

Humorous Sketches.

OLD GRIMES STILL LIVES.—A gentleman who has an eye and an ear for the humorous writes from his North Carolina plantation as follows: Last night a little incident happened, my wife said I must tell you all about it. It was weighing up the pickers' cotton so as to pay them for their day's work. I had about 60 hands at work, and all came in quite early except about twenty. About dusk there came in an "old dark" and put his basket on the scales. I was a little mad, being kept so late, so I said: "What is your name?" "Grimes," said the old fellow. "What, said I, I thought Old Grimes was dead long ago." "No, child," said he, "that was my father, (find you, this old fellow was about seventy-five.) I said, "my more pickers in the fields yet?" "Yes sir, child, my children, they will be here directly, 'so on they came; I asked each, "What is your name?" Each time it was "Grimes; dat ar old man is my fadder." Eighteen times I got that reply; then said I, "Old man I got these children the fruit of your loins?" "No, child," said he, "dey don't eat fruit, only corn bread, and sometimes puke, when de good Lord gives it to 'em." You did not understand me, no, I mean are all these children your own?" "Hoss you, yes, honey, and one at de ole woman's breast," was the ready answer. So you see, after all, Old Grimes still lives.

STRANGE CATTLE.—A few years ago, when the cattle plague was at its height, and no cattle could be removed without a license, a man called upon the clergyman of his parish, who was privileged to grant and asked for a license. The minister was out, but his daughter who officiated in his absence, went to the man. There were several questions that had to be answered— "Where was the animal to be taken to? Where did it come from, and when? And what description of beast was it—milk cow, steer, heifer, &c.?"—all of which the man answered satisfactorily, until the young lady asked, "Of what sort is it?" when the fellow began to titter. Much vexed at what she thought was impudence on his part, she said very sharply, "I can not let you have the license until you tell me of what sort it is." To her astonishment he answered, as well as his amusement would allow him, "Why, it's a woman!" The stupid fellow had come for a marriage certificate, in order to be married in another parish, not a license, as he thought such were called.

SLEIGHING WITH A GIRL.—Of all the joys vouchsafed to man in life's tempestuous whirl, there's naught approaches heaven so near as sleighing with a girl—a rosy, laughing, buxom girl, a frank, good natured, honest girl, a feeling, flirting, dashing, doting, smiling, smacking, joyful, jangling, jaunty, jovial, pouter pouting, arch little duck of a girl. Fill up your sleigh with a mountain high, you sneering, scoffing churl! I'll laugh as I go by with my jingling bells and girl—the brightest, dearest, sweetest girl, the trimmest, gayest, neatest girl, the funniest, funkiest, frankest, fairest, roughest, ripest, richest, rarest, spunkiest, spiciest, equisiest, sweetest, least of girls, without drooping lashes, half concealing, low provoking, amorous lashes—just the girl for a chap like me to court, and love, and marry you see, with rosy cheeks, clustering curls, the sweetest and the best of girls.

TOUCH HER EASY.—A youth in Reading, recently tried to impose upon an honest larger vendor by leading a mule into his saloon, and leading him to the bar as if for a drink. Mynerb looked steadily at the pair for a few minutes, as if collecting his stray wits, and then broke out as follows: "See here, Vynce, I know vat dis is here—you my own brudder—but he is von call a minor. He is too much young to drink his glass lager; it is not for de law in no place, nor int my saloon. He look like you; you may be one family, as you call it; but if effer you bring dot your brudder here again, I will tell you old fader chackus of you both. Now you must go out mit yourself.

AN INSULTED MAIDEN.—The Iowa Register tells a good story of actual occurrence, as follows: In one of our Walnut street dry goods houses was employed a young man of deminutive stature and somewhat feminine appearance, although a tip-top salesman and clerk. One day, not long since, a little girl was sent to the store to make some purchases, and it fell to the lot of this young man to attend her. She was a mere bunch of femininity, not able to talk plain. She asked if he had any "totten fannel." He replied that he had, and asked how much she wanted. "I don't know," was the reply. "Well, what do you want it for?" said the clerk. "Want to make papa a shirt." "Well, how big is your papa; is he as big as me?" "Big as you?" said the maiden. "I don't see it; he wouldn't be much of a papa if he wasn't."

YESTERDAY, while some negro steamboat men were being paid off, the clerk informed of each one as he came to sign the pay-roll. "Will you write your name or make an X?" The first one said he could write his name, and the pen was handed to him. He looked at the pen, scrutinized the pay-roll, and hesitated so long that the clerk pulled him. "Let me see," cried the darkey, as he looked up at the clerk; "it's now ten o'clock, and as I've got to meet a feller at the City Hall at noon I won't write my name, but I'll put down an X."—Detroit Free Press.

A MONTANA paper thinks there is an awful fuss being made over the Becherer trial. "Why," it says, "right out here is Hill Casey. He went into a family married one girl, spoiled another, and has run away with the third; and yet there is no trial, no statement, no nothing, only just the old men with a rifle looking after Bill."

A FUNKY story is told of two Vermont farmers, who are not Grangers. They induced their wives to join and report before they would commit themselves. Now, when they will, they cannot. Two black balls greet every application. Meanwhile the wives go regularly and triumphantly to every grange meeting, and the men stay at home and tend the labors.

Not a bad story comes from the Savage Club, London, but it does not seem clear who first made the joke. A "Savage" was standing on the steps at Evan's Hotel, Covent Garden, where the club is now located, when a gentleman who came up to him and asked him if there was a gentleman with one eye named Walker in the club. "I don't know," responded "Savage"; "what was the name of his other eye?"

Miscellaneous.

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PROOF. What is needed. Mr. H. R. STEVENS: Dear Sir—Vegetine is sold by all Druggists. Feb. 19, 1875.—Im.

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