



"Phunygams."

Wasn't Pushing Him.

Some time ago, on a Sabbath, we wended our way to one of the churches and instead of a sermon heard an address on some missionary or other benevolent object. The address concluded, two brethren were sent around to collect contributions. Parson L. was one of the basket bearers, taking the side upon which we sat. Immediately in our front and upon the next seat negligently reclined friend Bill A., a gentleman of infinite humor and full of dry jokes. Parson L. extended the basket, and Bill shook his head.

"Come William, give us something," said the parson.

"Can't do it," said Bill.

"Why not? Is not this cause a good one?"

"Yes. But I am not able to give anything."

"Pooh! Pooh! I know better; you must give a better reason than that."

"Well, I owe too much money. I must be just before I am generous, you know."

"But, William, you owe God a larger debt than you do any one else."

"That is so, parson; but then he ain't pushing me like the balance of my creditors."

The parson's face got in rather a curious condition as he passed on.

A Very Slow Procession.

When the city of Lawrence, Kan., was first laid out, the sidewalks were quite narrow, and the citizens, with their New England taste, and for the sake of the shade, planted trees along the borders. In process of time, convinced of the inconvenience of this arrangement, the authorities widened the walks, but did not remove the trees, so that they occupied a row in the middle.

Now it so happened that an individual who had remained out until a late hour, and had imbibed so freely that in attempting to return to his home he lurched to and fro like a ship in a gale, was brought up standing by one of the trees, which he mistook for a wayfarer, when he thus expressed himself: (hic!) Beg pardon, sir, (hic!) assure you, sir, un-in-eu (hic!) tional. But soon he ran against another supposed individual, when the same apology was repeated, and ere long another. He then betook himself to the fence, and supported himself by holding on to the top-rail. In this position he was overtaken by an acquaintance, who inquired what he was standing there for at that time of night. (hic!) I was waiting," said he, "for that d—d procession to pass."

Go Two.

"Young man, do you believe in a future state?"

"In course I does; and, what's more, I intend to enter it as soon as Betsey gets her wedding things ready."

"You mistake me; do you believe in a future state of rewards and punishments?"

"Most assuredly; if I should cut mugs with a red-headed woman, I should expect my hat indented by the first broomstick she could lay her hands on."

"Go to, young man, you are incorrigible. Go to."

"Go two. If it wasn't for the law agin bigamy, blessed if I wouldn't go a dozen. But who supposed, deacon, that a man of your years would give such advice to a person just starting in life?"

This took the deacon down.

In a 'buss in New York, on Monday last, a strong-minded lady attracted the attention of a cadaverous-looking gentleman, who glared at her as though he would fascinate her. She returned the gaze, and each moved toward the other until their noses almost met. At last the lady, aroused to a sense of insult, slapped the cadaverous gentleman in the face, upon which he drew back confused and said, "Madam, if you were a man I'd lick you." Her eyes flashed fire, she retorted, "If I were a man I would put you out of the stage." At this juncture two men who had witnessed the scene stopped the stage, and, taking the man by the seat of his pants and his collar, landed him sprawling in the pavement, and received the thanks of the lady.

"There is two ways of doing it," said Pat to himself, as he stood musing and waiting for a job on the State street corner. "If I save me \$4,000, I must lay up \$200 a year for twenty years, or I can put away \$20 a year for 200 years. Now, which way shall I do it?"

A lady made her husband a present of a silver drinking cup with an angel at the bottom; and when she filled it for him, he used to drink it to the bottom, and she asked him why he drank every drop. "Because, duckey," he said, "I long to see the dear little angel." Upon which she had the angel taken out, and had a devil engraved at the bottom; and he drank it off just the same, and she again asked him the reason. "Why," replied he, "because I wou'd leave the old devil a drop."

An artist painted a dog so natural that the animal had the hydrophobia during the hot weather. He's the same man that painted a copy of a beer-bottle with such skill that the cork flew out just as he was finishing it. And after he was married, he painted a picture of his first baby, so lifelike that it cried, his wife spanked it before she discovered her mistake.

A nap-sack—A pillow case.
Sugared dates—Candi-dates.
The sinner's text—Pretext.
Unpleasant verses—Reverses.
Lines for the ladies—Masculines.
(K)night of the Bath—Saturday night.

Yah, Always and Before.

"Hans, where were you born?" "On der Halderbarrack." "What always?" "Yah, and before too." "How old are you, then?" "Vi when the old school house is pilt I was two weeks more ner a year, what is painted red, as you go before mit your pack behind you, on des rite hant side de blacksmith shop, what stans where it was burnt down next year will be two weeks."

"Pretty time or night, Mr. M., for you to be coming home—pretty time, three o'clock in the morning; you, a respectable man in this community, and the father of a family."

"Tisn't three—it's only one; I heard it strike and council always sits till one o'clock."

"My soul! Mr. M., you're drunk. It's three in the morning."

"I say Mrs. M., it's one. I heard it strike one as I came around the corner, two or three times."

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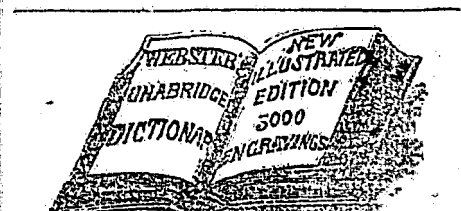
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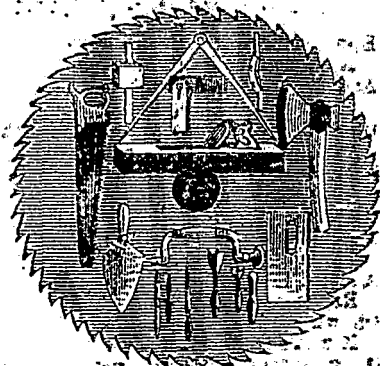
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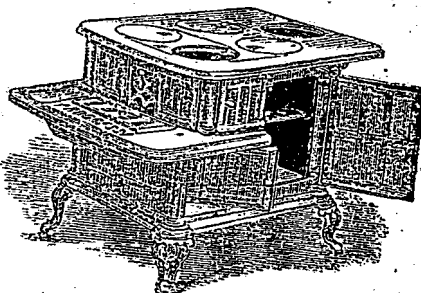
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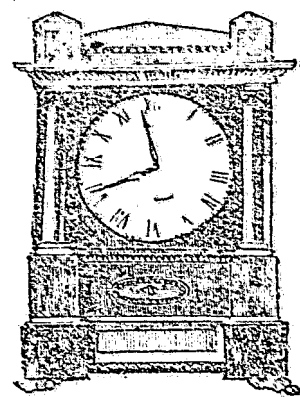
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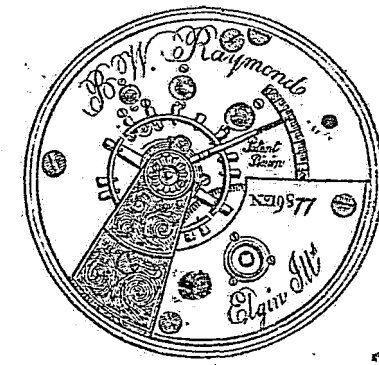
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