucht, awer yusht shtill a beleiva des treea operasnun fiertich is, un donn huts yung hinkelly nix tsu du dos yusht ous der shawl rouse isu shluppa. Sell, secht er, is neckatiff, in darum setta all de wu uf der kluck eara side sin, de neckatiff pussishen nemma. Uf course, mer hens' aw all fershtonna, awer der Sam Solaklupper hut proposed mer set nix tsu du hawa fun weaya denna neckatiffs, un 'farmatiffs, awer yusht nei gea for debeata fun weaya der over un mutter question, un mer wara's aw all agreed. Ich un der Muckafliggle hen donn de 'farmatiffside g'numma, un sell mehnt dos cs hinkle wu's oy cagt de mutter is, un der Sensawetzer un der Solaklupper hen de neckatiff side g'numma, so dos de kluck wu's oy ous breet de mutter is. D'no huts debeata amohl aw-g'fonga, un ich konn der sawya, es war about interesting. Der Muckafiggle hut behawpt uf course, dos es hinkle wu's oy leagt wor de real mutter, un de kluck wus ous breet sei yusht so a sort fun a shteef mommy. Der Solaklupper hut awer contend dos wanns net for de kluck wær donn deats oy sei dog un des leawes ne kea hinkelly macha, awer es deat ferfaula un wær for gor nix tsu usa, except for picka om oashter Mondog. Der Sensawetzer hut aw gons greiselheftich g'speecht in favor fun der kluck-mommy. Tsuletsht awer bin ich amohl draw ons debcata. Ich hob mei shpeetch kortz g'macht, awer ich bin uf amohl on der point kumma. Uf course, ich hob cana all cara points g'anserd, un donn hob ich eana amohl an sookdolletcher gevva. "Now suppose," sog ich, "es oy wær gor kea kinkle oy, awer an enda oy, un suppose mer deat sell oy nemma uns in a hinkle nesht du un deat de hinkle kluck druf hucka, uns ous breea lussa, un suppose wann amohl de shawl uf crackt un onshtatt dos a yungs beebelly rouse shluppa, so an dicker breater enda shnavvell deat rouse kumma, we denksht dos selly kluck feela deat? Wær sell now de mommy-an hinkle de mommy fun a yungy end, mit'a breader shnavvell, bready fees un shtump-tail shwantz? No sirree, sog ich. Wann amohl an olty ku de mommy sei konn fun ma long-ohricha easle, donn will ich admitta dos an hinkle de mommy sei konn fun a yungy end."

AN OLD MAID'S VIEWS. Some one who avows herself an old

maid takes a very cheerful and satisfactory view of her social situation in the Troy Times. Her views will be of interest to many

It always astonishes me when I take a. realizing sense of the fact that I am an old maid ! Why, you'll scarcely believe it when I confess that I once had lovers by the legion, and offers were as numerous as flirtations are now-a-days. I was always in love. 1 don't remember the time when I had not some William or Frank to dream about and write love letters to; and as I donned my long dresses some handsome Charles Augustus was sure to keep my thoughts employed until another with greater fascinations superseded him. You need not imagine 1 regret them now. No, indeed ! My life is a pleasant one. No one annoys me. No husband flirts with other men's wives or young girls, breaking my heart. No hus-band calls me "my love" in company, an 'old brute" at home ! He does not growl at milliners' bills or extravagant wardrobes. He never sits looking at me, wish-were as divinely blue and my hair as charmingly golden as Katie's over the way. He never casts sly glances at pretty girls, throwing them kisses when my back is turned. He doesn't marvel how he ever came to marry me when there were so many handsome women in the world.

If I am ill, he is not wondering how weeds would become him, and if he should be obliged to have an expensive functal. He isn't thinking what a jolly widower he would make, and how cager pretty Jennie F— would be to marry him, or how gladly Flora J— would lift up her bewitching brown eyes and promise to be his. He does not complacently fondle his elegant moustache before the mirror, and think every one must pity him, and regret (girls especially) that so handsome a man should be bound to so plain-looking a wo-man. He isn't watching me continually to see if I fulfill all my dutics as a wife; to criticise my every movement, to be annoyed at the weakness of the tea, the toughness of steak, or the lateness of the breakfast. Thank the gods-no! I am a free woman. I do as I please, go where I please, think, breathe, sneeze, wink, eat, and sleep, as I please. Old Mother Hub-bard had her dog, Dame Crump had her pig, but I have my cat! An intellectual animal, too, one that has more natural intelligence than many children. Tabby and I enjoy ourselves in a rational manner. She never speaks a cross word; neither do I. Together we sit and think hours at a time, by the open gate, and draw morals from the fire within. Tabby has a quiet temperament, and we never I often hear people exclaim that quarrel. quarrel. 1 often near people exciain tinut old maids are always gossips. Not so. I don't care if Mary Jane has stolen anoth-er girl's beau. It never feel interested in the cost of Susan's new bonnet or Jennie's silk dresses. I do not wonder that Mrs. C—— should be extravagant, or that Miss C—— should firt so much. What do I snould nirt so much. What do I care? Tabby and I occasionally remark upon the folly and tupidity of certain person bons, but we do not mention it out of our own family. My cat is not communica-tree i neither am D. Yesterday I meterson

Yesterday I metone of my old lovers. Once he praised my eyes, my lips, the beauty of my hair, the freshness of my manners. He professed to love me, but he met a prettier girl and I a gayer young man, and so we parted. He is married now, has a cross, faded wife and seven children. He looks old and weary. I felt sorry for him, but I smiled at my folly in even wasting one thought upon him. Would I give up my jolly life of an old maid ? Never! My hair is growing gray.

Selected.

DROVERS vs. FOPS.

little creature of a genius fop-decked mother daintily as an early butterfly, with kids of children. an irreproachable whiteness, "miracu-lous" neck tie, and spider-like quizzing glass on his nose. The delicate animal turned his head affectedly aside with— Unitable Waitah !

woostah." "Yis, sah."

"And waitah, tell the steward to wub week. my plate with a wegetable called an onion,

then thundered out :

spades ?"

"Yis sah."

skunk's gizzards ! "Sah !"

"Sah !" "And, you old ink pot, tuck a horse before he could make a y, with which he blanket under my chin, and rub me down intended to end the word

klouds, and uttering lamentachuns, then villain did.

and toeing in, yu kan deliberately bet yure old lady, not "up to the style," ap-last surviving dollar on a hard winter, and proached her with the information, "Your a grate fluktuousness during the next

season in the price of cowhide boots. hoppers cum oph ov their roost, and min-gle in a free fight, yu may hope for high winds in a for waste and also the train its springs and the mountains; winds in a few weeks, and also the typus retain its spirit, and in order to do this

whiles in a lew weeks, and also the of the jealously maintain its form. Too many of fever in yure naberhood. When spiders are deen climbing up the of her evening prayer, one night, said: wall backwards, and frogs kough as the of her evening prayer, one night, said: they had the kickups, look out for rain; "New good-bye God; good-bye Jesus this is also a shure singn that children will this iz also a shure singu that children will have the measels light.

If bees hung around their hives, and ber aunt to church. The preacher was mules are seen in a brown study, a storm very carnest in his delivery, and she was ov some kind iz cookin, and yu will notis much interested. "Mother," said she, ov some kind iz cookin, and yu will notis much interested. "Mother," said she, the market for herring is very cadaverous when they came home, "I heard such a and shifty. Jist before a heavy sno storm, uv 3 foot ed, and made such a noise; and then he deep, chimbly swallows are unkommon got so mad he shook his fists at the folks, skarse, and in the moral world there iz a and there was not anybody dared to go grate lazyness in the agitashun of the up and fight him!"

grate lazyness in the agitashun of the up the grate have temperance question. When hens lay 2 eggs a day, and men tading a trip on a steamer, when he fell in cease to brag, and wimmin data two cack- what a lively young lady, to whom he le, therefore summer draws a rand the mide himself very agreeable. Of course millenium and the optication of the mide himself very agreeable. Of course millenium and the optication of the mide himself very agreeable. Of course millenium and the optication of the mide himself very agreeable. Of course millenium and the optication of the mide himself very agreeable. Of course in the mane an impression of the damsel, who said at parting: "Good-byc, Mr.

A FASHIONABLE PRAYER.

Dear Lord, have mercy on my soul, and please let me have the French satin that I saw at Stewart's this morning, for with black lace flounces and overskirt that dress would be very becoming to me, I know. If you grant my request, please was noted for his long sermons, with let me have a new black lace shawl also, many divisions, one day when he was addear Lord.

I kneel before Thee to-night feeling perfectly happy, for Madame Emile has sent at length, a kind of resting place in his me home such a lovely bonnet! A most discourse, when, pausing to take breath, beavenly little blieu compared of white and looking about over his audience, he heavenly little bijou, composed of white satin, with coral ostrich tufts. For this asked the question: "And what shall I favor I am feeling very grateful." say more ?" A voice from the congrefavor I am feeling very grateful.

-Dentists deal in real estates they pull Dinner was spread in the cabin of that out the acres. peerless steamer the "New World," and a -Quilp intimates that he believes in splendid company were assembled about the woman's movement -on washing day. the table. Among the passengers thus -" Who took cure of the babies ?" artpreparing for a gastronomic duty was a lessly inquired a little girl, on hearing her mother say that all people were once

Our Little Jokes.

Now to knock you into the middle of next

-Here is a "personal" advertisement which will give a delicious flawaw to my dimah."

While the refined exquisite was giving nose is gone." his order, a jolly western drover had list ~ ---- "Why did Joseph's brethren put him ened with open mouth and protruding in a pit?" asked a Buffalo Sunday school eyes. When the diminutive paused, he teacher: and the reply he got was, "Bebrought his fist upon the table with a cause there was no room for him in the force that made every dish bounce, and family circle."

nen thundered out : "Look here, you gaul darned ace of I counsel no bloodshed, but if it is your desire to hit the man in the gray jacket,

"Bring me a thundering big plat of **point thine engine three inches lower.**" A man attempted to spell crockery other day, and proceeded thus: chraughkearreighe, but expired in a spasm

while I feed !" The poor dandy showed a pair of coat tails instanter—and the whole table join-ed in a tremendous roar. [From Josh Billing's "Almanax."] From Josh Billing's "Almanax."] [From Josh Billing's "Almanax."]

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Ich hob noch nix g'hært fun der Nei Yorricker leckter committe sider ich on se g'shrivva hob, awer wann ich fun cana her will ich eich's wisss lussa. De Bevvy is gisund alleweil, un der Aboy aw.

PIT SCHWEFFLEBRENNER.

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She returned it, pointing to the second chapter of Ruth, tenth verse:-----"Then she fell on her face and bowed herself to the ground, and said to him: Why have I found grace in thine eyes, secing I am a stranger?'

He returned the book, pointing to the thirteenth chapter of the Third Epistle of John:--" Having many things to write unto you, I would not write with pen and ink, but I trust shortly to come unto you and speak face to face, that our joy may be full."

From the above interview a marriage took place the ensuing week.

and a new green silk, with point lace trim- earnestly responded : "Say Amen !" mings. Let me not grow too fond of this

Oh, Lord, let business detain my hus-plied he old lady, placing her thumb to band at H——, for he is not wanted at her nose, "as anybody comes along who home at present. I wish to became ac- can raise the wind!" The doctor drove quainted with the tall, dark-eyed foreign-er, who is staying at Col. Longswallow's --- A story is to opposite. Bring about an introduction, I runs as follows : beseech Thee, for Mr. Longswallow will not. Bless my children, and please send them a good nurse, for I have neither time nor inclination to look after them myself. And now, oh Lord, take care of me while I sleep, and pray keep watch over my diamonds. Amen.

(e) s cannot ring themselves.

Give me, I pray Thee, an humble heart gation-more suggestive than reverent-

-Dr. G., of Sycamore, Ill., is a capital vain and deceitful world, like other wo- hand at a joke. Riding in the country men, but make me exceedingly gentle and one day he saw a sign on a gate-post read-aristocratic. When the winter fashions ing thus : "This farm for Sail," Stop-come, let them suit my style of beauty, ping his horse, he hailed a little old woand let there be plenty of puffing, plait-ing, ruffles, and flounces, for I dearly love clothes. "I sny, madam, when is this them all. "I sny, indian, when is this

--- A story is told of a late storm, which runs as follows : An old gent with his aged wife tried to escape from a flood, which surrounded his house and stable, by wading, but his wife's strength and resolution were not equal to the task, so he helped her up into a tree and made his way alone to a knoll a short distance away. Here he stood, lamenting his situ-

-Why does the bridegroom always put on the ring at a wedding ? Because bell [†]

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