

Wit and Wisdom

What is to be?—Why, a verb. The Worst Tax of all—Attitude of soul. Man is a mister, but woman is a mystery. Bacchus has deigned more than an Neptune. Draw not thy bow before thy arrow be fixed. Every one is living while every one else is dying. Did the horseman who scoured the plain use soap? A belle doesn't always give the best "tone" to society. Have not the clock to make when it begins to rain. Grieving for misfortunes is adding gall to wormwood. Expect nothing from him who promises a great deal. Love is to the moral nature what the sun is to the earth. It requires greater virtues to support good than bad fortune. If a Belouin should lose his teeth, would he talk gum Arabic? Man's extreme actions come not from his will, but his nature. What effect do flouring mills have upon a town?—Make it flour-ish. An inquiring youth asks, Can a thin person properly be called a swell? The height of impertinence—Asking a Jew what his Christian name is. A man sometimes loses more by defending his vineyard, than by giving it up. He who murmurs at his lot is like one baring his feet to tread upon thorns. Why is a circus-rider like an aristocrat?—Because they both move in good circles. Popular Sayings—"Tub-he, or not tub-he?" as the man said to his shower-bath. Another One—"To dye, to sleep," as the young lady said as she dismissed her maid for the night. Guard your weak side from being known. If it be attacked, the best way is to join in the attack. To let a man into the knowledge of our passions, is to furnish him with weapons that will subdue us. Why is a moth fluttering round a candle like a man getting off a horse? Because they are both going to a light. To be an Englishman in London, a Frenchman in Paris, a Spaniard in Madrid, is no easy matter; and yet it is necessary. A tall, speaking of the winter fashions, says, very correctly, "There is not much 'change' in gentlemen's pants this month." "Do you go in for the Maine Liquor Law?" "Why, partly yes, and partly no. I go in for the liquor, but not for the law." A benighted bachelor, who, being called upon for a toast, gave—"Our Future Wives—distance lends enchantment to the view." Josh Billings says: "When you strike lie, stop boring; many a man has bored clean through and let all the lie run out at the bottom." The most careful of buyers must needs make a mess over a purchase of new boots, for the first one he tries on he is sure to put his foot in it. There is one thing you see here that you don't in London," said a native to an Englishman. "What is that?" asked the foreigner. "Your shadow." "Are you not afraid that whiskey will get into your head?" asked a stranger of a man he saw drinking at the bar. "No," said the toper, "this liquor's top weak to climb." Billings getting worsted in a dispute, grew abusive. "Enough, sir," said he, loftily. "I can't argue with a fool!" "You underestimate your powers," replied Stinger; "you are just up to that." A professor, preaching to a class of collegians about the formation of habits, said recently: "Gentlemen, close your ears against bad discourses." The students immediately clapped their hands to their ears. The father of a boy whose veracity is not so marked as his back, asked the teacher why it was his son didn't have a better acquaintance with figures, and was considerably electrified when the teacher tenderly observed, "I really don't know, unless it is because figures won't lie." A late impression of the La Crosse Democrat contained this editorial announcement: "The proceedings of the county board on the first page crowd out many fiery, untamed editorials which we should have written. These proceedings have to be published anyway, and we are glad of it as it gives us a chance to go home." "The policy-sucking sycophant of the Courier-Journal" is the burning language of the Hartsville (Tenn.) Vidette. We have always wished we could grab up a political opponent by the roots in that way, but somehow or other we never could. Courier-Journal.

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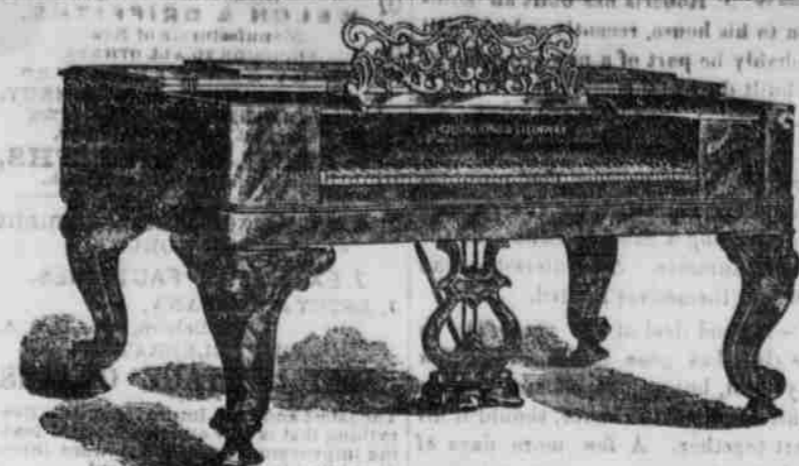
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