

Tuesday, January 17, 1871.

HUMOROUS ITEMS.

A young lady in Boston recently tried to do up her hair with a honey-comb to make it look "sweetly."

"My boy, what does your mother do for a living was asked of a little bare-footed urchin. "She eats cold victuals, sir."

An auctioneer, in a recent hand-bill, advertises for sale a large quantity of oil-paintings, "by some of the ancient masters of the day."

"Well, Mrs. Smith," said Mrs. Jones, "if I'm anything, I'm a Unitarian; what religion are you?" "I ain't quite certain what they call it, but my old man says he's a vegetarian."

An Irishman who had blistered his fingers by endeavoring to draw on a pair of boots exclaimed, "I believe I shall never get 'em on until I wear them a day or two."

At the Louisville depot a lady recently alarmed every one by exclaiming, "I have certainly got the cholera."

It was shortly decided however to be cholera-in-fantum, and was named Louis.

Big Sister—"O papa! I must go and hear Nilson. You know I'm so fond of music." Juvenile Brother, triumphantly—"Then why don't you let me play on my drum?"

A lady, who had been reading law, is in the most fearful and agonizing doubts about the legality of her married condition. She says, "lotteries are illegal, and marriage is the greatest lottery in life."

If you pass a house at ten o'clock at night and see a young man and young lady standing inside the front door, and you hear something smack, like a horse pulling his foot out of the mud, then you can just bet all you've got that the young man don't live there.

An exchange tells us that "in Columbus City, Iowa, there is a young lady who boasts that her lover's collar almost goes around her waist." That's nothing there is a girl in this place who has a lover whose arm goes around her waist but still she don't tell of it.

Said the psalmist, "He maketh my feet like hind's feet." A negro preacher read it "hen's feet," and proceeded to say, "Dat a hen in the hen-roost when it falls asleep tightens it's grip so's not to fall off; and dat's how true faith, my brethern, holds on to the rock."

The liberal hearted proprietor of a lager beer saloon recently lost his pocket-book containing \$600. It was found and returned by a young man and the gratified Teuton thus gave vent to his delight "Bob you is one honest man. I tells you what I'll do; I'll shake you for de lager."

"I say, milkman, you give your cows too much salt!" "Why, how do you know how much salt I give them?" "I judge from the appearance of the milk you have brought us lately. Salt makes the cows dry, and then they drink too much water—that makes their milk thin you know."

The following is the conclusion of an epitaph on a tombstone in East Tennessee: "She lived a life of virtue and died of the cholera morbus, caused by eating green fruit in the full hope of a blessed immortality, at the early age of 21 years 7 months, and 16 days. Reader, go thou and do likewise."

Scene at a meeting in Preston, England: "Tak thi hat off," said one fellow in the crowd to another in front of him. "What for?" "Why, aw cannot see." "Well, if aw tak my hat off thou'll be worse off than ever. My yare is teen inches long, and it stands up straight. I've put my hat on to keep it down."

A man who wanted to buy a horse asked a friend how to tell a horse's age. "By his teeth," was the reply. The next day the man went to a horse dealer who showed a splendid black horse. The horse-hunter opened the animal's mouth and gave one glance, and turned on his heel, "I don't want him," said he, he's thirty two years old." He had counted the teeth!

A man stopped at a hotel at Pike's Peak, and on settling his bill the landlord charged him \$7 a day for five days. "Didn't you make a mistake?" said the guest.

"No," said the landlord. "You did," retorted the wiry-looking fellow; "you thought you got all the money I had but you are mistaken; I have a whole purse full in another pocket."

Sir John Irwin was a great favorite with George the Third, who once observed to him: "They tell me, Sir John that you love a glass of wine." "Those," replied Irwin "who so informed your majesty, have done me a great injustice. They should have said a bottle."

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