







It Rained Ducks. Last winter was a remarkable one in Minnesota in many ways, but more particularly was it noted for its sudden cold snaps and equally sudden thaws.

He walked out on the ice, knocked them on the head, and being acquainted with the country, returned to the bank and sat down to wait for the thaw, which soon came along, when he had no difficulty in securing the fowls.

The entire surface of the lake was covered with them and they were drawn up in line with the precision of a company of Nebraska State Militia.

Old Gentleman (to daughter)—"And so you have promised to marry young Sampson?"

Daughter—"Yes, papa, and the day is set, and the minister selected, and we are to go to Europe."

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Miscellaneous.

Presence of Mind.

A party of gentlemen were fishing on Hoar's creek, in Albemarle county, Virginia.

When dinner was over, and after cigars had been lazily enjoyed, my father and I picked up our rods and repaired to the creek for an afternoon's sport.

My father called my attention to his somnolent gesticulations, with the quiet remark, "He'll fall off the log presently."

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One Cause of Bad Teeth. The foundation for bad teeth is generally laid in early childhood; for numberless mothers and nurses very carefully soften the food or remove the crust from the bread before giving it to the little folks.

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Daughter—"What is it, papa?"

Old Gentleman—"If I am not asking too much, would you mind sending me cards for the wedding?"

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Humorous.

THE quick and the dead—a slap and a mashed mosquito.—Pittsburg Post.

A PEDAGOGUE threatened to punish a pupil who had called him a fool behind his back.

A LITTLE one happened to see a morning-glory open late in the afternoon, when all its fellows had gone to sleep.

MOTHER—Johnny, you mustn't play with Willie Hill any more.

AN indignant parent, in rebuking a refractory son, exclaimed: "Remember who you are talking to sir! I'm your father!"

A SUNDAY-SCHOOL teacher was explaining the parable of the ten virgins to her class, who were mostly boys.

A LITTLE fellow tumbled into the fountain and managed to crawl out before any one reached him.

A LITTLE four-year-old was at a kindergarten school, and his teacher was showing the little ones how to find the diameter of the circle in the simplest way.

A RATHER good joke was told the Rustler the other day concerning the late local option movement at Independence.

"How long have you resided in this State?"

"About two years."

"How long have you been in Independence?"

"Nearly a year."

"Have you ever taken out naturalization papers?"

"No, sir."

"Police, take this man into custody for attempting to cast a fraudulent vote."

An indictment was next in order so it was thought best to ascertain the exact nationality of the prisoner before it was drawn.

He was asked: "Of what country are you a native?"

He answered: "Massachusetts."

"Do you keep campaign flags here?" asked a little, red-haired man of Levy the other day.

"Certainly we do, mine fren't," answered the merchant; "all der best grades and qualities as well as der latest styles. Vich vas it you vant, Republican or—"

"No, I'm a Cleveland man."

"Ah! off course you are; he was a good man, dot Cleveland. All my family is Democratic except der hired girl; she is a mullado. And any vay she doand vote. Now, mine fren't, here is a lolly banner, brand new, just mate yesterday, and only costs you twelf shillings."

"Why, this is a Cleveland and Hendricks flag," said the little man, as Levy stretched it out on the counter.

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