

## The Journalist.

## JOE'S COMFORTERS.

BY A SCHOOL-BOY.

It is bell is generally very small at first, and a fellow hardly notices it, but in a few days it gets to be the biggest of the two, and the clasp that hangs with his bell which then "has him." Bells appear mysteriously upon various portions of the human body, coming from no one particular place, and hanging in very inconvenient places. Sometimes a solitary bell is the sum total of the affliction, but frequently there are two. If a bell comes anywhere upon a person, that person always wishes it had come somewhere else, although it is not so bad where it is.

If a clasp has bell, he generally gets a good deal of sympathy from others. Who never make him what ails him, and many unfeeling persons make game of him, or his misfortune or bell. It is very wicked to be a sport of people, and it is still more wicked to feel very bad about it.

Cards don't give bell patients much satisfaction as a general thing, although they are fond of trying their lancets on them—Bells are said to be healthful, and hang and ache and burn, and grov, and torment one generally, there is no doubt they are healthy, and are very lively and playful at night, and it is very funny to see a chap with a good large one prospecting around to find a place where his bell will fit in "without hurting."

Bells tend to "purify the blood," strengthen, tranquilize the spirits, improve the temper, and beautify the appearance.—They are good things for married men who have them, and for single men who have them, as they give them an opportunity to rest their night-kegs, and get acquainted with their neighbors, and have a good time. One fit of sickness, but if the sickness is not the best to have, it must be an afflition mean-thing. It is always that a person is better off with a bell than without it, and that one feels much better after having got rid of them. Many distinguished persons had bells, and the author of "The Merchant of Venice" had the first premium at the county fair for having more aches under cultivation than any other person. Shakespeare, too, had a bell, and it was a good one. One who had two treat upon another's heel, I fear they grow."

There are great many benefits for the mind, body, and soul worth trying, because if they don't do any good, they don't hurt the souls. If a chap goes down with a bell, he is bound to have a good time, and of "good thing" for it, among which are Shoemaker's wax, Mrs. Winslow's Syrup, Dr. Strong's Ointment, Dr. Wm. W. Davis' Water of Blisters, Healing Night-Honey, Cereus, Chlorform, Kissingen, etc.

EXCUSABLE BLUNDER.—The repeated disasters during the racing week on the New Orleans Street Roads were ludicrously illus- trated by the following account of one of them. He had taken his dulcinea out, and was showing her how to make "two-for-tens" on the stock market. She was a little nervous, the youth tumbled backward over the seat, the heel of his boots, hanging in the lady's crinoline, and his body dragged along in this position, while the horses were at full speed of the horses. The lad had grasped the dash-board and was holding on for dear life, while supporting the dragging weight.

"Hold fast!" he cried.  
"Let go, she screamed."

Amid scream and dry and bitter upturning, the horses dashed along until at last the lad had got his feet under him, and the unfortunate pleasure-seekers were rescued from their uncomfortable situation.

"How dare you do that?" the lady asked him.  
"Do what?"

"Hold on to my dress."  
"Was that your dress?"

"I beg pardon; then, I thought it was a wire fence."

A GENTLEMAN the other evening objected to playing whist with a fairly because he said, he had such a "swinging" way about him.

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