

Bixby's Retreat.

Do you attend chapel?

Prof. Bruner is making elaborate arrangements to classify city poly-ticks. He says their scent somewhat resembles that of the Kansas chintz bug.

M'KINLEY PROSPERITY.
[To a gum fiend friend]

Of all ingenuous blessings rare
Inventive minds contrive,
They sell, in answer to my prayer,
Star Pepsin two for five—
Now it will take but half the tin
To feed my oscillating chin.

BAKER BEFORE THE TRIBUNAL

Oh, how it grieved my tender heart
When he explained just why he took
Without consent, that choicest book.
As penitential tear-drops start,
To hear the 'thunder' of Miss Jones,
While Baker's knees played rattlebones.

EMERSON VERSUS "HIGHER CULTURE."

Old Uncle Samuel stroked his beard
And spat like one whose mind is cleared
Of some perplexing matter,
And said: "Those eastern lads of mine,
About their higher culture fine,
Do raise a dinged clatter.
But western culture is the sort
That made me great and some how ort
To keep my household healthy.
Those eastern lads are great for show
With one-eyed specs and 'doucher know'
'And my, but Dad is wealthy;
But western culture is the 'stuff'
That grows a youngster man enough
To dress my fam'ly vine,
Or smite the pests, with potent rod,
That curse the fertile acres broad
Of sister Argentina."
And then he sat down and wrote
To his boys at the U. of N.—Emerson
And Prof. Bruner.

A ROMANCE—WISH I WERE STOLTZ.
[Communicated]

Before my story I begin
I'll acquaint you with this pair;
Stick-in-the mud is a Union lad,
And the young lady, a Delian fair.

Two students of farming, I won't tell their name,
On the Eighteenth of March by the calendar; *
Took out to the farm, two young ladies of fame,
To eat apples, green cheese and drink cider. *

*Twixt there and the farm on a very bad road,
The mud was piled up in blue masses;
And the rubbers of one were pulled off by the load

*These words rhyme in Cherokee.

Of the mud which cling on like molasses,
Then Stick-in-the-mud her rubbers tied on,
But she could not place one fore t'other;
Then the gallant young knight caught her up in his
arms,
And carried her 'cross to his brother.

He denies that he did this, (although he's quite stout)
And says he was not in such haste;
But 'tis proven to all without shadow of doubt,
By the muddy prints left on her waist.
Although it's all over the blushes will come.
If you mention to them March Eighteen;
And to one who asks for the details, they say,
"The best part of it, never was seen."

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