

A West Hill minister picked up a frozen wasp on the sidewalk recently, and, with a view to advancing the interest of science, carried it to the house and held it by the tail while he warmed its ears over a lamp chimney. His object was to see if wasps froze to death, or merely lay dormant during winter. He is of the opinion that they do, and, when they revive, he says, the tail thaws out first, for while this one's head, right over the lamp, was so stiff and cold that it could not wink, its probe worked with such inconceivable rapidity that the minister could not gasp enough to keep up with it. He threw the vicious thing down the lamp chimney, said he didn't want any more truck with a dormant wasp, at which his wife burst into tears and asked how he, a minister of the Gospel, could use such language, right before the children, too.

Bishop Ames tells a story of a slave master in Missouri, in the olden time of negro vassalage, who said to his chattel: "Pompey, I hear you are a great preacher." "Yes, massa, de Lord do help me powerful sometimes." "Well, Pompey, don't you think the negroes steal little things on the plantation?" "Yes, massa, I would never do de massa." "Then, Pompey, I want you to preach a sermon to the negroes against stealing." After a brief reflection, Pompey replied: "You see, massa, dat wouldn't never do, cause 't would trow such a col'ness over de meetin'."

A few days ago a man came from the country who had a terrible pain in his stomach. He was all bent up, and his face wore an expression of agony that was pitiable to see. He asked a boy if he knew where there was any liquor sold in town, saying he couldn't stand it much longer if he didn't get some. The boy eyed the stranger for a moment, and then said: "Mister, I cannot tell a lie—I don't know where they sell liquor in this 'ere town, but if you'll give me some terbacker I'll show you where all the fellows go what's got pains in their stomachs."—*Altoona Tribune.*

"Eat your bread, Charles—do not fling it away," said a learned and good Judge to one of his family, adding "for who knows in the vicissitudes of this life, if you may not some day want it." The old gentleman had to cough, look learned and go away, when the youngster and go away, when the youngster answered more logically, "If I eat it, how can I have it when I want it?" This is the result of a learned Judge having children.

One of the boys just before returning to Cornell, the other day, sent a young lady friend of his a cake of Lubin's finest variety of toilet soap, with the request that she would draw no inference on receiving such a gift. The next day the young man was somewhat astonished when he received a letter from the young lady containing the present of a fine-tooth comb, with the request that he would draw no inferences therefrom.

James Murphy, Jr., aged thirty-three years, the "Irish Giant" died in Baltimore on Saturday, of bronchial affection. Murphy traveled several years with P. T. Barnum, and was well-known in the United States. He was about eight feet high, and weighed about three hundred and fifty pounds.

Lucretia Boyd of Elizabethtown, settled the matter with her slow woeper by simply shedding a few tears, and saying: "I don't believe I have a real friend on earth." What could the poor fellow do but open his arms, and exclaim: "here is your refuge!"

The New York World doesn't give the name of the economical farmer's daughter in Massachusetts who put off her wedding day because eggs were up to forty cents a dozen and it would take two-dozen for the wedding cake and puddings.

The correspondent who asks us what measures he shall adopt to keep agents out of his house, is informed that he know of but one plan—and that is to set fire to his house and burn it down.

"The honey-moon is well enough," said a prudent belle, "but what I want to see beyond that is the promise of a fine harvest-moon."

Nearly everybody knows that nearly everybody lies, and yet nearly everybody says: "What everybody says must be so."

The policy of John Morrissey is defined to be a long pool, a strong pool, and a pool altogether.

It is more blessed to give than receive, but it is much more difficult in these times.

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