

CARRYING OUT A JOKE.

While we were lying in camp in Rossville, Georgia, writes a correspondent, the Sixth Illinois returned from their furlough with a number of recruits. One of these having exhausted his supply of clean shirts, and not having learned to be his own laundress, asked a veteran where he could get some washing done.

"Do you see these tents there by the church? Well, go there and ask Mr. Morgan, he does washing. He's a crusty old cuss, but if you talk pretty nice to him he'll do it for you."

The recruit went as directed, and found Gen Morgan walking in front of his tent, dressed, as was his custom, in the uniform of a high private.

"Where will I find Mr. Morgan?" asks the recruit.

"My name is Morgan. What will you have?"

"I came here to get some clothes washed."

"Ahem! Who sent you here to get your clothes washed?"

"John Smith, of the Sixth."

"Corporal of the guard!"

The corporal approached and saluted Morgan.

"Young man, go with the corporal and show him John Smith, so that he can bring him here. And you come back with him, and bring all the dirty clothes you have."

They departed and soon returned with the guilty veteran, and a large amount of dirty shirts, socks, &c.

"Did you send this young man here to have his clothes washed?" said the General to Smith.

"Yes sir, for a joke."

"For a joke! Well, we'll have the joke carried out. We do have clothes washed here sometimes. Corporal, take this man Smith and that bundle of clothes down to the creek, and have him wash them, fold them up neatly and return them to the owner! See that he does the job up handsomely!"

The veteran went away in his work sorrowfully, and the General resumed his walk.

The dangers and glory of whale fishing are fast departing from New England. The last vessel that Nantucket had in the business was sold a few days ago, while it had ninety-two vessels in 1841. Seven vessels owned in New London are for sale, and one quarter of twenty-four vessels at New Bedford will be sent to sea. Twenty years ago the whaling fleet of New England numbered nearly seven hundred vessels; it now consists of only one hundred and sixty-one ships.

The Delaware whipping post is not the only relic of ancient jurisprudence. There is a law, it seems, in Maryland providing for the conviction and punishment of a man who kills a woman, or rather such offenders are recognized by the common law still in force in that State; and a woman in Baltimore has just been arrested for malicious calumny. The punishment is "having a hole in the tongue."

A little girl of our acquaintance, age four summers, was looking through a picture-book the other day; coming to a picture of a woman, she stopped, and with a smile, her eyes beaming with intelligence, looked up into her mother's face and said, "blamed if I haven't forgotten what she said."

A little boy in Dubuque who found \$3,200 and honestly returned the money to the owner, received as a reward an old silver watch and a pair of skates. This is considered by the Dubuque youth a warping. If they find money, to say nothing about it until a reward is offered.

A California paper thinks there is internal evidence enough to demonstrate to the satisfaction of any candid reader that Isaiah was an Irishman. Take a single example (Isaiah xxxvii, 36): "And when they arose early in the morning they were all dead corpses."

At a party, while a young lady was playing with peculiar brilliancy of touch, a bystander bachelorette exclaimed: "I'd give the world for those fingers!" "Perhaps you might get the whole hand by asking," said the young lady's observant mother.

A veteran observer says that "Old friends are like old boots. We never realize how perfectly they were fitted to us till they are cast aside, and others, finer and more stylish perhaps, but cramping and pinching in every corner, are substituted."

A Kentucky genius thinks he has made an invention which will prevent ships from sinking on the ocean, and has gone to Washington to apply for a patent for it. His application should go on swimmingly.

In a California obituary, it is stated that "the deceased was a person of romantic nature. He placed the breech of his gun in the fire, looking down the muzzle, and departed hence instantaneously."

A witty woman down in old town says that as death is reported to have a shining mark, she is constantly in dread of a shaft being aimed at her husband's nose.

An Iowa farmer who has been married only a few weeks and has had to buy a wig, offers to bet that his wife can whip a pauther.

A Georgia editor was bitten by a dog, "being evidently mistaken for a bone."

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