

I MISS THEE. I miss thy voice when Morn's first beams...

Biography.

JOHN JACOB ASTOR.

The argument which Parish had made use of with Mr. Gallatin, for the purpose of procuring permission to send out ships in ballast...

At length he had managed to bring together a considerable capital, and gradually became a freighter of ships and fitted out expeditions to the northwest coast...

Astor at the moment of the embargo, was in the possession of several millions, so that he was able to give his son, William B. Astor, who was educated at Gottingen...

The exceptional favor of sending schoolers in ballast to Vera Cruz, which Parish had up to this time enjoyed but which was now gradually extended to other vessels...

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Humorous Sketch.

THE NICHOLAS MARE.

The "Nicholas Mare," (of Massachusetts), was a beast of extraordinary speed and endurance. Like most rare animals, whether human or brute, she was eccentric in her habits.

The mare was put between the thills of a nice light buggy, her harness thoroughly adjusted by the owner, the reins carefully laid over the dash board...

O, g-g-g-get out with your directions, I can drive, I guess," interrupted the lessee, and picking up the reins he sprang for the seat, but landed heels up upon the buggy bottom.

A NEW CURE.

On board ship, one day, we were stowing away the hammocks, when one of the boys came with his hammock on his shoulder, and, as he passed, the first lieutenant perceived that he had a quid of tobacco in his mouth.

"There, that will do," said the lieutenant. "Now, my little fellow, take some water and rinse out your mouth, and you will enjoy your breakfast. It was impossible for you to have eaten anything with your mouth in such a filthy condition."

How it was done.—Jollybones says that when he was paying attention to the girls he could not raise courage enough to pop the question, though he tried to do so a dozen times...

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OBTAINING REVENGE.

Mr. Snarl resides in Forsyth street. Mr. Snarl is an old bachelor with an Irish girl for a housekeeper. Snarl lives in good style, but has some queer notions.

Snarl's next-door neighbor is Harry Sampson. Now, Harry is the opposite of old Mr. Snarl. He sets a high value on a dog, and there is only one article equal to a New Foundland, and that's a woman.

This so annoyed Mr. Snarl that he had Harry jerked up for a nuisance, and fined ten dollars. Harry paid the money, and resolved on revenge.

"WANTED—At Forsyth street, two Bull Dogs and four Spaniel Pups. For full-blooded dogs the highest price will be paid. Call between 4 and 6, P. M. JAMES SNARL."

The first person that pulled the door bell was a butcher boy from Centre Market, with a pair of bull-dogs that would make mincemeat of a tiger.

"Does Mr. Snarl live here?" "He does. Why do you ask?" "I have got some dogs for him."

Here Syksie took out the Morning Herald, and showed Maggie the advertisement. Maggie was thunderstruck. There was no denying the advertisement—she accordingly told Syksie to go into the back yard with the dogs, and await the return of Mr. Snarl.

No. 2 followed No. 1; No. 2 was soon followed by No. 3, who was succeeded by lots 4, 5 and 6. By half-past five the back yard contained 21 bull-dogs and 14 spaniels.

Mr. Snarl reached home a few moments before six. Maggie opened the door, and burst out as follows: "For the love of the blessed Virgin, go back and stop 'em. They're a'in' each other up, and if not choked off will devour the cisterns."

AN ITEM FOR THE LADIES.—Lady readers, will the following hints be useful? Britannia should be first rubbed gently with a woolen cloth and sweet oil, then washed in warm suds, and rubbed with soft leather and whiting.

"Well Clem, I'll marry you for two dollars." "Two dollars? What you charge to marry white folks, massa?" "We generally charge five dollars Clem."

"How much do you charge massa magistrate, to marry me and Miss Dinah?" "Well Clem, I'll marry you for two dollars."

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"Is it very sickly here?" said a son of the Emerald Isle the other day to another. "Yes," replied his companion, "a great many have died this year, who never have died before."

Communications.

COMMON SCHOOLS.

No. 6.

TAXES.

We have stated that the funds for the support of the Common Schools are derived from two sources, the state appropriations distributed to each district according to the number of taxables in each, and the local district tax, levied each year according to the director's judgment of the wants of the district.

Speaking of this unfairness, our friend the Supl. of Schools in Bradford Co., says in his last report, "Our present mode of imposing school tax is wrong in principle and worse in practice; it taxes the poor more than the rich."

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A DANDY, while being measured for a pair of boots, observed, "Make them cover the whole calf." "Heavens!" exclaimed the astonished artist, surveying his customer from head to foot, "I have not leather enough!"

A MAN sent a note to a witty friend, requesting the loan of his newspaper, and received in return his friend's marriage certificate.

and practicable. Increase four fold the appropriations of the state. This money comes from all the property of the state in equal taxation, and is the only legitimate way to educate the children of this Commonwealth.

Correspondence for the N. Y. Tribune. Anti-Slavery Meetings in Kentucky.

COLUMBIA, Pa., Aug. 20. I have not seen in The Tribune any account of the late meeting held in Kentucky by Cassius M. Clay and others to enforce the freedom of speech.

The following facts in relation to them, obtained from one who was present at all the meetings, you can rely upon. After several inflammatory articles in The Louisville Courier, (inspired no doubt by a general movement of the slaveholders of all the South,) calling for mob-law against "Abolitionism," (for that is the word for all want of subservience to the Oligarchy of the South,) the Rev. George G. Fee, while preaching at the private house of Mr. Thos. Cummings, on the line of Lincoln and Garrard Counties, was set upon by a mob called formally in the crab-orchard by the slaveholders of Lincoln County.

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