

CURIOUS STATISTICS—Some statistical genius declares that "more money is expended in the United States for cigars than for all the common schools in the country."

A wag, who is undoubtedly a lover of the weed, seeing this statement going through the papers, gets off the following:

It has been calculated that the cost of washing linen that might just as well be worn two days longer, amounts to enough in this country to more than defray the expenses of the American Board of Foreign Missions.

The expense of buttons on the backs of our coats, where they are not earthily used, is equal to the support of all our orphan asylums.

The value of tails to dress coats, (of no value in reality, for warmth or convenience,) is actually greater than the cost of our excellent system of common schools.

It has been estimated that the value of old boots thrown aside, which might have been worn at least a day longer, is more than enough to buy a flannel night gown for every baby in the land. Also that the cost of the extraneous on the tall shirt collars of our young men is equal to the sum necessary to put a Bible into the hands of every one of the Patagonian giants.

GETTING A JURY.—Thomas H. Benton was traveling through one of the border counties of Missouri, when hearing that court was in session at a certain point he concluded to pass that way and give it a call. Passing through forest and briar, he was directed to a clearing, where a rough frame house, without a roof might be seen, surrounded by stumps of trees and supported by splines of sapling. The judge was seated on a log, without his coat. Presently the sheriff made his appearance.

"Mr. Sheriff," said the Judge, "have you got that jury?"

The sheriff, blowing and swearing, replied:

"Got nine of 'em, your honor, out here in the thicket, tied with hickory withes."

"The deuce you have!" roared the Judge.

"Er there are the other three?"

"Er for them?" answered the sheriff.

"I've done all that I could do—set two dogs and three niggers on their trail, an' I reckon they'll fetch 'em by 'n-by."

A TRUTHFUL ANSWER.—Bunkum, in the old North State, is undoubtedly the healthiest spot on earth, and it was on that account that some "lower country gentlemen" were surprised one day to see a Bunkumite at work upon an ominous looking "hole in the ground." Of course they inquired what he was about.

"Digging a grave, sir."

"Digging a grave? Why, I thought people didn't die often here, do they?"

"Oh, no, sir; they never die here but once!"

They never asked that question but once.

WHEN Mr. Jefferson was President, he received an invitation to make a tour through the Northern States. In response he said:—"I confess I am not reconciled to the idea of a Chief Magistrate parading himself through the several States as an object of public gaze, and in quest of an applause, which, to be valuable, should be purely voluntary. I had rather acquire silent good-will by a faithful discharge of my duties, than owe expressions of it to putting myself in the way of receiving it."—Vol. 3, pp. 101-2, Jefferson's works.

"No, Amy, you're quite wrong I never was refused in my life."

"Oh, Tom, how can you say so? Why, there was Louis Simpson."

"I tell you again, you're wrong, completely wrong. It's true, I was declined, with thanks, once, but I never was refused."

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