# Wit and Humor.

"THEY SAY" there is a good deal of scandal always going on in small villages; that every body (he or she) doesn't mind his or her business. This may not be so; for "THEY SAY" himself is a great scandal-monger, and has done a deal of mischief in his time, by insinuating what he dared not distinctly charge or assert. But if there be any impertinent persons, male or female, married or single, who do not find it convenient to "mind their own business," we commend to their careful attention the following lines;

"Is it any body's business,
If a gentleman should choose,
To wait upon a lady,
If the lady don't refuse?
Or, to speak a little plainer,
That the meaning all may know,
Is it any body's business
If a lady has a beau?

"Is it any body's business
When that gentleman doth call,
Or when he leaves the lady,
Or if he leaves at all?
Or is it necessary
That the curtains should be drawn,
To save from further trouble
The outside lookers-on?

"Is it any body's business,
But the *lady's*, if her beau
Sleeth out with other ladies,
And doesn't let her know?
Is it any body's business,
But the *gentleman's*, if she
Should accept another escort,
Were he doesn't chance to be?

"If a person's on the sidewalk,
Whether great, or whether small,
Is it any body's business
Where that person means to call?
Or if you see a person
While he's calling any where,
Is it any of your business
What his business may be there?

"The substance of our query,
Simply stated, would be this:
Is it any body's business
What another's business is?
Whether 'tis, or whether 'tisn't,
We should really like to know,
For we're certain, if it isn't,
There are some who make it so.

"If it do, we'll join the rabble,
And act the noble part
Of the tattlers and defamers,
Who throughout the public mart:
But if not, we'll act the teacher,
Until each meddler learns,
If it were better, for the future,
To mind his own concerns!"

SKATE COURTING IN NEW ENGLAND.—A sensitive New Englander, writing from Massachusetts last week, acknowledges himself caught, and asks if he was not justified by the circumstances which he relates. We say he was. Here is his case: Well sir, this Mary caught the skating fever, which is now raging so fearfully. I heard her express a wish for a pair of skates, and the next day she had the best pair that could be found in the city, and nobody knew who sent them to her. We went down upon the ice, and there that little devil of a Mary, just sat quietly down, ordered me on my knees, and quietly placed that *foot, the* foot, in my lap, and bid me put on her skate. Sir, bad Venus dropped down from Heaven, and told me rub her down with rotten stone and oil, it could not have astonished me more than when that divine foot was placed in my unworthy lap. I felt very faint—but I buckled on the skates, and stood up, with Mary by my side. Have you ever taught a woman to skate? No; well, let me tell you. You've seen a kaleidoscope, with a few old bits of glass, &c., in a tin tube, and turning it, have seen all sorts of beautiful figures. Just imagine a kaleidoscope, and in place of beads and broken glass, please substitute blue eyes, curving eye lashes, lips, ivory, wavy hair, crinoline, gaiter boots, zephyr worsted, cupids, hearts, darts, a clap of thunder, a flash of lightning, and "auld Nick." Imagine yourself the centre of a system with all these things revolving around you, and a violet bank breathing sighs upon you all the while, and you have Mary and her victim in the first skating lesson. Mary and I start—she on my left arm—all square.

First, Mary's dear little gaiter boots present themselves to my astonished vision, and, before I have time to wonder how they came up before me, I feel them pressing their blessed beauty, with emphasis, into the pit of my stomach. Next scene—wavy hair, with a thirty dollar bonnet, and a divine head, come pitching into my waistcoat, with such a force that I feel the buttons against my spine. Next—Mary gazes up at me from between my jack boots, and anon her blessed little nose is thrust into my shirt bosom.

Ah! my friend, all research and study on the mysterious subject of women has been comparatively in vain till, in this eventful year of 1859, the fashion of skating has opened new and various sources of information. Do you remember your first attempt at driving tandem? Do you remember how that infernal perverse beast that you selected for a leader, would insist in turning short round, and staring you in the face as if to ask, "what the deuce you'd be at?" Well; just you go and try a woman on skates, that's all—just try it. Ah! want you come to the conclusion that women have sundry and divers ways of accomplishing their objects? Dear Mary! I offered myself to her every time she turned up or came round. I am here.

SONS of Jerrold's club talk is given, and we select a few characteristic passages:

"Brown drops in. Brown is said by all his friends to be the toady of Jones. D. J. to Brown: 'Have you heard the rumor that's flying about town?' 'No.' 'Well, they say Jones pays the dog-tax for you.'"

"A supper of sheep's heads is proposed.—One gentleman present is particularly enthusiastic on the excellence of the dish, and, as he throws down his knife and fork, exclaims, 'Well, sheep's heads forever, say I.' *Jerrold*—'There's egotism.'"

"When some gentleman, hearing an air mentioned, exclaimed, 'That always carries me away, when I hear it.' 'Can nobody whistle it?' asked Douglas Jerrold."

JIM H—— tells a good yarn about one of our "shellbark lawyers." His client was up on two small charges, "frivolous charges," as shellbark designated them, (forging a note of hand and stealing a horse.) On running his eye over the jury, he didn't like their looks, so he prepared an affidavit for continuance, setting forth the absence in Alabama of a principal witness. He read it in a whisper to the prisoner, who, shaking his head, said, "Squire, I can't swar to that ar dokyment." "Why?" "Kase *hit haint true.*" Old Shell inflated and exploded loud enough to be heard throughout the room. "What! forge a note an' steal a hoss, an' can't swear to a lie! Dash sich infernal fools." And he left the conscientious one to his fate.

LOUNGE—You remember the line in Mark Antony's address—

"See what a rent the envious Casca made!"

FLO.—Yes, I remember.

LOUNGE—Well, as I was passing with a friend along the street, a nail in the cask which stood on the sidewalk, caught the flap of my coat, and tore it. Instantly turning to my companion, I pointed to the torn place, and exclaimed, "See what a rent the envious cask has made!"

PUSON'S LAST.—At Quarter Sessions one of the magistrates slept and snored; a young barrister sent up this note to the senior counsel:

"Q.—Why is Sir Tunbelly like the first ship on record?

A.—Because *he snores, hark!*"

A SAILOR dropped out of the rigging of a ship, some fifteen or twenty feet and fell plump on the head of the first lieutenant.—"Wretch!" said the officer, "where did you come from?" "An, sure I came from the North of Ireland, yer honor."

The small addition of a McCormick's Reaper would make sewing machines very desirable for agriculturists; for who would wish to be without a sowing and reaping machine?

# SHERIFF'S SALES.

## SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE.

BY VIRTUE of several Writs of *Vendition Exponas and Levari Facias*, issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Schuylkill County, and to me directed, there will be exposed to public sale or outcry, on

**Saturday, March 5th, 1859,**

at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at the Public House of John C. Lesso, (American House,) in the Borough of Pottsville, Schuylkill County, the following described real estate, to wit:—

All the twenty-three two hundred and tenths perts of him, the said PETER MAISON, of and in the three following adjoining tracts of Coal Lands, containing together nine hundred and ninety-four acres and thirty perches, and allowance of six per cent. for roads, &c., situate now partly in Cass and partly in New Castle township, (formerly in the township of Norwegin and Schuylkill,) in the County of Schuylkill, bounded and described as follows, to wit: The first of which beginning at a chestnut oak, thence by land of Henry Gettle and Philip Waggoner north sixty-seven degrees, east two hundred and ninety-seven and a half perches to a post, north twenty-three degrees west sixteen perches to a post, thence by land of Gettle and Waggoner and vacant land north sixty-nine degrees east three hundred and thirty-three perches to a pine, thence by vacant land north twenty-three degrees west ninety perches to a white oak, south sixty-five degrees west one hundred and thirty-five perches to a pine, north twenty-one degrees west twenty four perches to a corner, south sixty-nine degrees west four hundred and sixty-five perches to a pine, thence by land late of Christopher Wagner, now the second of said tract, and late of Leonard Heed south one degree east eighty-four perches to a white oak, and thence by vacant land south twenty-three degrees east fifty-two perches, to the place of beginning, containing four hundred and twenty-one acres and one hundred and fifty-two perches and allowance of six per cent. for roads.

The second of which said tracts beginning at a post, thence by land late of Henry Gettle, now the third of said tracts, south eighty-five degrees east one hundred and sixty-four perches to a pine, south twenty-three degrees, east seventeen perches to a stone, thence by land of Leonard Heed north eighty-nine degrees east fifty-four perches to a stone, thence by the first described tract of land and vacant land north five degrees east one hundred and forty-eight and a half perches to a stone, thence by vacant land north eighty-five degrees west two hundred and twenty-seven and one-fourth perches to a stone, south five degrees west one hundred and three perches to a corner, south eighty-five degrees east four perches to a pine, and south five degrees west sixty perches to the place of beginning, containing two hundred acres and eighty perches and allowance of six per cent. for roads.

And the third of which said tracts beginning at a post, thence by land surveyed to William Waggoner and claimed by James Dundas, and land of Leonard Heed north one degree west one hundred and nine perches to a stone, thence by second of said tracts north twenty-three degrees west seventeen perches to a pine, thence by same and vacant land north eighty-five degrees west three hundred and two perches to a pine, thence by land of John Meyer and Company south thirty-one degrees west two hundred and nineteen perches to a stone, south one degree east fifteen perches to a stone by a pine, and north eighty three degrees east four hundred and ninety-five perches to the place of beginning, containing three hundred and fifty-one acres and twenty perches and allowance of six per cent. for roads, &c. The premises above described being the same which was conveyed to the said PETER MAISON by two separate indentures, first of them from Sarah H. Kinsey by indenture dated the twenty-third day of December, A. D., 1846, recorded in Schuylkill County in Deed Book No. 28, page 883, &c., and the other from Sarah Ann Bolinger and Henry Bickel, deceased, containing 22 acres, or thereabouts, with the appurtenances, consisting of a large 3 story frame dwelling house with a three story brick back building thereto attached, with brick basement, and a brick stable.

ALSO, All that certain lot or piece of ground situate in the borough of Pottsville, Schuylkill county, bounded on the west by Centre street, on the north by other property of James Russel, on the east by Coal street, on the south by property of Edward Eardley, containing in front on Centre street 20 feet, and in depth 120 feet, with the appurtenances, consisting of a three story brick dwelling house, with brick basement, and a brick stable—as the property of JAMES RUSSEL.

ALSO, All that certain lot or piece of ground, situate in the borough of Minersville, in the county of Schuylkill, beginning at a small black oak tree on the west bank of the west branch of the river Schuylkill, thence along the west bank of the said river south eighteen degrees and thirty minutes, east one hundred and eighteen feet six inches to a post, corner to a lot reserved by Blair McElnechan, thence by said lot south fifty-seven degrees and fifteen minutes, west two hundred and fourteen feet to a post on a lateral railroad now or lately called Patterson's railroad, thence up the same north one degree and thirty minutes east fifty feet, north twenty-six degrees east forty feet three inches, and north thirty-six degrees and thirty minutes east seventy-nine feet, thence by land now or late of Joseph Jackson north eighty-two degrees and thirty minutes east one hundred and two feet six inches, more or less, to the place of beginning, with the appurtenances, consisting of a steam flouring or grist mill of stone, three stories high, with a one-story stone engine house, engine and fixtures, also a two-story frame stable and warehouse with stone basement.

ALSO, All that certain other lot or piece of ground, situate in the Borough of Minersville, Schuylkill county, beginning at a point the distance of forty feet eastwardly from the Centre of the Mine Hill and Schuylkill Haven Railroad, and in the line of Sunbury street, in said borough, being south nine degrees east and parallel with said Railroad 116 feet, thence north 59 degrees west, and parallel with Sunbury street, forty feet to the centre of the aforesaid Railroad, thence south nine degrees east along the centre of said Railroad one hundred and thirty-one feet and six inches, thence north three degrees east along property hitherto conveyed to said Wm. Hinnershitz, 25 feet, thence north 16 degrees east, will along said property hitherto conveyed to said William Hinnershitz 23 feet, thence north twenty-eight and one-half degrees east 25 feet, thence north thirty-six and one-half degrees east 56 feet, thence north 35 degrees east 36 feet, thence north twenty-four and one-half degrees east 33 feet, thence north 60 degrees west 113 feet to the place of beginning.

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ALSO, All first certain lot or piece of ground, situate on the east side of Front street, in the borough of Minersville, Schuylkill county, bounded on the north by property of Mary Hunter, on the east by Mill street, on the south by property of Edward Eardley, containing in front on Centre street 20 feet, and in depth 120 feet, with the appurtenances, consisting of a three story brick dwelling house, with brick basement, and a brick stable—as the property of JAMES RUSSEL.

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*Also*, All that certain piece or parcel of land, situate in Norwegin township, Schuylkill county, near the borough of Pottsville, containing 3 acres, more or less, bounded southerly by land of Thomas Sillyman, westerly by land of George Ludwig and others, north by Market street, and eastwardly by land of Thomas Russell, with the appurtenances, consisting of a two story brick dwelling house with stone basement, frame stable, frame wagon shed thereto attached, and frame spring-house—as the property of SAMUEL CHADWICK.

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