

HUMBAG IN WINES.

"We make from thirty to thirty-five millions of gallons of American wine yearly, and we do not import over five millions. These figures tell weather the wine drunk by our people is foreign or American."

It is not difficult to see the advantage of all this, went on the wine dealer. It enables the hotel man to sell his wines at a profit 100 to 200 per cent, and it enables the American wine producer to dispose of his product that might otherwise be left on his hands.

But one of the most interesting deceptions, added the wine dealer, is that perpetrated by some of the creme de la creme upon their confiding friends. Some rich individual, who has a coat of arms can always be got in London at the right figure, will order a quantity of American wine bottled, and have a label with his coat of arms stamped on the bottle.

But selling American wines for foreign is nothing to the trick of making spurious wine out of cider, or fruit acid with enough American wine for a body. This is not only a deception; it is morally, and ought to be legally, a crime.

Fatal Disaster. WILKESBARRE, Pa., July 25.—Another terrible disaster occurred at 7 o'clock this morning in the fatal No. 1 slope of the Susquehanna coal company, Nanticoke, where three lives were probably sacrificed.

SMILES.

They say that two heads are better than one, but even the man that made that remark wouldn't have consented to be a two-headed man.

A man never realizes how frail he is until he bursts a suspender button among a group of ladies and finds himself slowly falling apart.

Jack, what relation are you to that old gentleman I was with this morning? Oh, not much; he's married to my grandmother's only daughter.

The report that one of our most distinguished politicians has gone crazy originated from the fact that he twice offered to pay the barkeeper for the same glass of beer.

She (witnessing the play of "Ten Nights in a Bar-room")—How dreadfully awful it is. Don't you think so, Jack? Jack—It isn't half as bad as ten bar-rooms in a night.

There is a girl in Frankfort, Ky., who has invented a way to utilize the movement of a woman's chin so as to make it run a sewing machine, and she will be looked upon as greater than Edison.

"So you have got a step-mother?" she said to the little girl of seven. "Yes." Well, I feel sorry for you. "Oh! you needn't do that," replied the little one. "Please feel sorry for papa."

School teacher, illustrating the difference between plants and animals—"Plants are not susceptible of attachment to a man as animals." Small boy at foot of class—"How about burrs, teacher?"

At Louisville, Ky., Mrs. Sophia Kauffman filed an application for divorce at 10 o'clock Saturday morning at 2 o'clock her prayer was granted; at 4 o'clock she secured another marriage license, and at 7 o'clock she was again a bride and hopes to be happy.

Visitor—"What name are you going to give the little fellow?" Mrs. Simples—"His name is going to be William. I want him to be a great poet like Shakespeare. His name was William, you know."

"Boy, can I go through this gate to the river?" politely inquired a fashionably dressed lady. "Yes'm; a load of hay went through this morning," was the urchin's horrid reply.

A western man applied for a pension on the grounds that he was badly injured by a Confederate "ram" during the war. Investigation showed that he was a sutler in the army, and while out on a foraging expedition with some of the boys, was painfully butted through a fence by an old sheep of the male persuasion, the property of a Confederate officer. His story was true enough, but—

"Isn't it lonesome out in the country?" he said to the boy whose parents moved out to a farm last Autumn. "I should think not," was the reply. "Pa and ma have just as many discussions as they had in town, and us children get thrashed about the same."

A chimney sweeper's boy went into a baker's shop for a two-penny loaf and conceiving it to be diminutive in size remarked to the baker that he did not believe it was weight. "Never mind that," said the man, "you will have the less to carry." "True," replied the lad, and throwing down three half-pence on the counter, left the shop. The baker called after him that he had not left money enough. "Never mind that," said the boy; "you will have the less to count."

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