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order while he's running, I take it; and if he ain't mad they're sure to drive him so. Why don't you step up to him and say, 'John, I'm glad you're going right now, and I've got faith in you, and if you want any help, why come to me and I'll put you through?' That's the way to do the business, Mr. Spriggs.

"Well, I hope you'll do it, that's all," replied Spriggs, sulkily. "I hope I shall, and I'm bound to, any way, if I have the chance. Fact is, he's such a smart little wif that he don't really need any help."

"No—it's a pity that that brother Jacob left him that one-horse shay." "You needn't laugh at that; old Jacob never did nothing without a meaning to it. That old shay may help him to a great man yet. Fact is, I think myself if Jacob had a left-hand money it might have been the ruin of him. Less things than a one-horse shay has made a man's fortune."

"Well, I'm glad you think so much of him, I don't." "No," muttered Deacon Joe, as his neighbor turned away, "but if he had married your raw-boned darter that plays on the forty-piano, he'd a been all right, and no mistake."

"A one-horse shay!" said the minister, laughing; "what a fortune!" And so it went, from mouth to mouth. None of the relatives—some already rich—had offered the poorest man among them—the owner of the one-horse shay—a dollar of the bequest which left to him or her; but they had rather rejoiced in his disappointment.

"The truth is, everybody had prophesied that John Clarke, a poor, motherless boy, would come to ruin, and they wanted the prophecy to prove a true one. He had, in his youth, been wild and wayward, and somewhat profligate in the early years of manhood; but his old uncle had encouraged him to reform—held out hopes to which he had hitherto been a stranger, and the love of the sweet young Jenny Brazier completed, as it seemed, his reformation. Jenny never appeared so lovely as she did on that unfortunate day of the reading of the will, after they had returned to the poor little house that was Jenny's own."

man, sir, and by George I'm glad of it; you deserve to be." The cartilage-maker shook his hand heartily. "What do you suppose were the consternation, delight, gratitude—the wild joy that filled the heart of Clarke, when he found the old shay filled with gold and bank bills? I mean the cushions, the linings, and every place where they could be placed without danger of injury—those never would have descended to the one-horse shay."

Five thousand five hundred dollars in all! Poor John or rather rich John! his head was nearly turned. It required all the balance of Jenny's nice equipage of character to keep his ecstatic brain from spinning like a humming-top. Now he could build two houses like the one his uncle had bequeathed to his red-handed cousin, who had wished him joy when the will was read—the dear old uncle! What genuine sorrow he felt as he thought of the many times he had leaped reproaches upon his memory!

Imagine, if you can, dear reader, the peculiar feelings of those kind friends who had prophesied that John Clarke would come to grief. At first, Deacon Joe proposed to take the old shay just as it was—linings stripped, bits of cloth hanging—and upon a tin trumpet proclaim the good tidings to the whole town, taking especial pains to stop before the house of Mr. Spriggs, and blowing loud enough to drown all the forty-pianos in the universe; but that was vetoed by John's kind little wife. "No!" they'll know it soon enough," she said, kissing the baby; "I wouldn't hurt their feelings."

"They did know it, and a few years after, when John Clarke lived in a big house, they all voted for him to go to the legislature." So much for that old one-horse shay.—Peterson's Mag.

Seasoning Sausage Meat. Mrs. Bissell sends the following to the Agriculturist: For fifty pounds of meat, take eleven ounces of salt, five table spoonfuls of pounded saltpetre, five table spoonfuls ground black pepper, four table spoonfuls of ground allspice, five table spoonfuls of sage. Mix them well together, and then incorporate well with the meat.

Cracker Pudding. We can testify that the following is not "bad to take." Stir into three pints of sweet milk, two beaten eggs, three table spoonfuls of sugar, and any spice you like best. Beat in four soda crackers, and when soaked soft, stir in as many raisins as you like—the directions given to us, say one pound to the above quantity of materials, but for our personal consumption we would say, "more pudding and less raisins, if you please, ma'am," with quantum sufficient of vanilla flavor, or of nutmeg.

By another. The Dying Californian. Lie up nearer, brother, nearer, For my limbs are growing cold, And my presence seemeth dearer, When thy arms around me fold.

Speaking Out in Dreams. A correspondent of the Richmond Dispatch—a remarkably good paper for its size, by the way—tells the following in a letter from one of the Springs: "An amusing incident occurred on the cars of the Virginia and Tennessee road which must be preserved in print. It is too good to be lost."

Exposing a Parson. A minister was one Sabbath examining a Sunday-school in catechism before the congregation. The usual question was put to the first girl, a strapping, who usually assisted her father, who was a publican, in waiting upon customers. "What is your name?" "No reply."

Raw Meat in Dysentery. Dr. Weiss, St. Petersburg, first in 1845, advised the employment of the lean of raw meat, very finely minced, in the chronic diarrhoea of children, giving two teaspoonfuls four times a day. Since then the same practice has been extended to various forms of obstinate diarrhoea with good effect.

A Rich County. The following recent sales in Lancaster county, Pa., show the high figure land commands in the "Garden County," notwithstanding the times are out of joint so much.—The farm of John G. Froner, 1 mile west of Lancaster, containing 124 acres, sold for \$161 24 per acre.

Changes in the Cabinet.—Public rumor is again at work creating difficulties in the Cabinet of the President and forecasting specific changes which are soon to be announced to the country. Of course there is not a word of foundation for what is said on this subject. The President and his official advisers are a unit; and there really seems to be no encroachment on the anxious persons who would have it otherwise.—Washington Union.

How the Old Whigs of Massachusetts Go. Mr. Richard Yeaton, the editor of the Charleston (S. C.) Courier, in writing to his paper from Boston, speaks of the prevailing sentiment of the Old Line Whigs of that city, the associates and supporters of Daniel Webster. Rufus Choate has been openly with the Democracy since 1850, and Mr. Yeaton says: "I strongly hope and verily believe that Winthrop, Everett, the Curtis, Hilliard, and numerous others, will incline the same direction, and as least be with if not in the Democracy at the approaching State elections."

A rough common sense pervades the following, in which there is more truth than poetry: "Great men never swell. It is only three cent individuals who are salaried at the rate of two hundred dollars a year and dine on potatoes and dried herring, who put on airs and flashy waistcoats, swell, puff, blow, and endeavor to give themselves a consequential appearance. No discriminating person can ever mistake the spurious for the genuine article. The difference between the two is as great as that between a bottle of vinegar and a bottle of the pure juice of the grape."

Snake Charmer. Wiser, the celebrated snake charmer, gave an exhibition in this place, on Wednesday evening last. It would seem like an impossibility to those who have never seen this performance, to believe that a man could so completely fascinate a snake as to enable him to handle it in any manner he thought proper, without the least danger of the snake's biting him. He had ten large and venomous snakes—one viper, one black snake, one copper head moccasin, and seven rattlesnakes. He would put them all together and place them round his neck, when they would rub their heads all over his face in the most affectionate manner. He would then pat them all together and place them in his bosom next the flesh, and then pull them all out one at a time. After placing them all in a box, he selected the largest rattlesnake, prized open its mouth, and exhibited to the astonished audience the large and dangerous fangs of this detestable reptile.—Orange Chronicle.

A singular suit for the recovery of the amount of a life insurance policy, is in progress at Detroit. The suit of the widow for the recovery is resisted on the ground that the policy holder, Mr. S. M. Holden, of Ann Arbor, was murdered in order to obtain the money. The Company involved is the Mutual, of New York; the amount \$9000.

Satisfactory.—Hallo, boy! did you see a rabbit cross the road there just now? "Yes! he quacked a rabbit!" "Was it a kinder gray vamin'?" "Yes! yes!" "A longish creeler, with a short tail?" "Yes; he quacked or he'll gun his high row." "Had it long-legs behind, and big ears?" "Yes! yes!" "And sorer jump when it rane?" "Yes, I tell you." "Well, I hain't seed such a one before."

Democratic principles are inimitable—they are as pure and as worthy of our affections in defeat as in victory—they will triumph as ever, and in a very short period the present temporary defeat will be forgotten.