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HUMOROUS ITEMS

A politician who is calculating his chances for the nomination, and thinks he "nose" all about it: [Illustration of a man with a large nose] A disappointed Danbury lady, it is said, attempted to shoot herself, and was saved by a providential occurrence. The pistol was not loaded. The youth who stole a watch and returned it to the owner, who promised "no questions asked," is in jail. The owner was as good as his word, he arrested the youth without asking any questions. A music dealer has his window a sentimental song, thus marked: "Thou hast loved me and left me, for twenty-five cents." That is certainly the cheapest kind of a divorce, and leaves no necessity for going to Chicago. "Maamma," said Harry, a bright little fellow of three, who had bitten into a cavity in a doughnut, instead of getting a good mouth full, as he had anticipated, "please give me another doughnut, this aint a good one, its all weared out." A lady had her dress trimmed with "bugles" before going to a ball. Her little daughter wanted to know if the bugles would blow when she danced. "Oh, no," said mother, "papa will do that when he sees the bill!" An ignorant house-maid who had to call a gentleman to dinner, found him engaged in using a toothbrush. "Well, is he coming?" said the lady of the house, when the servant returned. "Yes ma'am, directly," was the reply; he's jist sharpening his teeth. An Irishman's will—"I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Bridget, all my property without reserve, and to my eldest son Patrick one half of the remainder, and to Dennis, my youngest son, the rest. If anything is left, it may go to Terence McCarty." A man in Detroit concluded he had smoked his pipe long enough, and just before going into church, he placed it in his back coat-pocket. A good fire got under way just about the time that services did. They put him out and now the man is around growling because he hasn't any coat-tails. Two Hibernians were passing a stable which had a rooster on it for a weather-vane, when one addressed the other thus: "Pat, what's the reason they didn't put a hin up there instead of a rooster?" "An' sure," replied Pat, "that's aisy enough; don't ye see that it would be unconvanient to go for the egg?" A party of men animatedly engaged in discussing politics before a country store attracted the attention of an aged agriculturist. "There's sunthun' the matter here," he observed to his wife; and stopping his team he lightly shouted to a conspicuous individual on the outskirts, "What's a foot?" "Twelve inches," was the sardonic reply. The aged agriculturist swore some and drove on. Josh Billings says: Skunks are called pole kats because it is not convenient to kill them with a klub, but with a pole, and the longer the pole the more convenient. Writers on natural history, disagree about the right length of the pole to be used, but I would suggest that the pole be about 395 feet, especially if the wind is in favor of the pole kat. In a law-suit, the other day, between two members of the same church, counsel for one of the parties suggested that the brethren ought to defer their difference for adjustment to the high court above; to which his client responded that the "same idea had occurred to him, but there seemed to be an insuperable obstacle in the way—he couldn't contrive any way to get his lawyer there!" A Newport correspondent tells of a loving couple in a railroad car; "The presumption is, they had 'tunnelled' before but it had been in the daytime, when the darkness of the tunnel was advantageous. On this occasion it was after nightfall, and the candles were burning. The male lover for miles had been talking tunnel, as if deeply interested in that underground passage, and his love evidently understood the allusions. At last the train thundered into the tunnel, and the lovers indulged in one of those hearty salutations that are made to be felt, but not to be seen by indifferent spectators. Of course the car-load exploded, while the impulsive swain apologized to his Dulcinea with the unsatisfactory exclamation, 'confound the lamps, I didn't think of them.'"