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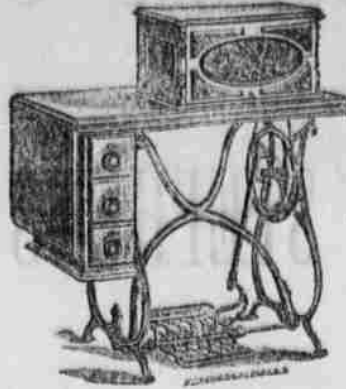
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Shot in the Neck.

A young lady of Okolona sat beside the window, sewing, when her brother lounged into the room and reposed his manly form on the sofa.

"Bub," said our heroine, looking up from her work, "papa says that Frank was on a jamboree last night. What did he mean?" And a deep blush mantled her seraphic countenance as she spoke the name of the man she loved.

"A jamboree, sis, was the answer, is a tear."

"A tear?" she inquired, with a puzzled look in her starry eyes, "what is a tear?"

"Why it is a bender." "I cannot understand you."

"Well, then, sis, he meant to say that Frank had it up his snoot."

"Why, bud, have you forgotten how to speak English? What is the use of perplexing me in this way?"

"Well, to be plain, then, he was yorke-corned, you know."

"No, I don't know. Do tell me what was the matter?"

"I have told you. Frank took too big a fly in his lemonade, and it made him how come-you-so; or, in other words, he was half-seas-over."

"Half-seas-over?" "Yes. Three sheets in the wind, you see."

"But what makes you so provoking? That kind of talk is all Hebrew to me. What did happen to dear Frank?"

"Didn't I tell you? Didn't I just as much as say that he was shot in the neck, and—"

"Shot in the neck! O! I know it killed him! O Frank! O! O! O!" and after a succession of wild, piercing shrieks that might have been heard over at Houston, our heroine began to lay her plans for catching a beau in another quarter.

"I've always noticed," says Mrs. Partington—dropping her voice to the key that people adopt when they are disposed to be philosophical or moral—"I've always noticed that every year added to a man's life has a tendency to make him older. I'm sure, too, I haven't got the exorbitance of feelings that I once had, and I don't believe I shall ever have it again if I live to the age of Methusale, which, goodness knows I don't want. But I wouldn't wish to be a centurian; and the idea of one surviving her factories, and becoming idiomantic, always gives me a disagreeable consoriosis."

"There is nothing new under the sun," remarked Solomon, the wise king. "How about neuralgia?" asked Reboam, walking into the palace with his jaw tied up in a red flannel, and the faint, far away odor of old fashioned arnica on his mustache. The monarch scowled, and said he hoped the kingdom of Israel hadn't got down to running a Paragapher's Association just yet.

"Jack," said the son of an English emigrant, who had just landed at Castle Garden to his brother, pointing to a bird in the window, "his that a howl!"

"No," replied Jack. "Hit's an 'en." "You are both wrong, my children," said the father, "hit's neither a howl or an 'en, hit's a heagle, the hembem hof this 'ere blasted country."

"What will you be helped to in in the way of early vegetables?" said M'Donald yesterday to a lady customer. "Lettuce, pray," was the quick reply. M'Donald looked sharply at the lady, and concluded she was a lay preacher, until she pointed to the lettuce basket.

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"Second class in grammar, stand up, said the schoolmaster. "John is." Who does John correspond with?" "I know," said a little boy at the foot, holding up his hand. "If you mean John Smithers, he corresponds with my sister Susan."

"Prisoner," said one of the magistrates at a petty session held a few days since not far from Banbury; "prisoner, you are charged with aiding and abetting at a prize fight." "Please, sir, I take my Gospel oath I didn't bet a farthing upon it," was the reply.

"Mr. Cheerman," said an Irishman in the course of an eloquent speech, "the gals is the boys to do it."