Wit and Humor.

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"OLD TOBY."—A Parody on "Old Critics."

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Old Tony's dead, that good old horse,
We ne'er shall see him more:
He had a pair of legs behind,
A pair of legs before.

Oh! he was gentle as a dove,
And knew no base design;
And he could travel like the wind,
If you'd not give him fine.

His beauty, hid from public gaze,
He never brought to view;
Nor made a noise on rainy days,
Like other horses do.

In winter he was fed on hay—
We cut his fodder fine;
Of corn, he'd eat eight quarts a day,
On Sunday he'd eat nine.

And just at sunset, every night,
He to his stall would go;
The rooster on the back would perch,
And loudly there would crow.

Oh! he was generous to a fault—
Betrayed no idle fears;
He never yet refused his oats,
And liked corn in the ears.

He much by nature was endowed,
Though thorns his path beset;
And all the other horses loved
Whenever him they met.

But now he's gone to his long home,
We mourn, and ever shall;
For everybody said he was
A fine old an-i-mal.

Pottsville, February 22d, 1860.

HOW OUR SERVANT GIRL EMPLOYED US.

We have been employed by a servant girl—at least our wife has; and as our wife and we are one in all matters except monied ones, why we also have been hired by a servant girl.

Our employer is a young woman of twenty summers; oblique in vision, Hibernian in accent, and red as to the arms. She came to us when the leaves fell; dropped in upon us "as falls a star," one churlish November evening when the winds were all abroad, and the best of her sex was mending stockings; dropped into the parlor, deflled the roses on our Brussels with Brogans, and sat down contiguous to our Steinway.

We looked for our poker, but she accidentally raised her arm; its dimensions appalled us.

The best of her sex is weakly, fragile and timid—in fact, would stand no more chance against our employer than a dove in the clutches of a bald eagle. The following conversation ensued between Bridget and the Best:

"Plaze, marm, wad yees like to hire a girl wid good moral caracter?"

(Sotto Voce)—"Yes."

"How much do yees pay."

"Two dollars per week."

"Wud that be entirely satisfactory to yees?"

"Yes."

"Have yees a good large kitchen wid a large range convanient?"

(In astonishment)—"We have no range, but we have a large stove."

"No range! but that wud be bad intirely. You wud not mind retiring early, that I might not be disturbed in the evening?"

"Oh, no!"

"Do yees have a washerwoman, and a cook to do the coarse cooking?"

"No; you would have to do that work. It is not hard, as the family is small."

"If yees have no children about, and could give me my evenings to meself, and let the ould man make the fires of a mornin', I might thry yees for a week."

The gist of the above conversation was that Bridget was duly installed mistress of the kitchen, in spite of vehement objections; for the Best, like the oysterman, had a way of her own, albeit she was fragile.

Our servant girl tried us for one week, and then discharged us. The first day a struggle arose between her and ourselves as to the propriety of her sitting in the parlor during the afternoon. We came off victorious by a compromise, that we should stay in the kitchen.

The second day a speck of war arose in our domestic firmament, owing to the fact that our employer insisted on starching the shirt-bosoms before they were washed, boiling the squashes in the tea-kettle, and wearing the Best's Sunday bonnet to a wake. Our employer threatened to discharge us if she was not allowed the enjoyment of such little privileges. The Best of her sex is completely cowed, and has transfered the reins of the domestic team to Bridget, who is driving tandem at a fearful rate.

On the third day I discovered an Italian organ-grinder standing in my front yard, revolving "Irish Molly, O," from his infernal machine, and Bridget on the front steps, executing an Irish jig. I sent for the police, and had the child of Sunny Italy arrested and fined for being a vagrant, under the Organic Act.

A sorer trial was in store for me on the fourth day: As I returned home at night, rather later than usual, an unusual sound of revelry greeted me in the dining-room. I rushed into the house. The Best was in a corner of the parlor, deadly pale and wringing her hands.

"What means this wild commotion?" cried I.

She could not answer, but pointed to the dining-room. I rushed to the room and opened the door. I came, I saw, and was overcome? A player would describe it as follows:

[SCENE—*A long table spread with various eatables, in the centre whisky; upper end, do.; lower end, do.; around the table appear fire men smoking pipes; three women singing "Widow Malone." L. Enter we. R. Exit Bridget. Omnes Sequiter. Curtain falls to slow music.*]

That night we and the Best held a consultation. We were calm, but dignified. Bridget must evacuate ere another sun had set.—If we knew ourselves, and we thought we did so to a certain extent, we owned the house; and so long as we owned it, we did not propose to have any Irish landlords in possession. We were to be trampled on no longer. Knowing our rights, we should jealously defend them. The Best of her sex dittoed our determination. The question was put; All who are in favor of Irish emigration say aye; contrary-minded, no. The ayes had it.

The next morning we arose big with our resolve. To our great surprise, the break-fast table stood empty, and we were summoned to the kitchen by Bridget.

"And now, Misthur Goonybags, does yees intend to deprive me of my innocint recreations?" said she, drawing herself up to her ful height, (five feet nine in her brogans.)

"Yes," said I, "I will have no more of your scandalous doing in my house."

"Thin I discharge yees," said she, "and lave this house this moment, bad cess to the likes of yees, who would take the brid and butther from an honest woman's mooth."

That morning our employer left, and Richard was himself again.

"MR. SPEAKER," said a new member, rising, "we cannot prize too dearly the rights of freemen. They have been transmitted to us by our fathers as a rich legacy, and palsied be the hand of the man who would refuse to acknowledge or maintain them. Among these rights, Mr. Speaker, is the right of voting—of doing what we please. Every man, sir, should do as he pleases; and if he does not, he should be forced to."

A GENTLEMAN, meeting an old friend whom he had not seen for a long time, congratulated him on lately coming into possession of a large landed estate. "There was such a report," replied the other, "but you may depend upon it that it is quite *groundless*."

LADIES who array themselves in patent hoops should sing, as they dress, "Still so gently o'er me *stealing*."

GAIN—Losing life to win money.

SHERIFF'S SALES.

SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE.

BY virtue of sundry writs of *Venditioni Exponas* and *Levari Facias*, issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Schuylkill County and to me directed, there will be exposed to sale by Public vendue or outcry, on

Saturday, March 24, 1860,

at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at the public house of DANIEL HILL, in the Borough of Pottsville, Schuylkill County, the following described real estate, to wit:

All that certain lot or piece of ground, situate in the Borough of Auburn, Schuylkill county, bounded north by Market street, east by lot of Abraham Faust, south by a 20 feet wide alley, and west by lot of Henry Kessler, containing in width 80 feet, and in depth 123 feet, with the appurtenances, consisting of a two story frame dwelling house—as the property of DANIEL MOYER, JR.

Also, All that certain lot or piece of ground, situate in the borough of Fort Carbon, Schuylkill county, bounded northwardly by lot of Emanuel Strouse, eastwardly by lot of Morris Seltzgaus, southwardly by Market street, and westwardly by lot now or late of Morris Seltzgaus, containing in width 80 feet, and in depth 120 feet, more or less, with the appurtenances, consisting of a two story stone dwelling house with a store room on the first floor, and a 1½ story stone kitchen thereto attached, with stone basement, a one story frame wash house and a frame wagon shed—as the property of JESSE RAUDENBUSH.

Also, All that certain lot or piece of ground, situate in the borough of Ashland, Schuylkill county, bounded on the north by Mahanoy street, on the west by Third street, on the south by lot of Mary Green said, south by a 20 feet wide alley and west by lot of Jacob Eyer, containing in width 25 feet and in depth 125 feet, with the appurtenances, consisting of a two story frame dwelling house, with a one story frame kitchen thereto attached, and a two story frame shoe shop and shoemaker shop, and a frame stable—as the property of FRANKLIN KLINE.

Also, All that certain lot or piece of ground, situate in the borough of Schuylkill Haven, Schuylkill county, bounded northwardly by Columbia street, eastwardly by a 20 feet wide street, southwardly by a 20 feet wide alley, and westwardly by lot of Joshua Birchfield, containing in width 60 feet, and in depth 227 feet, with the appurtenances, consisting of a two story frame dwelling house, with a one story frame kitchen thereto attached, and a one story frame summer kitchen—as the property of ESTHER HEEBNER.

Also, All that certain lot or piece of ground, situate in the borough of Schuylkill Haven, Schuylkill county, bounded northwardly by lot of Jacob Schwenk, eastwardly by a 50 feet wide street, southwardly by lot of Francis Hoffman and westwardly by a 40 feet wide street, containing in width 21 feet, and in depth 150 feet, more or less, with the appurtenances, consisting of a two story frame dwelling house with one story frame kitchen thereto attached—as the property of NOAH KEKKESLAGER.

Also, All that certain tract of land, situate in West Penn township, Schuylkill county, bounded by lands of Jared Shellhammer, John Behler, Tobias Hetzinger, Jonathan Lechler, and others, containing 40 acres, more or less, with the appurtenances, consisting of a one story log dwelling house and a log stable—as the property of JOHN GEALY.

Also, All that certain piece or parcel of land, situate in the borough of Orwigsburg, Schuylkill county, bounded by land of Henry Deine, William Grieff, Jacob Hammer and Rudolph Fey, containing 2 acres, more or less, with the appurtenances, consisting of a two story frame dwelling house, (weather boarded) with a one story frame kitchen thereto attached—as the property of JOHN GEESLEY and DANIEL GEESLEY, with notice to DANIEL GEESLEY, terre tenant.

Also, All that certain lot or piece of ground, situate on the southwest corner of Carbon and Third streets, in the borough of Minersville, Schuylkill county, containing in width on Third street 42 feet, and in depth on Carbon street 130 feet, more or less, and on the southwardly side of said Third street, bounded on the north on Carbon street by lot of George Hiddenty, and eastwardly by Schuylkill avenue, containing in width 30 feet, and in depth 154 feet, with the appurtenances, consisting of a two story frame dwelling house, and eastwardly by vacant ground, with the appurtenances, consisting of 2 two story frame dwelling houses and stores, and a two story frame kitchen thereto attached, and a two story frame dwelling house with stone basement, and a frame stable, situate on Carbon street—as the property of JOHN R. DAVIS, with notice to DAVID DAVIS, *terre tenant*.

Also, All that certain lot or piece of ground, situate in the town of Ringtown, Union township, Schuylkill county, bounded northwardly and eastwardly by land of William Mather, southwardly by lot of Jacob Nungesser, and westwardly by a public road leading to Millersburg, containing in front on said public road 75 feet, more or less, and in depth 150 feet, more or less, with the appurtenances, consisting of a 1½ story frame dwelling house, with a one story frame office attached, and a frame stable—as the property of ANDREW FORTNEY.

Also, That certain lot or piece of ground, situate in the borough of Schuylkill Haven, Schuylkill county, bounded northwardly by Front street, eastwardly by lot of Frederick Hissimer, southwardly by a 16 feet wide alley and westwardly by lot now or late of Morgan F. Mellor, containing in width 22 feet and in depth 120 feet, with the appurtenances, consisting of a two story brick dwelling house, with a two story brick kitchen attached, and a frame stable—as the property of SPENCER HAST and LOUIS A. DAST.

Also, All that certain lot or piece of ground, situate in the borough of Ashland, Schuylkill county, bounded northwardly by Centre street, eastwardly by lot of Jacob Williams, southwardly by a 20 feet wide alley, and westwardly by lot belonging to the estate of Wm. H. Wilson, deceased, containing in width 25 feet, and in depth 150 feet with the appurtenances, consisting of a two story plank dwelling house, (weather boarded) with stone basement, and a one story frame kitchen attached—as the property of AUGUSTUS RICHARDS.

Also, All that certain two story frame house or building situate in Port Clinton, in the county of Schuylkill, on the west side of Centre turnpike, bounded on the north by property late of Wm. Reppleman, dec'd., on the west by a public road, (not yet opened) on the south by property of Mrs. Hatch, and on the east by Centre turnpike, containing in front fifty feet on said turnpike, and in depth sixteen feet, and the lot or piece of ground and curtilage appurtenant to said building—as the property of DAVID HATCH.

Also, All that certain lot or piece of ground, situate in the town of Ashland, Schuylkill county, bounded on the north by Centre street, on the west by lot of Thomas Snyder, on the south by a 25 feet wide alley, and on the east by lot of Francis Mendler, containing in width 25 feet, and in depth 125 feet, with the appurtenances, consisting of a two story dwelling house, partly brick and partly stone, with a basement story of stone, and a stable—as the property of JOHN COWEN, deceased, in the hands of Jacob Kline, administrator.

Also, All that certain lot or piece of ground, situate in the borough of Ashland, Schuylkill County, bounded northwardly by Centre street, eastwardly by lot of R. H. & G. W. Miller, southwardly by a 20 feet wide alley, and westwardly by lot of Franklin Corfield, containing in width 25 feet and in depth 125 feet, more or less, with the appurtenances, consisting of a three story frame and brick dwelling house, with store room on first floor, and a two story frame kitchen thereto attached, and a frame stable—as the property of JACOB L. SHUMAN.

Also, No. 1—All that certain tract or piece of land, situate in Union township, Schuylkill county, bounded by lands of the Bank of Pottsville, Gilbert's Mill, and land claimed by Samuel Heffner and others, containing 423 acres and a half or thereabouts, with the appurtenances, consisting of a two story frame dwelling house, a frame barn with stone foundation, a frame stable, a frame spring house and a water power saw mill.

No. 2—All that certain lot or piece of ground, situate in the borough of Pottsville, Schuylkill county, bounded on front by Church alley, northwardly by lot of Charles Wagner, eastwardly by lot of George Hiddenty, and eastwardly by Schuylkill avenue, containing in width 30 feet, and in depth 154 feet, with the appurtenances, consisting of a two story brick dwelling house, and eastwardly by vacant ground, with the appurtenances, consisting of 2 two story brick dwelling houses and stores, and a two story frame kitchen thereto attached, and a double one and a half story frame dwelling house with stone basement—as the property of HENRY VANDUSEN.

Also, All that certain farm, tract or piece of land, situate in West Brunswick township, Schuylkill county, bounded by lands of Joseph Boyer, Daniel Gessley, Peter Shaner and Peter Boyer, containing 103 acres, more or less, with the appurtenances, consisting of a 1½ story log dwelling house, a frame barn with stone basement, and a *water power* saw mill—as the property of SETH LEYSENSETER.

Also, No. 1—All that certain lot or piece of ground, situate in the borough of Fort Carbon, Schuylkill county, being part of lots Nos. 15 & 17 in plan of said borough, containing in width 30 feet and in depth 95 feet, bounded northwardly by a 20 feet wide alley, eastwardly by Coal street, southwardly by other parts of lots Nos. 15 & 17, and westwardly by a 6 feet wide alley, with the appurtenances, consisting of a two story frame dwelling house and a one story frame kitchen attached, and a frame stable.

No. 2—All that certain lot or piece of ground, situate in the borough of Port Carbon, Schuylkill county, containing in front 30 feet, and in depth 95 feet, bounded northwardly by lot now or late of Thomas Maloney, eastwardly by Coal street, southwardly by a 20 feet wide alley, and westwardly by a three story brick building, with the appurtenances, consisting of a two story frame dwelling house and a store room on the first floor, and a frame wagon shed—as the property of JOSEPH SHELLY.

The above described property will be sold in two separate parcels, to wit:

No. 1—All that certain lot or piece of ground, situate in the borough of Pottsville, Schuylkill county, bounded on the north by Mahanoy street, on the west by Third street, on the south by an 8 feet wide alley and on the east by lot of James H. Graeff, Esq., containing in width 47 feet, and in depth 120 feet, with the appurtenances, consisting of a 2½ story brick dwelling house, with a two story frame kitchen attached, and a frame chicken house—as the property of JOSEPH SHELLY.

The above described property will be sold in two separate parcels, to wit:

No. 1—All that certain lot or piece of ground, situate in the borough of Pottsville, Schuylkill county, bounded on the north by Mahanoy street, on the west by Third street, on the south by an 8 feet wide alley and on the east by lot of James H. Graeff, Esq., containing in width 47 feet, and in depth 120 feet, with the appurtenances, consisting of a 2½ story brick dwelling house, with a two story frame kitchen attached, and a frame chicken house—as the property of JOSEPH SHELLY.

Also, All that certain lot or piece of ground, situate in the borough of Pottsville, Schuylkill county, bounded on the north by Mahanoy street, on the west by Centre street, on the south by an 8 feet wide alley and on the east by lot of Jacob Weaver, containing in width 50 feet, and in depth 120 feet, more or less, with the appurtenances, consisting of a two story frame dwelling house, with a one story frame kitchen thereto attached, and a frame stable—as the property of JOHN SCHAFFER.

Also, All that certain lot or piece of ground, situate in the borough of Pottsville, Schuylkill county, bounded on the north by Mahanoy street, on the west by lot of Jacob Weaver, on the south by an 8 feet wide alley and on the east by lot of Jacob Schwenk, containing in width 50 feet, and in depth 120 feet, more or less, with the appurtenances, consisting of a two story frame dwelling house, with a one story frame kitchen thereto attached, and a frame stable—as the property of JOHN SCHAFFER.

Also, All that certain lot or piece of ground, situate in the borough of Pottsville, Schuylkill county, bounded on the north by Mahanoy street, on the west by lot of Jacob Schwenk, on the south by an 8 feet wide alley and on the east by lot of Jacob Weaver