Wit and Humor.

THE POET'S PARENTHESES.

BY A COUNTRY PARSON.

Now seated to commence my work—
(My dear, will you hang up this pork?
Yes, love)—the thoughts begin to flow,
In strains poetic all aglow—
(My dear, now would you be so good
As to bring in two sticks of wood?)—
With pen in hand, up toward the sky
I turn a leaping, wistful eye,
While fore me flit fantastic shapes—
(O, Pa! the hens are at the grapes.
Plague take the hens!)—My ravished ear
Drinks in sweet sounds, and, floating near,
Such soft, melodious notes arise,
And such unearthly harmonies—
(Bless me! that child will spill my ink)—
And by yon streamlet's flowery brink
Methinks I see an elfin dance,
And fairy shapes t'ward me advance—
(My love, I wish you'd stop those boys;
I cannot write with such a noise)—
Forsooth, this must be fairy land:
The elves come near me, hand in hand;
They call me—(There, I thought he'd fall.
Now, goodness! do just stop that squall)—
And to their call I thus reply:
Yes, I would join your company,
And trip with you, and spend the hours
In reveling among the flowers
With you in Fairy land; would dwell—
(Crash! crash! there goes a bowl or plate;
I must resign me to my fate.
My dear, yes—coming)—Muse, farewell!

ODD EPITAPHS.

A correspondent of the Troy Times furnishes the following collection of epitaphs:

In a country churchyard in the West of England is the following:

My wife 's dead,
There let her lie;
She is at rest,
And so am I.

On an insignificant fellow:

Poor John Gray, below he lies!
Nobody laughs and nobody cries;
Where he 's gone and how he fares
Nobody knows and nobody cares.

From the county Kerry, Ireland:

Here lies the dear wife of Roger Magee,
And a very good wife to Roger was she.

On a man who was killed by hitting his head against a pump:

Here lies John Adams, who received a thump,
Right on the forehead from the parish pump,
Which gave him the quietus in the end,
For many doctors did his case attend.

On a washerwoman:

Let no bombastic verse be carved in stone,
No high-flown eulogy, no flattering trope;
Be then the plain inscription—this alone—
She never yet was badly off for soap.

In Biddleford Churchyard, England:

He lies, aged three score and ten,
The aged remains of Mr. Woodhen.

N. B.—For hen, read cock; cock would not rhyme.

In the same Churchyard:

The wedding day appointed was,
And wedding clothes presided;
But ere the day did come, alas!
He sickened and he died.

The following inscription was found on the headboard at a grave in the Sparta diggings, California:

In memory of John Smith, who met wielent death neer this spot 18 hundred and 40 too. He was shot by his own pistill. It was not one of the new kind, but a old fashened brass barrel, and of such is the Kingdom of Heaven.

This, from a Welsh churchyard, is very like an "Irish Bull:"

Here lies John Thomas,
And his three children dear;
Two buried at Oswestry,
And one buried here.

The following quaint ones are from Rutlandshire and Shropshire, England:

Under this stone
Lies John Knapton,
Who died just
The 28th of August,
M. D. X. C. and one
Of the church Pett cannon.

1559. Here lyeth the body of John Pee, of Maule, a traveyler in far countryes. His life en led. He left behind him Walter, his son, heire of Maude. A hundred and six years he was truly, and had sons and daughters two and forty.

Here lieth John Croker, a maker of bellows;
His craft's master, and kind of good fellows;
Yet when he came to the hour of his death,
He that made bellows could not make breath—

Here lies the taylor John of Nashes,
By whom death nothing gained, he swore,
For, living, he was dust and ashes;
And being dead, he was nothing more.

Epitaph on a locomotive:

Collisions four
Of five she bore;
The signals were in vain;
Grown old and rusted,
Her career finished
And smashed the excursion train.

On an old maid:

Here lies the body of Martha Dias,
Always noisy—not very pious;
Who lived the age three score and ten,
And gave to women what she refused to men.

Here is a touching though ludicrous specimen from the grave stone of the wife of a potter of earthenware:

Beneath this sod lies Catherine Gray,
Changed from busy life to lifeless clay,
By earth and clay she got her pelf,
But now she is changed to earth herself;
Ye weeping friends, abate your tears;
Who knows but in a vail of tears,
In some tall potcher or broad pan,
She in her shop may be again.

In Cheltenham churchyard:

Here lies the body of Mollie Dickie, the wife of
Hull Dickie, tailor.
Two great physicians first
My loving husband tried
To cure my pain—
In vain;
At last he got a third,
And then I died.

Some years ago, on John Calf, an Irish gentleman of wealth, is said to have been Mayor of Cork three different times, but he had about the smallest soul of any man in Ireland; his tenants, generally, being the worst sufferers from his meanness. After death a splendid monument was erected to his memory, on which was the following inscription:

Here lies
John Calf,
Thrice Mayor of Cork—Honor—Honor—Honor.

A wag wrote beneath the epitaph these lines:

Oh cruel death! more subtle than the fox,
That would not let this Calf become an ox:
That with his fellows he might bronse among the
thorns,
And write his epitaph—Horns; Horns; Horns.

Here is one of Ben Johnson's on the Countess of Pembroke:

Underneath this marble hearse
Lies the subject of all verse,
Sidney's sister, Pembroke's mother
Death, ere thou has slain another
Wise and fair and good as she,
Time shall throw a dart at thee.

In Pewsey churchyard, Dorsetshire, England, is perhaps the most absurd of epitaphs. The following is a sample:

Here lies the body of Lady O'Loony, great niece
of Burke, commonly called the sublime. She was
bland, passionate and deeply religious; also she
painted in water colors, and sent several pictures
to the exhibition, She was first cousin of Lady
Jones. And of such is the kingdom of Heaven.

Here is one of a shoemaker who, possibly, may have disappointed, or pinched the toes of one of his customers:

Reader! this grave and moss covered stone
The moldering ashes of a cobbler hold,
But, reader, think: Alas! it is not known
How many times the rascal must have told.

At Church Stratton, Salop:

On a Thursday she was born,
On a Thursday made a bride,
On a Thursday put to bed,
On a Thursday broke her leg, and
On a Thursday died.

IMPROMPTUS.

Ben Johnson having been invited to dine at the Falcon tavern, where he was already deeply in debt, the landlord promised to wipe out the score if he would tell him what God and the devil, and the world, and the landlord himself, would be best pleased with. To which the ready poet promptly replied:

God is best pleased when men forsake their sin;
The devil is best pleased with their special therein;
The world's best pleased when thou dost sell good
wine;
And you best pleased when I do pay for mine.

In a country churchyard in England:

Here lies the body of James Robinson;
And Ruth his wife.
And, underneath, this text:
Their warfare is accomplished.

There is a professional point in the epitaph of the eminent barrister, Sir John Strange:

Here lies an honest lawyer—that is strange.

Professional rivalry produced this ill natured inscription for the tombstone of a Western editor:

Here lies an editor.

The epitaph of the witty divine, Dr. Thomas Fuller, is simply:

Fuller's earth.

In a graveyard in Texas there is a tombstone whereon is inscribed the following:

She lived a life of virtue and died of
Cholera morbus, caused by eating green fruit.
In the full hope of a blessed immortality.
At the early age of twenty-four.
Reader, go thou and do likewise.

Another:

Here lies my poor wife,
A sad slattern and shrew;
If I said I regretted her,
I should lie too.

Foote, the comedian, takes his turn, thus:

Foote, from his early stage, alas! is hurled;
Death shook him off who took off the world.

On the gravestone of John Fish:

Here lies John Fish,
Who did earnestly wish
The baits of old Satan to shun;
And if that he should
Be caught in the mud,
To the net of salvation to run.
And when drawn by death's hook
From this turbulent brook,
The scene of his sorrow and strife,
That he might not be crammed
On the coal with the damned,
But swim in the waters of life.

On a butcher, whose name was Lamb:

Beneath this stone lies Lamb, asleep,
Who died a lamb and liv'd a sheep;
Many a lamb and sheep he slaughtered,
But butcher death the scene has altered.

On Dorothy Peg:

Here lies dame Dorothy Peg,
Who never had issue except in her leg;
So great was her art, so deep was her cunning,
That when one leg stood still the other kept
running.

Here is one of unequaled beauty:

She took the cup of life to sip,
Too bitter 'twas to drain;
She meekly put it from her lip
And went to sleep again.

The following is a Spanish epitaph upon a young girl who died broken-hearted:

She who lies beneath this stone
Died of consistency alone.
Fear not, approach, oh! passer-by—
Of naught contagious did she die.

An Irishman carrying a heavy bundle upon his shoulders, was riding on the front of a Boston horse car, and was asked why he did not set his load upon the platform. "Be jabers," was his reply, "the horses have enough to carry me; I'll carry the bundle."

Do the "roots of words" produce "flowers of speech?"

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October 13, '65 41-tf

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Announces to the business community of this and the adjoining counties, that he manufactures SALAMANDER SAFES of all sizes and kinds, warranted Fire-proof, which, in point of workmanship and finish, will compare with those obtained from any other establishment in the country.—He always keeps safes on hand for sale, and will make them any size, for Banking and other Public Institutions, as cheap, if not cheaper than they can be obtained from abroad.
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Music,
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Fancy Soaps,
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Orders promptly attended to. Give us a call.
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To Carpenters, Builders, and all using or Dealing in Lumber.
The undersigned desires to inform the public that he has always on hand, at his extensive yard on
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a large assortment of all kinds of Frame, Sill and other Lumber. As he has his own Timber Land with Steam Saw-mills capable of sawing from three to four hundred thousand feet per month, he is able to offer
LARGE ADVANTAGES
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Apply, or address,
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YARD—On Coal street, near the Railway Depot.
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Feb 23, '67 8-tf

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OFFERS FOR SALE
Buckwheat Flour,
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Corn, Oats, Hay,
Oats and Corn Chop, &c.,
Also Mill Feed of all kinds. Fish, consisting in part of Mackerel, Shad, Salmon, Herring, Haddock, Cod Fish, &c. Always a good assortment of Provisions, Groceries, &c. (Jan. 1, '67.—1

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in the County of Schuylkill, would respectfully announce to the musical community that he can furnish these unequalled favorite Cabinet Organs, in all styles and sizes, at manufacturers' prices. The quality and volume of tone, with the power of expression in these organs, is universally admired and praised, while their portability and beautiful finish make them the most elegant parlor ornament.
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THE CABINET ORGANS are adapted to FAMILIES, CHURCHES AND SCHOOLS.
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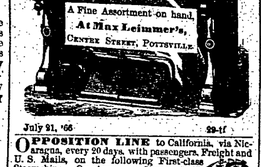
DENTIST,
Graduate of Pennsylvania College of Dental Surgery.)
Rooms:—**Market Street above Third.**
Nitrous Oxyde Gas, Ether and Chloroform administered when desired. April 6, '67—14-1y

INSTRUCTION ON THE PIANO.
Prof. H. A. BECKER
Has taken rooms in the building on Market st., Pottsville, occupied by Mr. Lineweaver, dentist, where pupils will be instructed on the piano forte.
Feb 16, '67 7.

ISAAC MOYER,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALER IN
FLOUR, FEED, &c.,
AND MANUFACTURER OF
CORN BROOMS,
Railroad St., between Market & Callowhill
Having opened a new Flour and Feed store, and engaged in the manufacture of Corn Brooms, would be happy to meet his old customers, as he is satisfied that he can give entire satisfaction. Merchants are respectfully called and examine his stock of Brooms—Brooms manufactured to order. April, '67—14-1y



July 21, '66 29-tf

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Jan 2, '67 2-6m

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GREAT INDUCEMENTS
To purchasers. All wishing bargains will do well to give him an early call. April 13, '67—15 tf

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Have on hand at their extensive establishment, on Railroad Street, a great quantity of lumber of every kind and description, which they can supply to Operators, Carpenters and Builders, at lower rates than it can be bought elsewhere. They are also ready to supply, through the means of their extensive business and labor saving machines manufactured articles in their line at a saving of 25 per cent. on former cost.
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Pine Boards, Plank, Lath, Pallings, Shingles, Frame timber, &c., &c., always on hand, at the shortest notice.
Pottsville, March 29, '66 10.

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