

Humorous.

The New Boy.

He made his appearance at one of the Union Schools the other morning, and arriving ahead of time, he prevented any feelings of loneliness from seizing him by licking three boys and riding the gate off its hinges.

"Can you spell?" she asked. "What kind of spelling?" he cautiously replied. "Spell house, please."

"I don't care much about spelling man this morning, but I will this afternoon, I've spelt it with my eyes shut."

"Go on, let me hear you read." He looked carefully at the page, scowled his brow and read:

"If I were a lame boy and didn't get any peanuts in my stockings Christmas, dum my eyes! but wouldn't I make things jump around that house next morning!"

"Richard, how many are three and three?" "Three and three of what?" he inquired.

"It's a good deal according to what it is," he replied, as he settled back. "I know that three and three cats don't make a doz."

"Did you ever study geography, Richard?" "Yes, ma'am."

"What is geography?" "It's a book."

"Is the world round or flat?" "Hill and hollows," he replied.

"Richard, can you write?" "Write what?"

"Can you write your name?" "I could, I s'pose; but I've got my name without writing it."

"Can you write a letter?" "Who to?"

"To any one."

"Yes, I could, if I had money to pay the postage."

"Well, Richard," she said in despair, "you'll have to go into the lower room if you want to come to school here."

Mr. Knott's Invention

Mr. Knott was about to sail for Europe. He informed his friends that seasickness had no terrors for him. He said he had an infallible preventive of that malady.

And Knott said that when the steamer got out on the ocean all he had to do was to swallow a couple of these powders, and then the winds might howl and the billows roll, for no ocean that was ever built could turn his stomach.

One day he stated he enjoyed himself a good deal talking with his friends while sailing down the bay, and as soon as the ship got out on the open sea and began to roll, he took a dose of the preventative.

Presently he began to look solemn, and then he took another. After a bit he said his corns hurt him, and he thought he would lie down on the sofa.

Then a sickly look overspread his face, and the steward asked him if anything was the matter. Knott said he thought the coffee they had at breakfast must have disagreed with him.

Then he suddenly jumped up and flew to the deck. The captain directed his attention to the beautiful sunset, but Knott seemed to prefer to hang over the side of the ship, with his face toward the water.

Then the captain asked him if he was sick, and he said no; he was only trying to see if they were yet in the gulf stream.

Then his frame was convulsed, and he began to get rid of his gastric juice. He seemed to be trying to bring up a breakfast that he ate during the Seminole war.

After working down toward it, he asked them to carry him to his state room, where he gave the steward a box containing the old sailor's infallible preventive of sea sickness, and remarked, that if the steward would chuck that awful truck into the bosom of the mighty deep, he would confer a favor upon Mr. Knott.

Then Mr. Knott rolled over in his berth, with pallor in his face and said to his companion:

"Bill, don't old what's his name Huxley say in one of his books that the Atlantic Ocean is gradually filling up, so's it'll be dry land some day."

"I believe he does."

"Well, Bill, when I get to Europe I'm going to stay there until the cursed thing fills, and then I'm going to drive over home in a buggy. No more navigation for me, if you please."

Then he called for the steward, and the conversation ended.

An Unsympathizing Voter.

They say that the politician who isn't enthusiastic in the cause of his party is no politician at all, and this may be the motive mental power which forces some politicians to extremes.

In a charter election held in a Western town, the other day, enthusiasm ran high, and both parties made a lively effort to get out the full party vote.

About an hour before the polls closed it was discovered that the leading candidate on one ticket was one vote ahead, with no prospect that he could secure another vote.

The opposition polled its full strength, but suddenly remembered that a faithful member was on a bed of sickness. A carriage was driven to his house, and the sick man's wife met the committee at the door.

"My husband is at the point of death," she sadly replied to their interrogatories.

"Couldn't we carry him on a lounge?" queried one of the men.

"He may not live two hours, she replied. "Couldn't four of us take him on a bed?" continued the man.

"I think he is dying even now," she answered.

"Does he know we are here?" asked the man.

"He is unconscious," replied the sick man's wife.

"Dear me!" sighed the man, as he turned away. "I don't see how he can willfully and deliberately lie there and die when his one vote would scoop the opposition higher than a kite!"

The Limit.

A colored man living in Detroit has a sign on his house reading: "Meals for eight cents." The sign attracted a hungry man of color the other day, and he stepped up and said he would have a dinner.

A slice of bread and a bowl of water was placed on the table and he was told to draw up.

"That's an eight cent meal my friend."

"I ain't prepared to square off in front of no such dinner," growled the stranger, getting out doors.

"It isn't no festival, that's true," replied the proprietor, "but when the price is limited down to eight cents you must expect the food will be limited down to about two courses. There's bread and there's water, and if you want to make it ten cents I'll put on the pepper box and a knife and fork."

An Eastern paper having had considerable to say about "raising chickens by hand," the Galveston News responds: "Such information is not needed at the South. The whole colored population know how to do it, and an enterprising freedman can raise more pullets in a single night, on his way home from prayer meeting, than that Eastern editor could raise in a year with all his science."

She was one of those sentimental young creatures who linger at the doorway to bid you good-bye in the starlight, and after she parted from him the other night, she went up to her room murmuring: "Yes, I would know it was hard times, by the kind of hair oil he uses now."

A poor soldier, whose person is supported by two wooden legs, was met by a friend, who thus accosted him:

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