Wit and Humor.

SOCIAL HALL SKETCHES.—Social Hall—Extra Session. Present, Messrs. Hurricane, Starlight, Schwischeppes and L. Turtle, constituting a full quorum, and many empty jorrams. Starlight having gained the floor remarked—"I was at Miss Crinkle's wedding, yesterday, and was struck, on entering, by two tall footmen, who——"

"Smashpipes—"The tall? how do you make that out?"

Hurricane—"S'pose they didn't choose to understand him, when he inquired for a *smaller*; just like him!"

Starlight—"I repeat—I was struck by these footmen, and——"

Little Turtle—"What did they strike you for? You're always getting into some scrape."

Starlight—[with dignity]—"I am not to be turned aside from my train of remarks, by such vulgar observations. I say, I gazed on these tall creatures, and I asked myself, why do they always have tall footmen at weddings? That question, *I*, Starlight, have solved. I now submit it to this learned body."

Hurricane—[with manifest exertion]—"I presume it is because the public *weal* is in some way connected with their *calves!*"

Starlight puffs a pantomimic gesture of disgust, while Turtle and Pipes gaze vacantly into the distance, vainly seeking to penetrate the mystery.

Terzetto—"Give it up!"

Starlight tilts his chair back, in a jaunty manner, and deliberately lights another Havana, and then remarks: "The reason is simply because they are *high menials!*" [hymeneals.]

The ensuing scene was too painful for description. Drop the curtain and, in the words of the great Makepeace, "Turn the picture to the wall!"

ONE STORMY NIGHT, while the schooner Thundergust, Captain Bunk, was scudding "nor' by nor-east, toward home," a leak was discovered in the after part of the hold. All hands, consisting of the mate, a passenger, cook, two boys, a Shanghai rooster, and a brindle dog with a hair lip, were called up.

"Now," roared the Captain, "this ar skunner is sprung aleak—every mother's son of you go below and plug her up." Down they went, and found the water rushing in at a terrific rate, and to their utter horror, discovered the passenger busily engaged forward boring a hole through the bow-planks with a three-inch auger, said passenger being an Irishman.

"Blue blazes and pulverized lightning! what are you doing there, you infernal scoundrel?" roared the captain.

"Swim yer lives, b'jabers. Don't you see the wather a raisin in at the starn?"

"Do be sure we do."

"An' don't yis see that as fast as it gits in it kind ony place to get out, so I thought I'd bore a hole through here, and let it run out in the end of the ship, fast as it comes in there?"

The passenger from the "Emmerald isle" was pronounced the greatest bore than the auger.

A SAINT LOUIS poet has a communication on "The Karriney," which indicates "hard times" and harder spellin in that region. The poet rejoices in the name of A. P. L. Parin (*Apple-Parin*, perhaps) and the following is a favorable sample of the product of his teeming muse:

"The paper-mills is a bustin' up,
The German, Dutch, and the Irish Grokes
Is minin' round many a tuney
An' hunting for their property, which was s'posed
To be shared up to them for pulp-houses,
And excellent for them. The American
Prices in hosses is a want, since their bills
Ain't worth better than furniture; and all are
Easily high-priced. I had half a
Dollar on shell-bark and mixed nutmeg
To place, there wasn't enny half dollars
Where the half dollars ought to be; and so
I gave it to a man of bright eye to
Wall I'd me one of the 'Sun' to get home.
The restaurants isn't pay their fabrin'
Man as worse a hard week for a nine
Dollar bill; with a suspended bank when
They git it ort to be bloed!"

There is "more truth than poetry" in Mr. A. P. L. Parin's verses, but to say that he is a "poet born, and not made," would perhaps be assuming too much. His spelling is not of the bee's, certainly; but as a similar "poet" has asked, "What part of poetic genius is spellin?"

PEEKSLINGO, a new romance, by the author of something else.

Chapter 1st. A lovely maiden sat near
Chapter 2d. the window of her father's
Chapter 3d. superb mansion, gazing out upon
Chapter 4th. the hollyhock bushes. She heard
Chapter 5th. a voice, which she knew to be
Chapter 6th. that of Spitzenbakel, the noble
Chapter 7th. Pole, who cut his
Chapter 8th. throat with a bar of
Chapter 9th. soft soap. The lovely
Chapter 10th. maiden fainted on a
Chapter 11th. sheet-iron bird-pipe, and—came to
Chapter 12th. the end.

It will be perceived that the author has made each chapter so fascinating that the reader is compelled to commence another instanter, in order to get the thread of the story. He is now looking for the needle of the story in order to sew it up.

WEARING SHAWLS.—The Brooklyn *Eagle* thinks in rhyme that shawls should be worn for the following reasons:

"If you want to be in fashion, wear a shawl;
If to ladies an admirer, wear a shawl;
If to sheep and cows a terror, or like shanghais in
full feather, or even rags upon the heather,
wear a shawl; if your hips are badly moulded,
or your shirt and vest unfolded, are unpleasant to behold, wear a shawl; if you're
courtin some gay lassie, wear a shawl,—you
might wrap your lassie in it—in your shawl.
It's like charity on pins, and hides a multitude
of sins—although it causes grins, does your
shawl. If you wish to be a dandy, wear a
shawl—or have a cover handy, wear a shawl.
In a word it is a most useful article—as you
may wrap your feet, head, body, knees, make
a seat, a bed, a blanket, a muff, a pillow, a
wrap-rascal, or a Scotch plaid of your shawl."

THERE is no end to the good thoughts told of Lamb, Charley Lamb, as every body loves to call the gentle Elia. He and his sister Mary lived snugly at No. 4 Inner Temple-Lane, and often had a friend dropping in to spend a social evening. On such an evening it chanced that they were disturbed by the whining of a dog, which had attracted Lamb's attention that day, and as it was starving, he had brought it home, fed it, and tied it in the back yard. Charles was chatting away when Mary interrupted him by saying:

"Charles, that dog yelps so."

"What is it, Mary—the dog?—oh! he's enjoying himself."

"Enjoying himself, Charles!"

"Yes, Mary, yes, just as much as he can on *whine* and water."

THERE are no brains in the head of a pin, nor in the head of a dandy. Speaking of pins, if John asks his sister Nancy for a pin, why would he mention a lost? Because he would say give me a pin-name. Our inveterate refuses to explain further.

AN OLD deacon, whose eyesight was none of the best, read a certain passage of Scripture to his astonished hearers in the wise and solemn tone and time hundred pur-cupines and two hundred ladies.

BAD BAIT to catch a wife—Pewter and a red nose. Good bait—Brass watch, a few copper to rattle in lieu of dollar, and a good set of clothes the cost for the same money.

PHILADELPHIA.

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THE SUBSCRIBER, would respectfully inform their numerous friends and customers of Schuylkill county, that their assortment of Clothing for Young gentlemen is much larger than ever, and they are disposed to *sell cheap*. Persons living at a distance, have the privilege of exchanging clothing purchased at this store, if they do not suit.

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272 Chestnut St., corner of Tenth, Philada.
April 22, 1855 16-

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Philadelphia, February 24, 1855 8-1y

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Winter Sperm oil, 3,000 gal. | Winter Whaleoil, 12,500 gal.
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Also, in store, Greasing Oil, Pale and Brown Soap, Sperm and Adamantine Candles.

Dec. 15, '55 50-

500 BOXES CHEMICAL OLIVE SOAP, extra quality;
250 boxes Chemical Olive Soap, medium quality;
300 " Brown, Pale and Family Soap;
100 " Genuine Castile Soap, mottled;
50 " " " " white;
200 " Stearine and Adamantine Candles;
300 " Tallow Candles;
100 casks Sal Soda; for sale in lots to suit purchasers, by MACLAY & DIXON,
Commission Merchants, No. 22 South Wharves, Schuylkill River above Chestnut street, Philadelphia. Ja. 13, '55 3m

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A. PURVES,
N. E. corner South and Penn streets.
Sept. 22, '55 38-1y

A RARE CHANCE

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223 North Third street, Philadelphia.
Jan. 26, '55 13-

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CLOTHING OF A SUPERIOR QUALITY, AT

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GREAT CHESNUT STREET
Clothing Palace.

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Merchants who want to purchase a finer article of ready-made clothing than has ever before been offered, and gentlemen who would please themselves in any garment for their wardrobe, or in suits for their sons, should go to this establishment, so admirably in keeping throughout with the Great Street of Fashion, on which it is located; and, further, to the best which can be had, satisfy a correct taste. Suits or single garments made to order at the shortest notice. A full assortment of the Furnishing Goods always on hand. Everything in the latest style of Fashion, and the cloth marked with the lowest cash price in plain figures.

Philadelphia, Oct. 15, '55 4-6m

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September 8, '55 36-1y

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Philadelphia, January 19, 1856 3-3m

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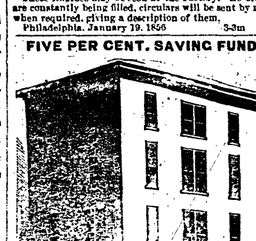

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