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He Tells of a Time When He Was Happy with His Wife and Baby.

"Do you see lamp shades?" "Yes, I see a lot of shades on both sides of the parlor...

There he was again. His head was nodding on his breast, while in his hand was a pack of greasy old letters...

"Dear old Boston," he sighed, as he shovelled in the beans. "I say dear old Boston because I am a Bostonian..."

"I have," was the reply. "I have eight children who I am trying to bring up to lead honest lives..."

"What is your enterprise, my good man?" asked the lady.

"I'm going to buy a boat, madame, with which I shall be able to steal wood enough from Hemenpin Island not only to keep my family warm this winter..."

"Hark! What was that? My heart almost stopped beating. The wind had increased into a hurricane..."

"Well, stranger, when the ice goes out of a great river in the teeth of a wild storm, it goes. I can see now that horrible white line of foam plunging up out of the darkness and swooping down on me..."

"Well, stranger, there ain't much more to tell. I got home in less than an hour. She was gone, but she left a letter telling me that perhaps some time she would write me when she thought that I might like to see my baby..."

[Dressing to Keep Warm.] A peculiar difference between the average American and foreigners in the manner of dressing, preparatory to a change in the climate...

Restrictive Measures. "Ellen I've linah, wot yo' nallin'?" "I'm nallin' de baby's dress to de do' to keep 'em from creepin' out de do' when I ain't lookin'."—Harper's Bazar.

THE ARIZONA KICKER.

A Few Treacherous Editorials From That Enterprising Sheet.

We take the following from the last issue of The Arizona Kicker: A DISAPPOINTED MAN.—A tough from New Mexico, who called himself 'The Terror of Bloody River,' struck our town the other day with a wild yell and started in to force close on a mortgage...

NOT OUR FAULT.—We want it distinctly understood that we had nothing whatever to do with the unfortunate incident that occurred on Jackson Hill last Tuesday evening...

BECOMING SERIOUS.—Those young men who make a practice of firing into the Kicker office on their way up and down at night may be extracting a great deal of fun out of it...

HIT US WRONG.—We have several times announced that we had our "on" spells and our "off" spells in regard to fighting...

DEFICIENT IN TABLE ETIQUETTE. Uncle Rastus (at dinner)—I em, you young resal take 'em' 'em' on de table. Aunt Dinah—Yes, an' I deat to goomness of he yaint eatin chicken broff frum de end ob de spoon 'tild ob frum de side. When you grows up, Lem, eberybody 'll take yo' fur a low down niggah what nevah had no manners larned to him.—New York Sun.

SEEKING SOMETHING DEEP. A lady a day or two ago went into a store where they are selling books wonderfully cheap every day, and approaching a counter over which a charming young saleswoman presided asked: "Have you got 'John Halifax'?"

"No," was the saleswoman's reply: "we're just out of 'John Halifax,' but here's 'John Nicholson,' will that do?"

"But the little saleswoman was determined to effect a sale. So she went on: "Do you like deep books, ma'am? Here's 'Ten Thousand Leagues Under the Sea'—that's a very deep novel!"

MAKING IT A CLEAN SWEEP. Senior Partner (to office boy)—What makes the cashier so late this morning? "He's taken all the cash and gone to Montreal, sir."

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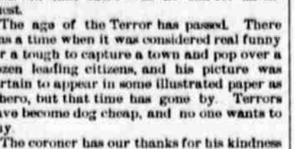
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Humor on the Pacific Coast.

Browbeating Lawyer do opposing witness—Were you ever arrested for felony? The Witness (desperately)—Yes, Lawyer—Aha! What was that felony? Witness—Arson. Lawyer—What building was it that you set fire to? Witness—The ice palace at St. Paul.—San Francisco Examiner.

A Dish to Order. HAM AND 5 SINKERS 50c



Young man (in coffee and cake restaurant)—Aw—have you finger bowls, waiter? Waiter—Yes, sir; but we don't have very many calls for them.

Young Man—Aw—well—bring me one, please. Waiter—Ay, ay, sir. (Vociferously)—One wash basin, with a slice of yellow digester on the inside.—The Epoch.

The Conqueror Conquered. In southern archipelagoes he'd fought the bloody cannibal; He'd slayed and tanned the crocodile's and found not a word of fear he'd uttered, not a word and not a syllable, When he killed the Bengal tiger, and he found him very killable.

He claimed his strength was very great, for bears and lions suitable; He used to boot the grizzly bear, and found him very loatable; He claimed to kill monstrous snakes, that he was very capable, No boa constrictor could escape, for he was uncapable.

In fighting hippopotami, he said he was invincible, No jaguar could make him wince, because he wasn't winnable; He made the ramping elephant no longer recognizable, And pulverized the roaring bull, and found him pulverizable.

Just then his wife came in and said, "I'd think it quite commendable if you'd come and tend the baby; and you'll find him very loatable." The way she took him by the ear will make this poem readable; She pulled him out and led him home, and found him very loatable.

—S. W. Foss in Yankee Blade.

Improving a Proverb. "I've always admired proverbs, my dear," Mr. Dusenberry said, as he rubbed his chin in a contemplative way. "They are chock full of significance. They are laconic and logical. Now, for instance, there is the saying, 'Straws show which way the wind blows.' What could more tersely—"

"Yes," interrupted Mrs. Dusenberry with a twinkle in her starboard eye. "If you'd sift the ashes every morning, instead of letting me sift them, you'd know more about the direction of the wind than all the straws in creation would show you."—Detroit Free Press.

It Was the House. A girl about 5 years of age was wandering around on Croghan street the other day when a policeman espied her and asked: "Where are you going sissy?" "Going home."

"Where is your home?" "I can't find it."

"Can't you? Then I'm afraid you are lost." "Oh, no, I ain't," she promptly replied. "I'm right here, but home is lost. I wish you'd be good and find it for me."—Detroit Free Press.

A Sure Sign of Wealth. "Bones must be making money fast," said Dr. Bromide to Dr. Blank. "How so?" asked Dr. Blank. "What makes you think so?" "I don't think so," said Dr. Bromide. "I know so. I paid Bones half a dozen professional visits a month ago, and yesterday I sent in my bill. Today I got a check."—Somerville Journal.

A Joke in a Dead Language. Bobby proud of his progress in Latin—Pop, what's the Latin for people? Father—I don't know. Bobby loudly—Popul.

Father (fiercely)—What do you mean, you young scamp! Lie, do it! By the Piper, lad, I've half a notion to basto you.—Binghamton Republican.

A Tragedy. "Jack, dear, just keep an eye on baby while I do some shopping."

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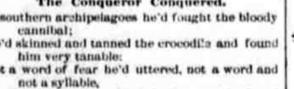
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