

...that within
...agents have
...England and the
...Berdan rifles, with a zeal
...which showed that the supply was far
...short of the supposed need. In any
...way, however, the figures are startling
...enough. We do not know whether
...Birmingham likes the fact or not, but
...it should be noted that the execution
...of such large orders by America—few
...seem to have come to England, our
...export of arms and ammunition hav-
...ing fallen off instead of increasing
...lately—affords another illustration of
...the facilities which their multiplied
...use of machinery gives to the Ameri-
...cans. They are enabled to accept or-
...ders for such goods as firearms on a
...large scale, which other makers can-
...not undertake; and the only explana-
...tion is that English contractors cannot
...engage to complete them by the time
...desired, while their Transatlantic riv-
...als can.—*English paper.*

A man named Jean de Falaise was
hanged in the sixteenth century for a
series of murders. To all questions
he replied with a song, and on the
scaffold and in the presence of six
thousand persons he asked for and
obtained permission to say a few
words. Then he begged the throng
to join in the chorus of a popular ditty,
"There were four asses in a field,
nipping the tender grass," the chorus
consisting of imitations of braying.
Then said Jean: "I die happy, be-
cause I have heard six thousand asses
braying at once, and I have no desire
to live with such fellow-creatures."

Two wealthy ladies of England have
contributed enough money to clean
out Jacob's Well at Schechem. The
well which formerly yielded a copious
supply of excellent water, has for a
long time been choked up with
stones and dirt. It is one of the most
celebrated of all Biblical localities,
and is the resort of all the pious pil-
grims who visit Palestine.

Old Mr. Bledsoe, although he is a
very profane, wicked man, looks very
youthful for his years. One of his
neighbors remarked to Mrs. Bledsoe,
the other day, "The old man is wear-
ing well, isn't he?" "Oh yes," re-
plied the old woman; "he's swearing
well enough as it goes, but consider-
ing the opportunities and practice he's
had, he might put a little more pol-
ish into it."

One of the attractions at a charita-
ble fair in Maine was a collection of
wax models of women's hands and
feet, the originals belonging to resi-
dents of the village. The hands were
in most instances recognized. As to
the feet, there was only untrustworthy
guessing. Marks of corns, which
might have led to identification, had
been carefully removed by the cau-
tious artist.

"Before we were married," said he
to a friend, "she used to say 'by-by' so
sweetly when I went down the steps."
"And now what does she say?" asked
the friend. "Oh! just the same," ex-
claimed the man—"buy, buy." "Ah!
I see," said the other; "she only exer-
cised a little different 'spell' over
you."

An eastern debating society is at
work on the question, "Is it wrong to
cheat a lawyer?" They are wasting
their time in discussing a secondary
question. The primary question is,
"Is it possible to cheat a lawyer?"
Whenever that is settled affirmatively
the other question can be easily dis-
posed of.

The first day Artemus Ward enter-
ed Toledo, travel-worn and seedy, he
said to an editor who was on the
street, "Mister where could I get a
square meal for twenty-five cents?"
He was told, "I say, Mister," said
he, "where could I get twenty-five
cents?"

A man in the top story of a Chic-
ago hotel attracted a crowd of pedes-
trians by waving a pillow case and
shouting, "Some of you fellows go
to the office and tell them to send me
up a cocktail." His bell was broken.

The Reading Eagle notices the fact
that the wife of John Heffner, junk
dealer, residing on Walnut street,
above Tenth, has just presented her
husband with their forty-fifth child.

"Patrick, where's the whiskey I
gave you to clean the windows with?"
"Oh, master, I just drank it, and I
thought if I breathed on the glass it
would be all the same."

Mother—"Now, Gerty, be a good
girl, and give Julia a kiss, and say
good night." Gerty—"No, no! If I
kiss her, she'll box my ears like she
did papa's last night."

"Papa," said a little Western boy,
"why don't women have whiskers?"
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"their jaws are never still long enough
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A teacher, reproving a youth for
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