

One morning during the recent cold weather, Miss Lily refused to get up and be washed. Her aunt, who follows the modern mode of dealing with children, and considers that they should always be argued with, but never made to do as they are bid, in vain exhausted her eloquence in describing the excellencies of purification, for the infant logician fairly confuted her by this ingenious antithesis: "Aunt Mary, you do as you like, and let me do as I like. You like to be clean and cold, I like to be warm and dirty."

On one occasion during the Revolution "Old Put" had received a lot of new recruits, and he had some fighting to do before long, and wanted none but willing men, he drew up his levies in rank before him. "Now, boys," said he, "I don't want to retain any of you who wish to leave; therefore, if any of you are dissatisfied, and wishes to return home, he may signify the same by stepping six paces in front of the line. But," added the old war dog, "I'll shoot the first man that steps out."

Recorder Hackett, of New York, used the following singular remarks in passing sentence upon a criminal: "You have also declared your readiness to kill all who interfere with you, and go armed for that purpose. I would like to meet you some time when in your lawless moods you are fixed for killing. I'd teach you a lesson you would not forget as long as you live. I now sentence you to two years, with hard labor, in the penitentiary."

In the Rondout Methodist Church on a recent Sunday morning, the usual donning of overcoats was proceeding amid considerable confusion, but had not been completed when the pastor arose to pronounce the benediction. He paused a moment, and said: "Brethren, I guess I will put on my overcoat hereafter during the benediction, so as not to lose any time."

A North Carolina negro thought he could out run a locomotive the other day on the Air Line road, and when he picked himself up, after being thrown twenty feet and landing on his head, he said: "Yer don't ketch dis chile doin' dat agin. It's a right smart wonder I didn't tear dese britches clean off."

A Sunday-school speaker the other evening used the word abridgement, but immediately pulled up and remarked that as some of the youngest scholars might not know its meaning, he would say that it was a synonym of epitome. The members of the infant class were affected to tears.

A story is told of a venerable negro in Iowa, who was on trial for an offense against the State. When the case was announced in court, "the State of Iowa versus Sampson Caesar," the aged African exclaimed: "What! de whole State of Iowa igin dis chile! Den I surrenders."

Forward and loquacious youth: "By Jove, you know—upon my word, now—if I were to see a ghost, you know, I would be a chattering idiot the rest of my life." Ingenious maiden: "Haven't you seen a ghost?"

A profound observer of human nature has remarked that a woman can crowd more comfort and solid happiness into one day's shopping than attends the efforts of the most gifted and unselfish philanthropist.

"What do they always put D. C. after Washington for?" asked Mrs. Quilp of Mr. Q. "Why, my dear, don't you know that Washington was Daddy of his Country?" said Quilp, with a snicker.

One of the old settlers at the Isles of Shoals, seeing the name of *Psyche* on hull of a yacht the other day spelled it out slowly, and then exclaimed: "Well, if that ain't the durndest way to spell fish!"

At a social hop in Anderson county Ky., recently, two gentlemen, and two ladies were shot and killed. There is such a thing, it will be observed, as being too infernally sociable.

If a man has six hammers in his house he can go home and put in half a day looking for a hammer, and along toward night nail up the fence with the ax.

Some women are naturally graceful and filled with poetry of motion, while others can't turn a pancake over without daubing batter all over the stove.

If a young lady wishes a young gentleman to kiss her, what papers should she mention? No Spectator, no Observer, but as many Times as you please.

They tell of a New Jersey man who got a billiard ball in his mouth and couldn't get it out. Do they play billiards with foot balls in New Jersey?

Mrs. Partington, when she heard the minister say there would be a nave in the new church, observed that she knew well who the party was.

Prof. of Rhetoric: "What important change came of Burns in the latter part of his life?" Secior: "He died."

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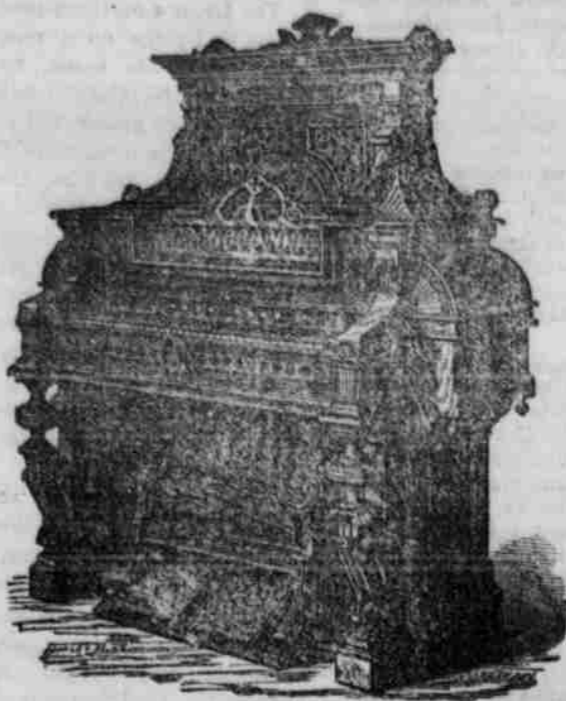


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