

GOOD STORIES

The following anecdote is related of Mr. Sheaf, a grocer, in Portsmouth, N. H. It appears that a man had purchased some wool of him, which had been weighed and paid for, and Mr. Sheaf had gone to the desk to get change for a note. Happening to turn his head while there, he saw in a glass which hung on a nail to reflect the shop, a stout man crouch up and take from the shelf a heavy white oak chest. Instead of appearing suddenly and rebuking him for the theft, as another would, and thereby losing the customer forever, the crafty old gentleman gave the thief his change as if nothing had happened, and then under pretense of lifting his bag to lay it on his horse for him, took hold of it, and exclaimed:

"Why, bless me, I must have reckoned the weight wrong."

"Oh, no," said the other, "you may be sure you have not, for I counted with you."

"Well, well, we won't dispute the matter, it is easily tried," said Mr. S., putting the bag into the scales again. "There," said he, "I told you so—I knew I was right—I made a mistake of nearly twenty pounds; however, if you don't want the whole you needn't have it—I'll take part of it."

"No, no," said the other, staying the hands of Mr. S. on their way to the strings of the bag, "I guess I'll take the whole;" and this he did, paying for his honesty by receiving the skim-milk cheese at the rate of forty-four cents a pound, the price of wool.

An apple tree grows on the line dividing two lots on Elizabeth street, and the lot owners can never divide the fruit satisfactorily. At a mass convention of the two men held at the tree one of them remarked:

"It's a good thing for you that they have abolished the tax on dogs!"

And the other hotly replied:

"And it's well for you that they have discovered a remedy for hog cholera!"

Then the angel of peace had to get out of the way of the flying apples.

A scholastic professor, in explaining to a class of young ladies the theory according to which the body is entirely renewed every seven years, said:

"Thus, Miss B., in seven years you will no longer be Miss B.!" "I really hope I shan't," demurely responded the girl, modestly casting down her eyes.

At Shreveport, La., Dr. R. G. McWilliams, in a convivial company, placed a bottle on his head, and requested some of the party to shoot at it. Cicero Stephens did so, and the local paper remarks: "The late Dr. R. G. McWilliams, when not under the influence of liquor, was a quiet gentleman."

A young woman of Williamsburg, we are told, going to a banquet in a "pull-back," found that she was expected to take a chair at the festive board. "Good gracious!" she exclaimed, "are they going to sit down? I didn't expect that—I ain't fixed to sit down!"

Tom presented his bill to his neighbor Joe. "Why, Tom, it strikes me that you have made out a pretty round bill here, eh?" "I'm sensible it is a round one," quote Tom, "and I have come for the purpose of getting it squared!"

An Arkansas man ate a pint of saw-duck a few days ago on a bet. An intelligent physician, who was called in, told him that he would have pain in his lumber region if he stuck to such board as that.

Liams do abound in Arizona, or else that is a heap of country. It seems impossible that one man killed ninety wild geese at one shot, but an Arizona paper says so in good black ink.

We don't know that it was the epilepsy that afflicted him; but he said with some violence, "If that nose was running for office, it would be elected by a handsome majority."

Many a rich man, in bringing up his son, seems ambitious of making what Aaron made—a golden calf. If he succeeds, the girls are apt to fall down and worship him.

There is a bullfrog farm in southeastern Wisconsin, thirty acres of swamp fenced in, and the proprietor sends thousands of these featherless birds to New York.

A woman purchasing some cups and saucers was asked what color she would have. "Why, I ain't particular," said she; "any color that won't show dirt."

Mr. Norton, a Texas editor, has whiskers three feet long, and his wife has begged and begged of him to cut them off and let her have them for a mop.

In a breach of promise case tried in Iowa the other day the judge said that once in four weeks was often enough for lovers to sit up and snore.

An Indiana man picked up a wild cat in his barn in place of an Afghan. He detected the difference in the millionth part of a second.

"It's forty years John, since we were boys together—" "Hush! not so loud? There's a young widow in the next room."

A Spanish Proverb says: "A kiss without a moustache is like an egg without salt."

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