







Miscellaneous.

The Folly of Youth.

A Boston paper told the other day of a man who, meeting an old friend, and inquiring casually about the members of his family, mentioned his son. "My son," replied the other, with a frankness which seemed to indicate his sense of the uselessness of disguising the sad fact, "has gone to the devil."

Yet what a common situation is this coming to be? The young men are schooled, educated, and many of them college educated. More money, endeavor and affection are lavished on one, upon an average, than were spent upon three boys in the last generation.

This is the kind of man who is thrown out of West Point by his hollow chest and spindling build. The class is represented by the young fellow who has been educated at Columbia, and was found dead in his bed by his parents returning from Europe.

But this was a mere loss. In how many other cases is there not more loss, but wrong, often degradation and guilt, and perhaps crime, as in the case of young McNeily. We believe the professional base ball fever is a miserable debasement of youth.

We are not claiming that the young men were worse than in former generations, for the data for comparison are of so little value that all such contrasts are utterly worthless. But we do claim that there was never so much done for youth, and that the resulting products are still in too many cases great disappointments to those on whom has fallen the burden of raising the coming generation.

A French Fable.

A French paper contains the following fable: Four flies were in quest of a breakfast. One found some jelly and regaled himself. The jelly was not genuine and the fly turned upon his back. The second fly, seeing the sad fate of his friend, resolved to eat plain bread.

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The County Editor.

Allan Forman, editor of the Journalist, says: "Every now and again I see in the city papers sneers at the country papers, and jokes at the expense of rural editors. It may be that my experience has been peculiarly fortunate, but I have found that the average country journalist with whom I have come into contact has more brains, more straight-out, squared ability, more pride and interest in his profession, and more money than his city brother. It is the graduates from the country offices who make the best men in metropolitan journalism.

Post-Nuptial Neatness.

Look at a young unmarried lady expecting her future husband; see how carefully she dresses, how particular she is about her hair, finger nails, etc. Her lover thinks her beautiful; so she is, as long as she is neatly dressed. Now follow her after marriage. Is this slovenly creature the same pretty girl? No wonder, dear sisters, that so many husbands become disgusted with their wives.

Feed The Pigs Well.

A young pig will produce more live weight from a given weight of food adapted to its use than any other domestic quadruped, and consequently he is a profitable creature to have on the farm. To be sure, his meat is not always as highly valued as the flesh of sheep and cattle, but it is more uniform in quality, and averages well with the flesh of other animals.

ONE of the greatest troubles in feeding poor grain, is not in the loss as compared with good grain, but in the fact that over-heated or musty grain causes many of the diseases which ordinarily afflict fowls. To ascertain the length of the day and night any time of the year, double the time of the sun's rising, which gives the length of the night, and double the time of its setting, which gives the length of the day.

Humorous.

A NOVEL under the curious name of "The Wasp" is just published. It must have a bad ending.—Life.

"I AM to tell the truth," "Yes," interrupted an acquaintance, "but you are a very bad shot."—Chicago Living Church.

A GENTLEMAN having a large sized six shooter in his hand, was asked, "Pray, sir, is that a horse pistol?" "No, sir," he replied, "it's only a Colt's!"

"Two knots an hour isn't such bad time for a clergyman," smilingly said the minister to himself just after he had united the second couple.—Merchant Traveler.

WE are filled with astonishment at the report that a Boston boy recently spelled "hazardous" "hazardess," and defined it as "a female hazard." But the Bostonians are weak if you take them away from their native Greek.—Pittsburg Chronicle.

LAWYER—I shall have to charge you fifty dollars for my services in the case. Client—But the amount involved is only forty dollars. Lawyer—Well, make it forty, then. I'm always willing to do the fair thing.

PHYSICIANS all agree that the burning of leather acts as a disinfectant. But we don't think physicians have yet succeeded in finding a man who wouldn't rather die than to smell burning leather—if he had his choice.—Norristown Herald.

MAGISTRATE—Why did you break the plaintiff's windows? Defendant—My inveterate love for labor, your Honor. Magistrate—How is that? Defendant—I'm a glazier, sir.—Washington Critic.

A CLERGYMAN on a sultry afternoon paused in his sermon and said: "I saw an advertisement for 500 sleepers for a railroad. I think I could supply at least fifty and recommend them as good and sound."—Jewish Messenger.

CUSTOMER (addressing waiter)—Waiter, this plate is not clean. (Waiter grumblingly wipes the plate.) Customer (disgusted)—Why, bless me; you are using your pocket handkerchief. Waiter—Don't worry; it's soiled one.—Washington Critic.

A LADY who had recently lost her husband and a friend were eating dinner together at the residence of the latter. "I sympathize with you from the bottom of my heart in your great sorrow," said the friend. "It must be terrible to lose such a man."

"ARE you going to strike, ma?" asked the little boy as he tremblingly gazed upon the uplifted shingle. "That's just what I'm going to do." "Can't we arbitrate, ma, before you strike?" "I'm just going to arbitrate," she said, as the shingle descended and raised a cloud of dust from the seat of a pair of pantaloons. "I am just going to arbitrate, my son, and this shingle is the board of arbitration."

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