

Across the water the venerable controversy over flogging has received a fresh impetus. Sir Henry James has been making an earnest argument against this mode of punishment for brutal assaults. His reasons are briefly, that it is a form of torture, that it is not a penalty calculated to prevent a repetition of the offense, that it is degrading, that, if applied to wife-beaters, the wife will reap nothing but additional hardship—all of which might be said in a greater or less degree of all punishments. Sir Henry suggests that, if there must be flogging, the man to whom such punishment belongs is the poisoner or the forger, the man "on whom the prospect of excruciating pain is likely to have effect." In this country all this argumentation has an ancient odor. Only in little Delaware does the whipping post maintain its ground. It must be between the lines of the Constitution somewhere that the criminal is guaranteed the unmolested pursuit of happiness in his profession. He has more rights usually than the law-abiding citizen, and the preservation of his self-respect is an object of the most anxious solicitude. We don't often imprison him, and we seldom or never hang him. As for flogging him—he is much more likely to be elected to the Legislature.—*New York Tribune.*

Mrs. Morrissey is a fine looking lady, who, like her husband, is perfectly independent of Mrs. Grundy, and knows well how to take care of herself. Formerly she lived in Troy, where she was highly respected by all classes of citizens. One afternoon it chanced that the eyes of a young sprig of fustian happened to fall upon a tall, handsome, elegantly attired lady, who was walking up the street in front of him. He passed and repassed her, trying to attract her attention, but in vain. Finally he addressed her, when suddenly an arm of steel emerged from a seal muff and a blow that seemingly might have felled an ox, laid the young fellow sprawling against a stoop. Quickly he recovered himself, gathered up his beaver and cane, and retreated rapidly down the street. The lady stood for a moment laughing at his discomfiture and turned upon her heel, the admiration of all beholders. Her would-be adorer inquired of some one who stood at a safe distance who the lady was. A smile came with the answer, "Mrs. John Morrissey."

A son of Galen, who was very angry when any joke was passed on physicians, once defended himself from the railery by saying: "I defy any person whom I ever attended to accuse me of ignorance or neglect."

"That you may do safely," replied the wag—"for you know, doctor, dead men tell no tales!"

That was an irreverent and ribald youth, who, to his aged parent desiring to retire from the retail trade and take a Government position, said: "You in the post office! Nice old party you'd be in the post office! What would you do in a post office except stand in the doorway with your mouth open for folks to wet postage stamps on your tongue?"

It is the ruthlessly contemplative mind of Perkins which evolves this exquisite consummation: "In all this world of woes, can it be possible to imagine another retribution so stern, so awful, and withal so just, as that exhibited in the marriage of a life-insurance agent to a book-cannasser?"

"It is all right enough to talk about geological upheaves, glacial epochs, and all them sort of things," said Jo Munsen, of Idaho, "but when you can do this, stranger, you've got science down to a fine point." And he threw his bowie-knife six rods and cut off a Chinaman's ear.

Anna Connett, a pretty girl over in New Jersey, was acquitted of the charge of burglary, whereupon she threw her arms around the Judge's neck and kissed him. And now all the married lawyers around Plainfield are candidates for Judge.

Some genius has invented a new hotel annunciator which will register on the dial what guests want who ring the bell. It is claimed to obviate all superfluous going up and down stairs.

Lying is trying to hide in the fog; if you move about you are in danger of bumping your head against the truth; as soon as the fog blows up, you are gone anyhow.

An old lady, hearing somebody say the mails were irregular, said: "It was so in my young days—no trusting any of 'em!"

The cable says that the Montana has her forecastle deck stove in. That must make it warm for the occupants.

The water is so low in some of the Western rivers that the catfish have to stand on their heads to breathe.

It is said that when a girl is born in Indiana the unhappy father begins to save money to buy a piano.

The boy who was kicked out of time by a gun, said he fired and fell back in good order.

"Oh, mamma!" said the youngest darling, yesterday, "I tried to read, and I rode."

What is the best thing to hold when you get out of temper? Your tongue.

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