

A ROW IN THE CHOIR.

There has been some awful doings in our village church-to-day.

And now this all to over, I will speak of the affair; it is now that the population like a sudden cry of fire, it shows how early they sometimes afford to be.

There's Jason Squid had lost the choir some ten or fifteen years.

And everything went smoothly until Miss Ephraima Speck.

Got married to a butcher living in another town.

And they got a new soprano, Miss Jerusalem Ellen Brown.

Jerusalem was a smasher when it came to singing st.

And the way she sung a solo part made everybody

and

And Jason thought he had now secured a wonderful prize.

And when he married, and Jerusalem took his eye,

However, it is now apparent, a fellow by the name of Jedediah Webster played a very pretty game.

By which he got invited, through the courtesy of Squid.

To take a part in the senior part, and bet your boots he

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Now Jason sang the tenor part, and Webster sang the

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And Jason wasn't married, and Jerusha took his eyes.
However, as it now appears, a fellow by the name
Of Jedediah Webster played a very pretty game.

So Webster started, and stayed, and stayed, and Jason
grew so vexed
He lost his tact for picking terms, and always missed the
the text;
And Sunday after Sunday Webster sang the louder
share,
Nor took the hint of Jason that he wasn't wanted there;
Month after month a jealous flame grew fierce in Jason's
bosom's breast,
And fired his brain from morn till eve, and robbed him
of his nights of rest;
And while the contagion caught, and nursed the
needs of fire,
For he had a wild ambition in his heart to lead the
people,
At least the thing so serious grew they wouldn't ever
part.
Nor even nod at passing, so extensive grew the plague
But they talked about each other in a way that did not
part.
To a violation of commandment number nine.
Affairs now got to such a pitch, one Sunday Webster
took

And Sunday after Sunday Webster sang the London

And set upon him and bid him squint the sole remaining
leg out.
But growing somewhat careless in the trick he was
about,
He moved and left the tune-book with a corner he had
torn out.
Now Jason saw the know-nothings at once of this affair,
And though the parson had commenced his long an-
d breezy prayer,
He scowled at Jeddish crows, and jerked the book
out of his hands.
The seat might possibly have split if it hadn't been
thick.
Forgetting all about the place, the solemn time, at
all,
Jed took the book at Jason's head—it banged against
the wall;
And people turned their heads in time to see the
book fly in sight.
They ever saw in church before—a rough-and-tumble
fight.
They scratched and kicked, and tumbled around, at
broke the organ keys,
And split the bellows, so the thing did ever after
wherever;
They cursed and swore, and raved and rove, and pulled
each other's hair,
And broke the seats, and scattered hymn and song
books in the air.
Jerusha squealed; and Jones ran out—the alto stan-
dard;—
And very Boddiam was unloosed, and things were
worse;
Till, finally, the deacons came and ended the affair,
In time to hear the preacher and the ending of his
prayer.
—The Fiddler.

The seat might possibly have split if it hadn't been so thick.

The American Charitable Society of Paris is to be reorganized.

Ruman hait occupies the third place in the list of largest importations into the country.

The indictment against Stokes charges him with "willful murder, with malice aforethought."

A society for the prevention of swearing has been organized in one of the New York churches.

An Illinois cannibalism was rescued just as he was about to walk off from sleeping car platform in full motion.

The New Orleans Times thinks Alexander should not be allowed to leave America without being shown the Louisiana Legislature.

The Arkansas Gazette gives statistics showing that one-third of the voting population of that State were disfranchised in 1870.

A month at home, and then a wedding tour, is to be the life hereafter. This certainly is the most sensible bridal arrangement yet agreed upon.

The defense that Stokes will make for Fisk's murder, it is said, will be justifiable homicide, because Fisk kept hired assassins dogging Stokes' footsteps.

An exchange says: "We are proud of the impressively solemn appearance of our undertakers. A smiling undertaker is

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London, with a population of 3,000,000, has only nine daily newspapers—five morning and four evening—while Paris is twenty-two, and New York twenty-four.

On being asked by an anticlerical whether Mr. Fernando Wood was still in the House, Mr. Davis is reported to have replied, lately, "Wood is in the House, but not still."

The following notice is prominently put in the Astor House restaurant New York: "Orsters chloroformed and opened at a Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals."

Some wags says that the first week of the Year must be cheerful one to proof-readers, who are paid for reading Mayors' speeches, the Governors' messages, reports of the Legislature and the like.

The Indianapolis Journal announces the "Miss Nilsson, a young woman who sings as well as well as Kellogg, and kicks a piano stool clear across the stage apparently with little effort, is coming."

A grand charivari festival is being arranged in Vienna for the exhibition of 1872. It seems to take the Viennese longer to do the sort of thing than the Americans, but perhaps they haven't a Gilmore.

William Clifton Bryant, his daughter and his mother, Hon. J. H. Bryant, of Princeton, N. J., are about to start on an extensive tour to the West, Indies, New Orleans, and the Southern States.

A man in Danbury, Conn., heard the powder fired in Iard was good for boils. He tried to cook the mixture, and his boils are effectually cured, and the house has been repaired so that it is almost as good as new.

An inebriated youth of Albany, who has been making New Year's calls, visited a performance of "Richard III" at the Opera

not still."

House, but soon left in disgust, remarking that "it was to full of quotations to suit him."

The Chicago Post says: "Ninety-two wives in different sections of the city are preparing to go to jail, salt-keepers after the new law goes into effect. They declare it will be as good as a pension 'for the children!'"

After a protracted struggle of several months the Jesuits have been expelled from Guatemala. The exiled fathers, eighty number, will probably go to Ecuador, none of the other States in the country will receive them.

A Kansas paper's cow-obituary says: "There is not a farm-wagon in the country. The cows are not stolen, consequently there is a gate in the town that she has not opened, and the stones that have been thrown at her would make five miles of turpentine."

The New York Commercial Advertiser says: "The fight of the New Orleans factionists has cost the State of Louisiana \$250,000. It is exorbitantly dear when we reflect that the same number of that state would have been respectably buried every mother's son of them."