

Wouldn't be Pleased.

Some time ago there lived in Edinburgh a well-known grumbler named Sandy Black, whose oft-recurring fits of spleen or indigestion produced some amusing scenes of senseless irritability which were highly relished by all except the brute's good, patient little wife. One morning Sandy rose, bent on a quarrel. The haddies and eggs were excellent, done to a turn, and had been ordered by himself the previous evening, and breakfast passed without the looked-for compliment.

"What will you have for dinner, Sandy?" said Mrs. Black.

"A chicken, madam," said the husband.

"Roasted or boiled?"

"Confound it, madam, if you had been a good and considerate wife you would have known before this what I liked," Sandy growled out, and slamming the door behind him left the house. It was in the spring, and a friend who was present heard his little wife say:

"Sandy's bent on a disturbance today; I shall not please him, do what I can."

The dinner time came and Sandy and his friend sat down to dinner. The fish were eaten in silence, and, on raising the cover of the dish before him, in a towering passion he cried out:

"Boiled chicken! I hate it, madam. A chicked boiled is a chicken spoiled."

Immediately the cover was raised for another chicken roasted to a turn.

"Madam, I won't eat roast chicken," roared Sandy; "you know how it should have been cooked!"

At that instant a broiled chicken, with mushrooms, was placed on the table.

"Without green peas?" roared the grumbler.

"Here they are, my dear," said Mrs. Black.

"How dare you spend my money in that way?"

"They were a present," said the wife, interrupting him.

Rising from his chair and rushing from the room, amid a roar of laughter from his friend, he clinched his fist and shouted:

"How dare you receive a present without my leave?"

### Agricultural Reporters.

No doubt many, whose experience in agricultural affairs dates back some years, must have been occasionally amused when some politician or public man undertakes to enlighten the "honest farmer" on agricultural topics, at seeing how the ideas occasionally get muddled up. Sometimes, however, these knowing chaps get badly sold. A few years ago, when beet culture began to be popular in the West, the writer was present at a conclave of agriculturists out there, where a leading State dignitary undertook to praise the soil of his beloved State. Amongst other things he reported that "two thousand tons of beets to the acre had been raised." Some one whispered in his ear and he arose to correct his statement, remarking that "two hundred tons was what he meant." Again he was whispered to, and again he explained that he believed he had made some mistake as to the figures, but he knew for a certainty that the beets had yielded 18 per cent. of sugar. Here a philosopher in the meeting rose and pointed out to the distinguished speaker that 18 per cent. was not far from one-fifth of the whole mass of beet root; and after taking away two-thirds water, there ought not to be much left of anything; while as a general thing, he had found a considerable weight of pulpy matter after the saccharine had been extracted. The speaker seemed disgusted, and sat down, whispering to a stranger near him, "Confound the beets! I never grew one in my life, but thought I could depend on Jackson for my figures."

An insurance agent was subjected to spectrum analysis the other day, and the brass lines so completely filled the spectrum from end to end, and overlaid the others, that the finer elements of his composition could not be at all detected, save the suggestion of a diamond sparkle from the shirt-bosom sector.—*Boston Advertiser.*

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Why is it that a woman will grate her teeth and smile when she slips on an orange peel, when a man would swear a blue streak under the same circumstances?

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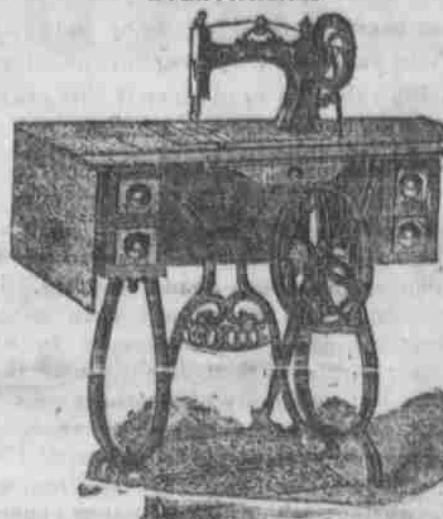
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