

**Humorous.**

**Fish.**  
Fish may be divided into classes—codfish and fresh fish. The propriety of dividing them into classes will be at once apparent when we reflect that they are usually found in schools!

The mackerel is not exactly a codfish but he comes so much nearer being a codfish than a fresh fish that he is for the present classed with the former.

Fish exist in sizes to suit the purchaser from minnows to whales—which are not fish, strictly speaking. Neither is the shark a fish; but if we attempt to tell that are not fish this article will far exceed its intended limits.

The herring is not absolutely a fish; he is a suggestion of departed fish. But the strongest suggestions of departed fish are smelt. The herring sustains the same relation to the finny tribe as the Egyptian mummy to the human race.

Fish are caught by measure and sold by weight—that is, they are caught by the gill and sold by the pound. But they are sometimes caught by weight—what till you get a bite.

Contentment is the chief respite to the successful fisherman.

Surveyors are apt to be good fishermen because their lines and angles are apt to be all right.

The mermaid and fisherman may also be mentioned in this connection. The former is a good illustration of what is meant by the ideal, and the latter as fitly represents the real.

Many land animals are reproduced in the sea. Thus we have the dogfish, the catfish, sea-lions and sea-horse, but no sea-mules. None of the above have hind legs, and any manner of mule without hind legs would be a conspicuous failure.

It may not be out of place to mention Jonah in this connection. He was not a fish, but was once included among the inhabitants of the deep. There has been considerable dispute as to the name of the fish that swallowed the gentleman above mentioned, some persons arguing that the throat of a whale is not large enough to swallow a man. This objection seems to be of no consequence.

Jonah might have been made in a smaller mould than other men. Moreover, it is certain that he was cast overboard before being swallowed—cast over the side of the vessel.

There has been much speculation, also, as to the cause of Jonah's expulsion from the whale's interior, but the theory most generally accepted is that he soured on the whale's stomach.

He was very fortunate in reaching land, since he had no pilot. If he had taken a pilot with him into the whale's stomach he would doubtless have selected Paunchous Pilate as the proper man.

Jonah was the first man who retired from the Department of the interior, and Delano was the last one.

But we digress. Let us return to our fish.

The codfish is the great source of all salt. In this respect Lot's wife is nowhere; however, it would be well to remember Lot's wife.

The saline qualities of the codfish permeate and percolate the vasty deep and make the ocean as salt as himself. Weighed in his own scales he is found wanting—wanting considerable freshening. He is by nature quite social, his principal recreation being balls—fish-balls.

The codfish was worshipped by the Greeks; but he is only half as well treated by the inhabitants of Cape Cod—he is simply shipped. Hence the difference between the Greeks and the inhabitants of Cape Cod.

Small fish are usually harmless; but parents can't be too careful about permitting their children to play where large fish abound, as it is an established fact that the big fish frequently eat up the little ones.

The jelly fish is, perhaps, the best understood of all the finny tribe, because, being translucent, it is easy to see through him.

The greatest number of fish is eaten on Friday, and the next greatest number on Saturday, because those that are left over are warmed up for Saturday's breakfast.

Argumentative persons are fond of stating that it is grammatical to say that the five loaves and the three fishes were eaten since five and three were always eight. They should be treated with silent contempt.

Fish are provided with air bladders, so that they can rise from the depths of the sea by simply filling these bladders with air. If any one is disposed to ask where they get the air for such inflation, let him understand in advance that this article is not intended for the solution of petty conundrums.

There are many interesting rumors about fish which might be mentioned, but the foregoing facts may be regarded as sufficient.

A lady wishes some one would invent a "legometer," to attach to men's pedals, so that wives may determine the distance travelled by their husbands when they want to "just step down to the post-office" of an evening.

It is a strange fact that when people indulge in high words they use low language.

The mean temperature is what diagnoses a man with every climate.

What kind of robbery is not dangerous? A safe robbery of course.

**Anecdote of Bret Harte.**

Bret Harte, was lecturing in Pennsylvania a short time ago. At one of his appointments, he felt very much depressed. It is a peculiarity of humorists, we are told, to be unaccountably melancholy and gloomy at times. Harte was in this mood now. One of the committee went in back of the scenes to see him, and the depressed humorist welcomed him as an unusual gleam of good sunshine. They shook hands. Harte earnestly, and the committee man decorously.

"Mr. Harte," he said gravely, "you will find this an unusually healthy city."

"Ah!" said the pleased humorist. "Yes. The death rate is only one a day."

At this juncture Harte took the committee man by the arm and hurriedly asked: "Is he dead?"

"Dead?" ejaculated the committee man. "Who dead?"

"Why the man for to-day," was the grave reply.

The committee man stared with all his might into the immediate face of the lecturer.

"Isn't there a clerk here, or a register, or coroner, or something like that of whom you could find out whether a man for this day has died?"

"Why, yes, I suppose so," slowly replied the man.

"Would you be so good then as to find out, and before I commence my lecture, if possible, whether that man is dead? If he is dead, then I am all right, for I am to leave the city early to-morrow morning; but if he isn't dead I cannot help but feel uneasy about myself, and I am not well to-night."

The kind hearted committee-man immediately hurried away to get the information.

When in his room at the hotel that night a servant told him a gentleman wished him to step down stairs in the hall as he wished to see him. Mr. Harte went down, and there met the committee-man.

"I'm sorry, Mr. Harte, to disturb you," he said; "but I could not get that information earlier. It is all right. That death rate I spoke of was merely the average."

We are indebted to Mr. Bonicault for the last and best anecdote about "the life insurance man." In alluding to certain comments on the originality of his plays he says: "Another reproach is that I have deserted the field of legitimate company (to which I have contributed such works as London Assurance and Old Heads and Young Hearts) to cultivate a lower drama as the Colleen Bawr and Ar-rah-na-Pogue; that I owed it to my fame to maintain the standard of my reputation. I write to the taste of posterity, nor write to amuse unborn generations. Posterity is a bad audience. It reminds me of what an old Californian replied when a life insurance company was first introduced into Francisco and he was asked to support it: 'Well,' said he, 'I've no opinion of a speckle on a man's face who has got to die to realize.'" So it is with poets who write for posterity."

**Unjust Suspicions.**  
The other day a Detroit husband went on a fishing excursion with a small party of friends. Returning at midnight he pounded on the door and awoke his wife. As she let him in the hall, she saw something ailed him, and cried out: "Why, Henry, your face is as red as paint."

"Guesser n't," he replied, feeling along the hall.

"And I believe you have been drinking."

"Whizzer mean by zat?"

"Oh, Henry! your face would never look like that if you hadn't been drinking."

"Mi to blame?" he asked with tears in his eyes. "Suosen big bass jumped up'n hit me in the face an' make it red—mi to blame?"

And he sat down on the floor and cried over her unjust suspicions.

**A Tough Foot.**  
They tell big stories about the tough feet of the Louisiana darkey, but the Vicksburg negro is always ready to compete for the medal. One of them entered a blacksmith shop the other day to sell a horse-shoe, and he placed his foot on a hot piece of iron just cut from the bar. It was a full minute before the heat struck in, and then he gave a leap over the anvil, and uttered a terrible yell. The smith asked him to explain, and the darkey responded:

"Why, I'ze bin standin' on that piece of red-hot iron!"

"And you didn't know it?"

"No, not zactly; I smelt suthin kinder curus for a good while, but fought dere was a dead hoss round here somewar!"

Cicero said, "The pursuit of all things should be calm and tranquil." How about capturing fleas?

The duty of the hour to take care of the minutes and make up the day.

At what season did Eve eat the apple? Early in the fall.

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