

Miscellaneous

"My son," said a fond parent to his offspring, after having surveyed the wonders of the London Crystal Palace. "My son, if you can tell me which of all these works of men pleased you the most, I will give you half a crown."

Men, in respect to ceremonies, modes and laws, like a flock of sheep, will, in a body, if the bell wether can only be got to leap over a pole, continue to leap carefully over the same place when the pole has been taken away.

The Emperor of China, instead of paying the doctor as we do when we are unwell, the instant he is taken ill stop the pay of his physicians, and does not renew it until he is quite well again.

A man on being told that a certain kind of stove would save half the coal, said "I'll take two of them and save it all."

The East Indies boast of a nutmeg weighing four ounces, and not satisfied is now asking for "a grater."

Two THICK.—A good anecdote is told of a house-painter's son, who used to brush dexterously, but had acquired the habit of "putting it on too thick."

"There you young rascal," said he, after performing the painful duty, "how do you like that?"

"Well, I don't know, dad," whined the boy in reply, "but it seems to me that you put it on a thundering, sight thicker'n I did."

A clergyman of Des Moines upon hearing of Vice President Johnson's "incoherence" gave utterance to the following petition on the succeeding Sabbath:

"O Lord! may intemperance cease in our land! Especially may it cease among our officers and rulers; but O Lord, if they are determined to get drunk in spite of all the warnings to the contrary, we beseech Thee not to permit them all to get drunk at one time!"

"Doctor, I want you to prescribe for me." The doctor feels her pulse. "There is nothing the matter, madam; you only need rest." Now, doctor, just look at my tongue—just look at it! Look at it! Now I say who does that need it? "I think, that need rest too." Exit madam, in a great excitement.

WHAT IS A WOMAN?—Victor Hugo, who has been at immense expense to popularize himself as a poet with the female sex, goes much farther, because he goes much deeper than the most malignant saint in the calendar in his physiology of women. "A woman," observes this amiable heir of the Prætorian bards, "a woman is simply a highly-improved style of demon." Alexander Dumas, the younger, with whom pulmonary consumption is the only female religion, has uttered a great many outrageous impertinences concerning women. "Heaven," he exclaims, "in its merciful providence, gave no beard to women, because it knew that they could not hold their tongues long enough to be shamed."

THE LOVER'S PUZZLE.—To learn to read the following, so as to make good sense, is a mystery:

I thee read see that me Love is down will I'll have But that and you have you'll One and up and you if.

"They talk of running old Pete for President next time," remarked Jenkins to Muggins, in front of the Quincey House yesterday with a knowing look. "Pete who?" "Pete Roleum," answered Jenkins, walking off at a rapid rate.—Herald.

CONUNDRUMS.—Why may carpenters reasonably believe there is no such thing as stone? Because they never saw it.

Why is a married man like a candle?—Because he goes out at night when he ought not to.

Why is an unserviceable gun like an officer-holder? Because it kicks mightily when it is discharged.

"Faix!" said a humerous Irishman the other day in the Petroleum diggings, "ye may call Ameriky a continent if ye please, but to my thinkin' it's a beautiful life land."

"I am passionately fond of paintings," as young man said when he kissed the rouged cheek of his sweetheart.

"Come wheel, come woe!" as the man said when the cart was going to run over him.

"A New Name for it.—"Shot," "fuddled," "etc.," "sprung," "bewildered," "intoxicated," &c., are obsolete terms. The individuals who get drunk now-a-days mildly denominate it "getting inaugurated."

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