

## Wit and Humor.

INQUIRIES AND ANSWERS.

From a letter just received from the East, we clip the following inquiries, and append the answers:

"What kind of a country do you live in?"

"Mixed and extensive. It is made up principally of land and water."

"What kind of weather?"

"Long spells of weather are frequent. One sunshiny comes off principally in the day time."

"Have you plenty of water—and how good?"

"A good deal of water scattered about, and generally got it gall and whisky."

"Is it hard?"

"When you have to go three miles, and wade the river three times to get it."

"Any good farms to be had?"

"Several small patches have been fenced in here and there, and to be had by paying the money."

"What kind of buildings?"

"Allegoric, Ionic, anticlionic, and slabbed. The buildings are chiefly out-door, and low between joints, that the chimneys all stick out through the roof."

"Good, bad, indifferent, and mixed."

"Any aristocracy?"

"A few specimens of the codfish kind, and strong of the ham-knack."

"What do your people do for a living, mostly?"

"Some work, some laze round, one's a shrub business manager; and several drink whisky."

"Is it cheap living there?"

"Only five cents a glass, and the water thrown in."

"Any taste for music?"

"Strong. Buzz and buck-saws in the day time, and cat-fighting nights."

"Any places there?"

"No, but have several eight-horse-power threshing machines, and a dog in every family."

"Any manufacturers?"

"Every household. All our children and home productions."

"Would a gentle fella, in moderate circumstances, do there for a living?"

"Work, share, notes, fish, steel, or, if hard plucked, sell rum."

"Are your people intelligent?"

"Some know all things that happen, and some things that do not."

"Would they appreciate a family of well-bred sons and daughters?"

"Certainly. Great, on blooded stock—would take 'em down to the State Fair with pride."

"Dear friend! Your questions are answered. Bring on your 'well-bred' stock. Wisconsin City."

JOSEPH ANTONIO THE SPRINGER.—A cute old farmer of Columbia Co., N. Y., called on a notary, and requested that his sister might be allowed to "occupy the body of a maimed medium on the platform for the purpose."

"Is the spirit of Mary Stokes present in the body of the medium?" asked the operator.

"Yes!"

"Are you happy?"

"Supremely so."

"What spear are you in?"

"I am in the fifth sphere."

"Ah, gettin' pretty well up," said Jonathan in undertone, as it spoke to him.

"Well, Mary, is it true that there is a hell of fire and brimstone?"

"Not at all."

"Is sister Sally Ann with you?"

"No, she is in the fourth sphere. I was with you when she died, and I aided her in ascending to her abode. I was present with her mother the night after she died, and secretly consoled her."

"Well, Mary, what do they do with the preachers who deceive the people?" (The operator had been a preacher.)

"They are placed in the lowest sphere, and their ascent is slow and interrupted."

"Well, Mary, now you may go; perhaps they won't like it if you stay away along."

When I die, I want you to be on hand, and take me up to the sixth 'pear' in a chariot, and two horses," he continued laughing.

The operator looked amazed.

"You see old homs," said Jonathan, "I just dropped in to try your mediums, but friend, it all turned, turning to the audience, he told briefly what he had said to the rest. The operator asked what else he had said.

Witness—Nothing else of any consequence.

Dickinson—But did you say? Let other judge whether it is of consequence.

Witness—I said nothing has any bearing in the cause.

Dickinson—The court, sir, will be able to judge whether your testimony has any bearing in the cause. I wish you to give me the rest of your conversation.

Witness—Why, sir, why, I would rather not; it had a bearing upon this case I was sure, you, and—

Dickinson—(Rising)—I hope the court will not permit itself to be trifled with, and time wasted by these manifest evasions. The witness has given a part of this conversation and refuses to give the remainder. I call upon the court to compel him to finish it.

The Court—The witness had better repeat all said, that he can remember.

Witness—Well, if I must, I will, though I do not see of what use it can be to this trial. I said, sir, addressing Dickinson, was he one of the most ill-natured and overbearing lawyers, in examining a witness, that I ever put my eyes on, and I said further, that you were a miserable old fog, and would never be President of the United States.

Dickinson—(Trembling all over with indignation and gesticulating violently)—I appeal to the court for protection; they have put this man before the court to compel him to finish it.

A NEW YORK TRAVELER AND GOURMET MAGAZINE.—I recently took a trip West, and while passing over the E. & H. R.R., being fond of "the weed," had taken my seat in the baggage car for the purpose of indulging in a "Havana," when a nervous individual entered the car and commenced overhauling the baggage. The baggage master, after eying him a moment, accused him of being guilty with "what's wailing, sir?"

"I am looking for my trunk," demurredly answered the nervous man.

"I will take care of your trunk, that's my business," retorted B. M.

"Oh, I am aware that, sir, but I would much rather keep my trunk under my eye."

"Well, then, sir, you should have been born an elephant, and then, you could have your trunk under your eye the whole time!"

The nervous man modestly replied,

"My name is SAMUEL P. FEARON, Chief Engineer of the New York Central Railroad."

Any further information with regard to this Reading will be obtained by calling on the subscriber, No. 100 Broadway, New York.

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