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"In this fearful struggle between the North and the South there are hundreds of cases in which fathers are arrayed against sons, and brothers against brothers."—*American paper.*

"Rifleman, shoot me a fancy shot
Straight at the heart of yon prowling vedette;
Ring me a ball in the glittering spot
That shines on his breast like an amulet."

"Ah, Captain! here goes for a fine drawn bead—
There's music around when my barrel's in tune."
Crack! went the rifle, the messenger sped,
And dead from his horse fell the ranging dragoon

"Now, Rifleman, steal through the bushes and snatch
From your victim some trinket to handsel first blood—
A button, a loop, or that luminous patch
That gleams in the moon like a diamond stud?"

"Oh, Captain! I staggered and sunk on my track
When I gazed on the face of the fallen vedette,
For he looked so like you as he laid on his back,
That my heart rose upon me and masters me yet.

"But I snatched off the trinket—this locket of gold,
An inch from the centre my lead broke its way,
Scarce grazing the picture so fair to behold,
Of a beautiful lady in bridal array."

"Ha! Rifleman, fling me the locket—'tis she,
My brother's young bride! and the fallen dragoon
Was her husband! Hush, soldier, 'twas Heaven's decree:
We must bury him here by the light of the moon."

"But hark! the far bugles their warning unite:
War is a virtue—weakness a sin
There's a lurking and loping around us tonight;
Load again, Rifleman, keep your hand in."

Popular Superstitions.

The belief in "signs," "wonders," and "tokens" is very generally entertained among the people in the "old country;" and even in the United States, which boasts superior intelligence, there are many good persons who do not hesitate to express their faith in the same. A cotemporary has been at some pains to collect the most common of these superstitions, and they present a curious conglomeration, to say the least. Odd and ridiculous as they may appear to many of us, however, we venture to assert that one-third of the people you meet, especially among the older class of the community will give their unhesitating endorsement to more than one of these novel superstitions:

SNEEZING:

If you sneeze on Monday, it indicates danger;
Sneeze on Tuesday, you will meet with a stranger;
Sneeze on Wednesday, you will receive a letter;
Sneeze on Thursday, you will get something better;
Sneezing on Friday indicates sorrow:
Sneeze on Saturday you will have a beau to-morrow;
Sneeze before you eat, you will have company before you sleep;
If you sneeze before you are dressed, you will see your beau before you go to rest.

THE BROOM.—If the broom is moved with the rest of the household furniture, you will not be successful; but the broom must be burned while standing in the corner, being watched to prevent the house taking fire.

KNIFE AND FORK.—If you drop a fork and it sticks in the floor and remains in a standing position, it is a sign a gentleman will call; but if a knife, a lady.

DISAPPOINTMENT.—When you put on your shoes and stockings, if you complete dressing one foot before commencing the other, it is a sign that you will be disappointed.

DEATH IN THE FAMILY.—The breaking of a mirror by a member signifies death in the family before the year closes.

AN ITCHING FOOT.—If the right foot itches on the bottom, you are going where you are wanted; if the left foot, where you are not welcome. [Bathe the feet on rising every morning and they will not itch.]

MARRIAGE.—If a young lady finds a four-leaved clover and puts it into her hair, the first young man she meets she will marry. If a lady dons a gentleman's hat it is a sign she wants a kiss. If you swallow a chicken's heart whole, the first young man who kisses you, you will marry. If one sits on the table it is a sign they wish to be married.

FINGER NAILS.—If you cut your finger nails on Monday without speaking or thinking of a red fox's tail, you will have a present during the week.

ANOTHER.—If the nails be cut on Monday morning before eating, a present may be expected; but if, while cutting, you think of a white calf's tail, it will spoil the charm.

OF ONE MIND.—If two persons accidentally make the same remark at the same time, you must join little fingers and wish. Such a wish will come to pass and be realized.

CROSSING HANDS.—If four persons accidentally cross hands when shaking, some one of the company will soon be married. Remember, it must be accidental in order to have it prove true.

AN ITCHING EAR.—If the left ear itch and burn, it is an indication that some one is speaking ill of you. If the right ear, they are speaking well of you. [Undoubtedly, itch or no itch.]

DISH CLOTH.—If a dish cloth be dropped while in use, it is a sign you will have company to dinner.

THE MOON.—If you see the new moon for the first time through glass, or through the tree tops, it indicates that you will be unfortunate; but if you see it over the right shoulder, or directly in front, that you will be lucky.

AN ITCHING HAND.—If the right hand itches you will receive money; if the left, you will spend money. [There can be no doubt about this.] The letter R stands for "receive;" the letter L for "let go." If the right eye itches you will cry; if the left, you will laugh. R stands for rear, and L for laugh. [Wonderful.]

AN ITCHING NOSE.—So important is this sign that it has been poetized as follows:

If the nose itches,
The mouth's in danger;
You will shake hands with a fool
Or kiss a stranger.

SHARP, POINTED OR CUTTING.—Present a friend with a knife, scissors or needles, and they will cut your friendship.

A FUNERAL.—Should you, when on a pleasure excursion, meet a funeral procession, you will have no enjoyment that day. [The better way, therefore, is to take another road, where they have no funerals.]

THE BRIDAL DRESS.—Anything but white garments to be married in indicates bad luck for the bride, white being emblematical of innocence. [White is very pretty, but we should risk it with a good girl even in pink or blue.]

THE CRADLE.—To rock an empty cradle will give baby the belly ache. [We "don't see it," but can imagine a hungry little one sucking an empty bottle would soon feel an "aching void."

SHOPPING.—Ladies beware! When going out shopping, having closed the door after you, you discover that you have forgotten something, you must not turn back and open the door on any account—it would bring you bad luck. Let some one hand you the missing article through the window, or bring it at another door.

THE CAT.—If you are moving from one house to another, never take a cat with you, or she will surely bring bad luck to your new home, whereas she will add luck to the old house and those who move into it.

SHOES.—Save the old shoes to throw after the carriage when one of the family starts on a journey; it will insure a safe return.

DISHWATER.—Never let your dishwater come to a boil, as every bubble brings bad luck to the family. [If too hot it might burn your fingers. Don't you see?]

CHANGING ROOMS.—It is a bad sign if a sick person desires to be removed from one room to another; they are sure to die some time, if allowed to.

QUIVERING OF THE EYELIDS.—Should you experience this sensation it indicates that some person is stepping on the spot where you are to be buried.

PLANTING IN THE MOON.—Potatoes planted in the new of the moon will go chiefly to tops; but if planted in the old moon, it will bring large potatoes. Peas and cucumbers may be planted in the new moon, for their products are above ground.

PORK.—It is said that if hogs be killed in the full moon, that the meat will swell in the pot when cooking; but if killed in the old or waning of the moon, it will shrink.

GOING TO SEA.—If you leave port on a Friday, bad luck will come to the ship. [So firmly believed is this whim, that sailors absolutely refuse to go to sea on that day; nor do owners attempt to overcome this foolish prejudice. Friday is called hangman's day, and criminals are usually sentenced to be executed on Friday.]

A BLACK SURPRISE.—Some months since, when Lucretia Borgia was being done with slow murder at the Howard theatre, Boston, the deathlike stillness which prevailed was suddenly broken by the sobbings of some tender-hearted female whose sympathetic soul was keenly alive to the unfortunate condition of the aforesaid victims. A modest young man began to be interested on discovering the female whose heart, like his own, was so susceptible to human feeling. While the young Romeo was looking from the parquet and scanning the countenances of the fair ones, he thought he experienced a sensation as if something was upon his head. Raising his hand, he found to his delight that some young lady had accidentally dropped her cambric handkerchief from the box directly above.

Our young Romeo began to discover that here was an opportunity to display his gallantry. He arose, and, after privately pressing the cambric to his lips, extended it, delicately secured between the tips of his fingers, for the fair claimant to take possession of. At this moment a head protruded over the gallery above, and exclaimed in a low but distinct tone: "Chuck it up, sah!"

The young man suddenly raised his eyes, and beheld the blackest wench that white man ever laid eyes on. It is needless to add that he dropped almost lifeless into his seat, and a favored few who chanced to witness this ludicrous scene, burst into uncontrollable laughter.

THE "BOSS" OF THE NATION.—Just after the return of the President from the experimental conference on the James river he was called upon by one of the members of the Foreign Legation. The Minister, who speaks very good English, although not an Englishman, upon being ushered into the ordinary reception room at the White House, found the Chief Magistrate comfortably curled up upon one or two chairs, his elbow resting upon a table, his hand partially concealing his powerful features, and the entire man wrapped in profound meditation. Behind Mr. Lincoln, upon a sofa, sat Mr. Seward with a cigar. "Mr. Lincoln," said the Minister, "I have called to pay my respects and congratulate your Excellency upon your return to the capital. May I venture to inquire whether you have succeeded in the humane and generous mission you so promptly undertook?" Without changing his position, or casting an eye upon his visitor, our esteemed President motioned with the thumb of his left hand towards the Secretary, and said: "I don't know anything about it. Ask the Boss. He knows."—*New York Weekly Review.*

THE FOLLY OF LOVERS.—There is not in all nature anything so ridiculous as a man so much in love as not to be able to conceal it from the rest of the company. Not only is he ridiculous, but, in time, he gets to be a regular nuisance; and he is as impertinent and tiresome as he was at first laughable. He is always either extremely happy or wonderfully wretched, without any apparent cause. This class of lovers, who would give their fortune for a curl of their sweetheart's hair, or a piece of her shoe-string, generally make the worst husbands in the world.—*Ladies' Repository.*

A girl at play on Sunday being accosted by the priest with "Good morning, daughter of the Evil One," meekly replied, "Good morning, father."

Suggestions for a Draft.

Since the authorities have discovered that men who are drafted and unfit for soldiers may yet be made serve their country as hospital nurses and in various other capacities, I have reflected deeply upon the subject and am at length enabled to submit the following suggestions, which the government is at liberty to adopt or reject as it pleases:

It is a well known fact that blind men have the sense of touch more fully developed than those who can see. Draft a few regiments of blind men to feel the position and strength of the enemy. No exemptions granted on the ground that they "can't see it."

Blind men and lame men might be drafted together, the blind-men to carry the lame on their backs on going into battle.

Men who have lost one or even both their arms should no longer be exempt. Government is prepared to arm any quantity of men on the shortest possible notice.

Idiots should not be debarred the privilege of serving their country in the ranks when we have so many among our generals.

Draft all in the lunatic asylums—the madder men get the better they fight.

Dumb men ought to make the most serviceable soldiers; as they can't cry "quarter," their motto must be "no surrender."

It is absurd to exempt fat men, they are so well calculated to fill up the depleted ranks of the army. If you want to crush the enemy by precipitating upon them large bodies of troops, let fat men be drafted by all means.

Confirmed drunkards have been objected to because they are not so anxious to whip the enemy as they are to have them treat. A regiment of them armed with rifle whiskey, and sustained by a battery of delirium tremens, would do great execution—to somebody.

I have not heretofore favored the idea of drafting the other sex, but a brigade of old maids would certainly be useful in repulsing the enemy. They are sometimes good in an attack.

By all means draft Congressmen. They might do a little good in the army, and they are of no possible good where they are.

Editors of war newspapers should be drafted in a body. They have penned war articles so long, that they themselves should be penned by the "Articles of War."

Conscript all lawyers—their charges would be most disastrous to the enemy.

A certain maiden lady was twice in her life time engaged to be married, and twice some unforeseen event interposed to destroy her hopes of matrimonial bliss.—Here was a sad case. Time began to wrinkle her fair brow, and there were no new suitors to offer themselves. To add to her distress she became sick, "nigh unto death." The junior curate of the parish—bashful youth—was sent for. The sick room was filled with sympathizing neighbors when the young divine entered, and after some remarks, proceeded to read a portion of Scripture. He fell upon the chapter where the woman of Samaria is introduced: When he read the words, "Go call thy husband," the sick woman groaned a little, but when he uttered the words, "The woman answered and said, I have no husband," the old lady rose upright in her bed, her eyes flashing fire, as she squeaked out the following:

"I ain't a going to stand yer taunts, if you are a preacher! Get out of the house directly! I've had two chances for a husband, and will live to see another—see if I don't!"

MANY FACTS IN SMALL COMPASS.—The number of languages spoken is 2,064. The number of men is equal to the number of women. The average of human life is about 33 years. One quarter die before the age of seven. To every one thousand persons, one rarely reaches the age of one hundred years, and not more than one in five hundred will reach the age of eighty. There are on earth 1,000,000,000 inhabitants. Of these about 33,333,333 die every year, 91,824 die every day, 7,789 every hour, and 60 every minute. The losses are balanced by an equal number of births. The married are longer lived than the single. Tall men live longer than short ones. Women have more chances of life previous to the age of fifty years, but fewer after than men. The number of marriages is in proportion of seventy to one hundred. Marriages are more frequent after the equinoxes, that is, during the months of June and December. Those born in the spring are more robust than others. Births and deaths are more frequent by night than by day.

MOTHER AND CHILD DROWNED.—A week ago last Saturday, a Mrs. Lucretia Ashburn and child, residing in Tremont township, Tazewell county, Ill., met their death in the following manner: Her youngest child, an infant eighteen months old, while playing in the yard, fell in the cistern. Mrs. A. tied a rope around her waist, and went down to get it out, but was unable to return. Her two children, aged four and six years, at her request threw down a chair, a churn and a plank, but were too young to go for assistance, and the unfortunate woman and child both were drowned. The mother had placed the babe in the churn, thinking probably that it would be safe, and then, worn out with her efforts, sank below the surface. When her husband came home the two children told him that the baby was in the cistern. On going to see, and drawing up the rope, he found the dead bodies of his wife and child.

From an inspection of the Stratford register, it is found that Shakspeare's widow subsequently married a shoemaker of the town, named Richard James.

Can There be Harm in Kissing.

The waters kiss the pebbly shore,
The winds all kiss the hills;
The sunbeams kiss the tulip bud
For the odor it distills.

The dew-drops kiss the rose at morn,
The cerous dew at eve,
And fern and flower in circling clasp
Their mystic beauties weave.

The moon-beams kiss the clouds at night,
The star-beams kiss the sea,
While shadows, dreamy, soft and light,
Are kissing on the lea.

The zephyrs kiss the blushing pink
That blooms on beauty's lip;
And ruder blasts though cold and chill,
Its ruby nectars sip.

The winds, the waves, the budding flowers,
The laughing, merry rills,
Are kissing all from morn to eve;
And clouds still kiss the hills.

E'en heaven and earth do meet to kiss,
Through tears of sparkling dew;
In kissing then, can there be harm?
I don't think so—do you?

Opinion of an Administration Confidante.

[From Forney's Press of last week.]

The fourteen thousand rebel troops which garrisoned Charleston have, in obedience to the rebel policy of concentration, fallen back to the northward. Those who believe that the evacuation of Charleston indicates the despair of the rebel leaders, are in great error. This evacuation of the coast is "miching malecho;" it means mischief. It means that battle is to be given to Sherman; that all the scattered forces of the enemy are to be drawn together, to offer stubborn and bloody resistance to Grant. Though the capture of Charleston will be of incalculable value to us in future, it at present is more glorious than useful. We are but on the threshold of great events, and it, in the coming battles, we are not victorious, these minor triumphs will be eclipsed. To decisively contend against the concentration of the rebel armies, we must put every man in the field. Now is the time for volunteers. Now is the moment for the draft.

GIRLS WITHOUT BEAUS.—Gov. Andrew, in his annual message, calls attention to the excess of women in Massachusetts, and to the surplus of men in Oregon, California, and other remote western districts. In Oregon, having 52,160 inhabitants, according to the census of 1860, there are 19,961 males over fifteen years old, and only 9,878 females above that age. Its population is now estimated at over 100,000—this disproportion yet remaining.

In Massachusetts there were 257,833 males between the ages of fifteen and forty; and 237,000 females, or a surplus of 20,156. The excess, the Governor says, of women of all ages above fifteen years, was 39,846. He recommends the adoption of some practical way by which young women may be enabled to emigrate to the useful fields of matrimony in the Western States.

AN OLD JOKE.—President Lincoln attended Bishop Simpson's lecture on "Our National Conflict" the other night. The Bishop's lecture marks down the discovery of California gold, the invention of the telegraph, improvements in ordnance, and many other hitherto things, as special providences designed by Deity to help us through with the national conflict, foreseen and prepared for by Him. After the Bishop was through, Mr. Lincoln walked up, shook hands, and addressed him thus: "Bishop, that was a good lecture—a very good lecture; but one thing you omitted. Among all your special providences, you never once *struck ile.*" There was silence in the auditorium for the space of five seconds; and then an oleaginous smile broke over the Bishop's countenance.—*Washington letter.*

A QUAKER ON AN ARGUMENT.—"Ah," said a sceptical collegian to an old Quaker, "I suppose you are one of those fanatics who believe the Bible?" Said the old man, "I do believe the Bible. Do you believe it?" "No, I have no proof of its truth." "Then," inquired the old man, "dost thee believe in France?" "Yes, for although I have not seen it, I have seen others who have. Besides, there is plenty of corroborative evidence that such a country exists." "Then thee will not believe anything thee or others have not seen?" "No." Did thee ever see thy own brains?" "No." "Ever see a man who did see them?" "No." "Does thee believe thee has any?" This last question put an end to the discussion.

DON'T LIKE HIS LOOKS.—A sheriff was once sent to execute a writ against a quaker. On arriving at his house, he saw the quaker's wife, who in reply to the inquiry whether her husband was at home, said he was; at the same time she requested him to be seated, and her husband would speedily see him. The officer waited patiently for some time, when the fair Quakeress coming into the room, he reminded her of her promise that he might see her husband.

"Nay, friend, I promised that he would see thee. He did not like thy looks, therefore he avoided thee, and hath departed from the house by another path."

A clergyman, who was consoling a young widow upon the death of her husband, spoke in a very serious tone, remarking that "he was one of the few. You can never find his equal, you know." To which the sobbing fair one replied, with an almost broken heart, "I don't know, but I'll try."

A little girl being sent to the store to purchase some dye-stuff, and forgetting the name of the article, said to the clerk, "John, what do folks dye with?" "Why, cholera, sometimes," replied John. "Well I believe that's the name of it. I want to have three cents' worth."

The colored citizens of New Orleans own real estate to the value of $15,000,000, and they now have a daily newspaper, the *Tribune*, printed and edited by colored men.

A MAHOMMEDAN'S WAR ORDER.—Abdekre then caused his army to be ranged around him in a circle. "Warriors of Islam," said he, "attend a moment and listen well to the precepts which I am about to promulgate to you for observation in time of war. Fight with bravery and loyalty. Never use artifice or perfidy towards your enemies; do not mutilate the fallen, do not slay the aged, nor the children, nor the women; do not destroy the palm tree; do not destroy the crops; do not cut down the fruit trees, nor do not slaughter the cattle except what will be necessary for your nourishment. You will find on your route men living in solitude, in meditation, and adoration of God; do them no injury; give them no offense."—*Lamartine's Turkey.*

A walk of a few minutes in this city, says the Washington correspondent of the New York *Express*, will easily enable one to "look upon this picture and then on that." A ramble through the hospital, swarmed with emaciated and maimed veteran soldiers, and thence to the suburbs, in the colonies of destitute, suffering and abandoned negroes, will present one picture incident to the war, and thence to the national capitol, where thousands of both sexes, richly and costly attired, and decked with sumptous jewels, evidently satisfied with themselves; and all the world will present the other picture.

The following anecdote is told of the celebrated surgeon, Dr. Abernethy; One day, during an examination of a class of students, he asked one of them what he would do in the case of a man being blown up by gunpowder. "I would wait till he came down again," was the cool reply. "True," rejoined Abernethy. "And suppose I should kick you for such an impertinent reply, what muscles would I put in motion?" "The flexors and extensors of my right arm," said the student; "for I should floor you directly."

A correspondent of the New York *Journal of Commerce* says that he recently sent a box containing some of the luxuries of life to his nephew, stationed at Newbern, North Carolina, and all the articles reached their destination safely, but two bottles of fine old cherry brandy which had been provided for "medicinal purposes" by his good aunt. The nephew writes: "Hereafter, when you send any liquids please have them labeled 'David's Pain Killer,' and they will surely come to hand."

GOING TO LAW.—In the Superior Court of Connecticut, there is a case now on trial in which are concerned two citizens of Glastenbury who go to law about a grind stone. The stone cost $5, and the costs have already exceeded $300 with an interesting prospect ahead for more. The parties under the lead of the lawyers, threaten to summons pretty much all Glastenbury to prove the scoundrelism of principals and witnesses.

A man came to the Duke of Wellington—"What have you to offer?" A bullet-proof jacket, your grace." "Put it on." The inventor obeyed. The Duke rang a bell. An aid de-camp presented himself. "Tell the captain of the guard to order one of the men to load with ball and cartridge." The inventor disappeared and was never seen again near the Horse Guards. No money was wasted in trying that invention.

The hat was passed around a certain congregation for the purpose of taking up a collection. After it had made the circuit of the church, it was handed to the minister, who had "exchanged pulpits" with the regular minister,