Wit and Humor.

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.—The following will be sworn to when required. Action for work and labor done in cutting ditch on defendant's land. Plea: Payment and set off, in bacon and corn meal.

Plaintiff's son on the stand—recollects the ditching perfectly, but seems to forget all about the bacon.

"You say your daddy did all this ditching? Do you know what he got in pay for it?" inquired Col. B. for defendant.

"He never got nothing, as ever I heard on—that's what he never got," answered the witness.

"Didn't your daddy get corn and bacon from the defendant, in pay for that ditching?"

"Never heard of his gettin' no corn or bacon."

"What did your daddy and his family live on that summer?"

"Vittels, mostly."

"What sort of vittels?"

"Well, meat and bread, and some whiskey."

"Where did he get that meat and bread?"

"Well, fust from one, and fust from another."

"Didn't he get some of it from the defendant?"

"He mought."

"I knew he might, but did he? that's the question."

"Well, he mought, and then agin, you know he mought't."

(With considerable excitement, and in tones of thunder.) "Answer the question, sir, and no more of this trifling with your oath." Did your daddy, or did he not, get corn and bacon from the defendant for ditching?"

"Well now he mought; I don't occur adsactly, you know."

Here his honor interferes, and with a stern, injudicial frown, addresses witness thus:—"Witness, you must answer the question, or the court will be compelled to deal with you; can't you say yes or no?"

"I reckin."

"Well, then, answer yes or no; did or did not your daddy get corn and bacon from the defendant at the time referred to?" inquired the court.

(Now fully aroused, and conscious of his danger,) "Well, judge, I can't adzactly amember, you know, seein' as how its all dun gone and eat up; but, (planting himself firmly, as one determined to out with it), to the best of my rickerlection; if my memory serves me right, he mought, and then agin he moughtn't."

The plaintiff saved his bacon. Verdict accordingly.—*Ashville Spectator.*

JONATHAN AND HIS BRIDE AT A FASHIONABLE HOTEL.—At one of our fashionable hotels, the other day, among the arrivals was one of the *genus* verdant—a regular no mistake Jonathan—with eyes wide open at the novelties he met at every turn. He had brought his better half—a strapping, flaxen haired lass, bedecked with a profusion of ribbons and cheap jewelry. They had evidently "come down" to spend the honey-moon," and Jonathan had, no doubt, "darned the expense."

The first morning after their arrival, the servant was thrown into hysterics by a verdant mistake. Jonathan's bell rang furiously, and he demanded to see the landlord. That functionary having made his appearance, he was hailed with—

"How are you—how de do, old feller? Me and Patience find all right here—room fixed up first rate—gives a fellow a highlaulin feeling; but I say, old hoss, we want a wash bawl and towel to take off the dust outside, then I'll come down and take a little New England with you."

"Here are all the conveniences for washing, sir," said the landlord, stepping to a mahogany wash sink and raising the lid.

"Gosh all Potomac" exclaimed our Yankee, "who'd ever thought of that here table's openin' on top that way?"

Nothing further occurred until the hour for breakfast, when the verdant couple were seated at the table, and Jonathan having burnt his throat by drinking his coffee too hot, and attempted to help himself to an omelette with his fingers, finally had his attention attracted to some fish balls, which are, as everybody knows, fish and potatoes minced together, rolled into a ball as large as an ordinary sized apple, and cooked brown.

Having procured the dish that contained them, by means of a servant, he helped himself and partner to one each, and grasped the precious morsel firmly in his hand opening his capacious jaws, took a bite from his, when suddenly he disgorged the morsel, with an expression of much disappointment and turning to his bride, exclaimed, "I swow Patience, these doughnuts are nothin' but cod fish and taters!"

A LAWYER, retained in a case of assaul and battery, was cross-examining a witness in relation to the force of a blow struck:

"What kind of a blow was given?"

"A blow of the common kind."

"Describe the blow."

"I am not good at description."

"Show me what kind of a blow it was."

"I cannot."

"You must."

"I won't."

The lawyer appealed to the court. The court told the witness that if the counsel insisted upon his showing what kind of a blow it was, he must do so.

"Do you insist upon it?" asked the witness.

"I do."

"Well, then, since you compel me to show you, it was this kind of a blo !" at the same time suiting the action to the word, and knocking over the astonished disciple of Coke upon Littleton!

ANOTHER BLOW AT THE HOOPS.—A few days since, as a Roxbury friend, at the close of his labors of the day, was enjoying a comfortable ride home from the office in this city, in an omnibus partly filled with ladies, a gentleman upon the side walk signalled the driver to stop, and throwing open the door, sprang into the vehicle. His first step towards a seat, unfortunately influenced somewhat by the sudden motion of the coach, brought his tight foot in contact with a lady's dress; and as, with a hasty expression, he strove to extricate it from the embraces of the hoop, he was suddenly plunged forward, and in a twinkling found his left foot in the same unfortunate connection with a hoop on the other side. This was more than our hero bargained for. For a moment he seemed fairly nonplussed: "God Heavens, madam!" said he, and then nervously pulling the strap, he cried: "Stop, driver! stop! stop! stop! I thought I was getting into an omnibus; *but I find it's a cooper's shop!"—Portfolio.*

HIGHLANDERS have a great dislike to be hanged upon a *fir* tree—at least they were wont to have. Whether they still retain this unworthy and illiberal prejudice, we don't know. It happened upon an occasion when Donald was condemned to be hanged, either for some notorious breach of the law, or for disobliging "the Chief," that "she" was allowed to choose "her" tree. Donald looked about, and selected a very diminutive gooseberry bush whereupon "she" might be *justified.*—The finisher of the law exclaimed with great indignation:

"Fat tree wadna be long enough for fifty years to hang her."

Donald, however, was ready for the objection.—"She was in nae hurry, Cot bless her—she wad just wait till ta tree grew."

MAKING THE BEST OF IT.—A Yankee out walking in Virginia, at Wheeling, while (to himself a talking) experienced a feeling—strange, painful and alarming from his caput to his toesees, and he suddenly discovered he was covered o'er with boes! They twisted on his eyelids, and perched upon his nose; they colonized his peaked face, and swarmed upon his clothes. They explored his swelling nostrils, dived into his ears; then crawled up his trousers, and filled his eyes with tears. Did he yell like a hyena? Did he holler like a loon? Was he scar't and did 'cut and run?' or did the critter—swoon? Ne'er a one! He wasn't scar'd a mite; he never swoons—nor hollers—but he hived 'em in a nail keg tight, and *sold 'em for two dollars.*

DEAN SWIFT, having a shoulder of mutton too much done brought up for his dinner, sent for the cook, and told her to take the mutton down, and do it less.

"Please your honor, I can not do it less."

"But," said the dean, "if it had not been done enough you could have done it more, could you not?"

"Oh yes, sir, very easily."

"Why, then," said the dean, "for the future, when you commit a fault, let it be such a one as can be mended."

FLATBROOK, the tattered genius of poesy, witnessed a pugilistic encounter, which he immortalized by describing it on his rimless "tile" with a piece of chalk, thus:

And Isaac he pitched into hym,
And him pitched into he;
The way they fighted was a sin,
And horrybl to see.

WHY is a poor man like a baker? Because he *secrets* the "dough"—Anglice—money.

PHILADELPHIA.

DECOU & MIDDLETON,
IMPORTERS OF AND DEALERS IN
IRON AND STEEL,
No. 12 North Water street, above Market,
PHILADELPHIA.
April 12, 1856 15-1y

BOYS' CLOTHING.
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.
F. A. HOYT & BROTHER,
272 Chestnut St., corner of Tenth, Philada.
April 23, 1856 16-1y

PATENT WIRE ROPE.
HAVING accepted the Agency for the sale of ROEBLINGS PATENT WIRE ROPE, we are now prepared to supply railroad companies, coal operators, engineers, machinists, and others, with wire rope, in large or small quantities. Samples may be seen at our office. Apply to, or address
MORRIS & JONES & CO., Iron and Steel Merchants,
Market & Sixteenth sts.
Philadelphia, August 2, '56 31-3m

LEATHER! LEATHER! LEATHER!
HENRY W. OVERMAN, Importer of FRENCH CALF SKINS, and general Leather Dealer, No 6 South 2d st., Philadelphia.
A general assortment of all kinds of LEATHER, MOROCCOS, etc., etc. RED and OAK SOLE LEATHER.
Aug. 23, 1856. 34-6m

J. STEWART DEPUY & SONS,
Masonic Hall, Chestnut street, (below 8th.) Philadelphia.
HAVE opened a large and splendid stock of Velvet, Tapestry, Brussels, Three P'y, Ingrain and Venitian CARPETINGS.
Also, Floor Oil Cloths, Mattings, Hearth Rugs, Door Mats, Druggets, Stair Rods, Table and Piano Covers, &c., which they are selling very low for cash, wholesale and retail.
September 6, '56 36-3m

LIGHT! LIGHT!! LIGHT!!!
BURNING FLUID; Absolute, Druggists' and Perfumery ALCOHOL; CAMPHINE, or FINE OIL; PHOSGENE GAS, and SPIRITS OF TURPENTINE; all of which are of a superior quality. Manufactured and for sale at the lowest Manufacturer's prices, by TARNALL & ODDEN,
Nos. 274 and 280 North 2d st. above Noble, Philad'a.
☞ Orders respectfully solicited, will be filled with promptness, and delivered to any of the Depots in the city free of charge.
Sept. 13, 1856. 37-3m

REMOVAL.
MARPLE, McCLURE & Co., wholesale dealers in Notions and Fancy Goods, have removed from No. 15 to No. 12 North Third street, (the store formerly occupied by Yard, Gilmore & Co.,) and are now opening a large and extensive assortment of goods in their line—which have been selected for near trade—would invite the attention of merchants to the same, who will find the stock equal to any in Philadelphia, and at prices that cannot fail to suit. In their stock of Notions may be found Gloves, Hosiery, Shirts and Drawers, Dress Trimmings, Combs, Buttons, Brushes, Carpet Bags, Looking Glasses and every description of Fancy Goods.
Philadelphia, August 16, '56 33-3m

LADIES' FANCY FURS.
JOHN FAREIRA, No. 284 Market street, above 8th, Philadelphia, IMPORTER, MANUFACTURER and DEALER in all kinds and qualities of FANCY FURS, for Ladies and Children. J. F. would call the attention of the Ladies and others to his immense assortment, being the direct importer and Manufacturer of all my FURS. I feel confident in saying that I can offer the greatest inducements to those in want, and at the same time will have one of the largest assortments to select from.
Storekeepers and the trade will please give me a call before purchasing, as my Wholesale department is well supplied to meet the demand for every article in the fur line, and at the lowest possible Manufacturing prices.
JOHN FAREIRA, 284 *Market St.*
Sept. 6, 1856. 36-4m

LEAF TOBACCO AND CIGARS.
DENSLOW & CO.,
NO. 21 South Front Street, Philadelphia, Commission Merchants, and wholesale dealers in all kinds of
Leaf Tobacco, Manufactured Tobacco & Cigars,
Have constantly on hand and for sale low, all kinds of AMERICAN and SPANISH LEAF TOBACCOS, selected with special reference to Manufacturers' use.
Cigars of all kinds, warranted to be as represented and every opportunity afforded for examination.
Purchasers at a distance can send their orders, and rely upon being as faithfully served as if the goods were selected in person.
Oct. 11, '56 41

CARPETS AND OIL CLOTHS.
Eldridge's Cheap Carpet Store.
PERSONS can purchase Carpets, Oil Cloths, Mattings, &c., very cheap, wholesale or retail, as the subscriber is under a very low rent, and light store expenses, and is enabled to sell at the very *lowest prices.* He would call attention to his
Beautiful Imperial 3 ply,
Superfine Ingrain 2 " CARPETS.
Fine and Medium Ingrain 2 ply,
Venitians of all kinds,
And Oil Cloths from 2 to 12 feet wide, to cut for rooms, halls, &c., with a great variety of low priced Ingrain Carpets, from 25 to 50 cents, and Entry and Stair Carpets, from 10 to 37½ cents per yard; also, Mattings of all widths, Floor Oil Cloths, Table Covers, Floor Cloths, Rag Carpets, &c. H. H. ELDRIDGE,
No. 41 STRAWBERRY street, one door above Chestnut, 1st street west of Second street, Philadelphia.
Sept. 20, '56 38-3m

JOHN WM. GUREY & CO.,
BANKERS,
Nos. 45 and 47 South Third Street, Philada.,
GRANITE BUILDING, BELOW CHESNUT.
DRAW upon, remit to, and collect upon every point in the UNITED STATES and CANADAS.
Collections settled with promptness at current rates of Exchange, without charge. Foreign and American Coin furnished for Shipping and Custom House purposes.
Draw upon the *Royal Bank of Ireland*, (by authority,) *London, &c.*, and furnish Exchange, available in any part of the British Kingdom, in sums of £1 and upwards. SEVEN PER CENT. (New York rate.) paid deposits on current accounts and the highest rate on Time account. Stocks bought and sold at the Brokers' Board, in this city. New York, Boston and Baltimore Business paper and Loans negotiated.
The latest quotations of stocks and securities throughout the United States can be seen at the office.
Dec. 22, 1855 51-10m

FALL GOODS AND MANTILLAS,
FOR WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.
GEO. BULPIN & CO., Importers and Manufacturers of CLOAKS and MANTILLAS, No. 174 CHESTNUT street, (a few doors above 7th, south side,) Philadelphia, (in connection with Geo. Bulpin, 561 Broadway, N. Y., the largest Manufacturer of these goods in the United States,) beg to call the attention of Wholesale and Retail buyers to their large and varied stock of CLOAKS, TALMAS, &c., &c., *for the fall trade!*
Their collection comprises a complete assortment of all the latest Parisian Novelties in Velvet, Moire Antique, Cloth, Plain Silk, &c., &c., while the facilities afforded by their connection with the largest Manufacturing House, (of these goods,) in New York, enable them to guarantee better value than is obtainable elsewhere in this market.
GEO. BULPIN & CO.,
174 *Chestnut st., above 7th.*
August 23, 1856. 34-3m

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ALL STOCK OF NEW GOODS.
FRENCH MERINOS, all colors,
Fashionable Cloak Cloths,
Fall Silks, the new styles,
Magnificent new Delaines,
Best styles Fall Calicoes,
Very large stock of new Shawls,
Flannels, Welsh, English and American,
Cloths, Vestings and all kinds Men's Wear,
Sheetings, Table Linens, Towelings, &c.
ERIR & LANDELL,
Fourth and Arch streets, Philadelphia.
Storekeepers are invited to examine our New Goods.—Families can be well suited in every kind of Dry Goods. We make Black Silks and Shawls leading articles for wholesaling.
P. S.—Jobs received daily from the Auctions of New York and Philadelphia. *Egg* Terms, NEXT CASH.
Philadelphia, September 6, '56 36-3m

STAUFFER & HARLEY.
CHEAP WATCHES & JEWELRY—Wholesale and retail—the cheapest *Philadelphia Watch & Jewelry Store,* No. 96 North Second street, corner of Quarry, Philada.
Gold Lever Watches, full jewelled, 18 *carats fine,* $22 00.
Gold Lepine Watches, $18 00 to $24 00.
Silver Lever, full jewelled, $12 00
Silver Lepine, jewels, 9 00
Superior Quartziers, 7 00
Gold Bracelets, 3 00
Gold Spectacles, 7 00
Fine Silver do., 1 50
Ladies' Gold Pencils, 1 00
Silver Tea-spoons, set, 1 00
Gold Pens, with Pencil, and Silver Holders, $1.
Gold Fingering, 2¼ carats fine, $3 00.
Gold Finger Rings, 2¼ carats fine, 62½ cents.
Best Spectacles, $1 00.
Spectacle Glasses, 12½ cents.
Gold Lockets, 62½ cents.
Gold Pens, with Gold Pencil and Silver Holder, $1