

The Democrat.

MONTROSE, PA., MARCH 14, 1877.

Humorous.

AT THE BLUE-GLASS WINDOW.

To see what a maiden fashies
I'm stealing along the stairs;
My love at the blue-glass sash is,
I'll come on her unawares.
Her hair of the deepest golden,
Takes the hue of heaven, I know!
She'll look like a saint in some olden
Church window of long ago.
Her hair, did I say? Oh, wonder!
Her head, like a billiard ball,
Gleams bare in the sunlight yonder!
Great Caesar! I see it all!
Her locks, with the gold light flitter,
Were false! She hoped to win.
Has none of her own; she is sitting
There, trying to get some in.
Oh, Pleasonton! where is the kindness
That sages have seen in thy face?
Better suffer from absolute blindness
Than see what I've seen in this place.
You've shattered my idol, you've shown me,
That science indeed has its dues;
Your blue-glass invention has thrown me
In a permanent fit of the blues.
—St. Louis Republican.

ENIGMAS.

Some of the brightest wits have exercised a leisure hour in constructing enigmas full of ingenuity, fertile in idea, and graceful in language. The following example is attributed to Charles James Fox, and is without much difficulty seen to relate to glass;

What is pretty and useful in various ways,
Though it tempts some poor mortals to shorten their days.
Take one letter from it, and there will appear
What youngsters admire every day in the year;
Take two letters from it, and then, without doubt,
You are what that is, if you don't find it out.

One of the best enigmas of this class was by Lord Macaulay, on the word—but we will leave the discovery of it to the reader;

Cut off my head, and singular I am;
Cut off my tail, and plural I appear.
Cut off my head and tail, and wondrous feat,
Although my middle's left, there's nothing there.

What is my head cut off? a sounding sea;
What is my tail cut off? a rushing river;
And in their mighty depth I fearless play,
Parent of sweetest sounds, yet mute forever.
Effects of a ludicrous kind—all the more ludicrous through being wholly unexpected—are produced by presenting in majestic or elegant form what was originally a nursery rhyme or, perhaps a humorous ditty. One scarcely recognizes a comic song, much in favor some years ago, when dressed up in the stanzas beginning: "If I had a quadruped, averse to speed," etc. The elegant turnishing which Jack and Gill has received may be cited as another example;

'Twas not on Alpine snow or ice,
But honest English ground,
'Excelsior' was their device;
But said the late they found,
They did not climb for love or fame,
But followed duty's call;
They were together in their aim,
But parted in their fall.

Several enigmas have been based on the fact that, in familiar talk, mother is often used for step-mother and mother-in-law, brother for half-brother and brother-in-law, etc.; and from the further fact, that cross-marriages between two or three families—widowers marrying spinsters, and bachelors marrying widows—give great complexity to the eddies of designations for relationships. One form of this enigma is as follows:

A wedding there was, and a dance there must be;

But who should stand there? thus all did agree:
Old grandfathers and granddams should lead the dance down;

Two fathers, two mothers should step the same ground;

Two daughters stood up and danced with their sires,

And also two sons who danced with their mothers;

Three sisters there were who danced with their brothers;

Two urchins vouchsafed with their nieces to dance;

With nephews to jig it, it pleased two aunts;

Three husbands would dance with none but their wives;

The granddaughters chose their jolly grandsons

The bride she would dance with the bridegroom or none.

And yet there were only six persons in all

three male and three female, among whom there were no unlawful marriages or births neat not to crack. Another relates to two families, each comprising a widow, her son, (a widow) and his daughter; each man then married the other man's widowed mother, and the bewildering relationship arose. Giving the names to the several persons, the marriage has been stated thus: Elizabeth and her husband had a son John; she then married Thomas, and had a daughter Susan. And her first husband had a son Thomas; he then married John and had a daughter Susan.

Two or more meanings to the same words supply an inexhaustible store of materials for enigma composers; and the resources are increased if we are permitted to use words having the same sound but different modes of spelling. Social circles of merry-makers are well acquainted with this form of puzzle, which has engaged the attention of not a few witty and intellectual persons.

The diversity of meanings to such words as bar, bit, and box, gives an origin to a almost

endless string of enigmas. An old enigma, dated from some period of the last century, describes a lady's person by means of words having double or triple meanings: Her complexion is Sarah Short; her hue, a city of China; her nose, like my hand when writing; about her mouth a famous singer smiles; another famous singer, gives you a description of her stature; her chin a tale at ale gives; her teeth, part of a day, neither morning, noon, nor night. Then comes a description of her dress, among which some of the items are: On her head she wears a riotous rattle, fastened with a game at bowls; her gown is a part of musical instrument; her shoes, an eastern empire scalded; her stomach an ancient inhabitant of Jerusalem and two yards and a half. And so on with her amusements, her religion, and the books in her library.

The late Bishop Wilberforce, who relieved more grave studies by occasional pleasantries of wit and humor, constructed an enigma on "man," by the employment of a whole string of words having two or more meanings each: "All pronounce me a wonderful piece of mechanism and yet few people have numbered the strange medley of which I am comprised. I have a large box and two lids, two caps, two musical instruments, a number of weather cocks, two established measures, some weapons of warfare, and a great many little articles that a carpenter cannot do without. Then I have about me a couple of esteemed fishes, and a great many of smaller size, two lofty trees, and fruit of an indigenous plant; a handsome stag and a great number of small kinds of game; we have or places of worship, two students or scholars, the stairs of a hotel, and half a score of Spanish gentlemen to attend on me: I have what is the terror of the slave, also two domestic animals, and a number of negatives." We should have said—but most readers will soon see this for themselves—that there are here not only similar words with dissimilar meanings, but also words having the same sound though differently spelled.

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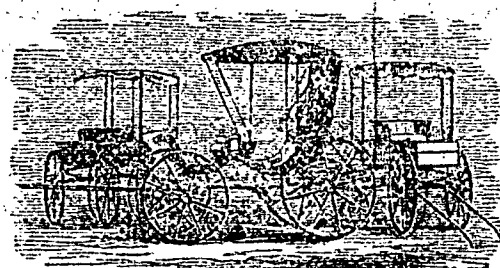
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To William Yager: Whereas a Subpoena in Divorce was issued to Nov. Term, 1876, which was duly returned non est in due time, and thereon an alias subpoena was issued returnable to January term, 1877, upon the return of which proof was made that the said William Yager could not be found in my bailiwick.

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