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Says Patrick to Biddy "Good mornin', me dear!
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It's yourself that is lookin' so charmin' the day
That the heart in my breast is fast slippin' away."
"'Tis you that can flattther," Miss Biddy replies,
And throws him a glance from her merry blue eyes.

"Arrah, thin," cries Patrick, "'tis thinkin' av you
That's makin' me heart-sick, me darlint, that's thru!
Sure I've waited a long while to tell ye this same,
And Biddy Maloney'll be sich a foine name."
Cries Biddy, "Have done wid yer talkin' I pray;
Sure me heart's not me own for this many a day!

"I gave it away to a good-looking boy,
Who thinks there is no one like Biddy Malloy;
So don't bother me, Pat; jist be aisy," says she.
"Shtande, if ye'll let me, I will that," says he.
"It's a bit of a flirt that ye are on the sly;
I'll not throuble ye more, but I'll bid ye good-bye.

"Arrah, Patrick," cries Biddy, "an where are ye goin'?
Sure it isn't the best av good manners ye're showin',
To lave so suddint?" "Och, Biddy" cries Pat,
"You've knocked the cock feather just out av me hat!"
"Come back, Pat," says she. "What for thin?" says he.
"Bekase I meant you all the time, Sir!" says she

CURIOSITIES OF WEDLOCK.

Six Weddings and but Three Husbands.

In 1853, the owner of a thrifty little farm in the luxuriant region of Kentucky, known as the blue grass country, was a comely widow whose bereaved condition had tempted more than one matrimonial pretender to offer furtile suit for the succession. It was believed, indeed by the neighbors that she had determined to accept no second lieg-lord; but one day in the autumn of the year mentioned, a dusty wayfarer on the public highway leading through the farm thought he detected a less selfish disposition in the hospitable lady of the grange. A stranger in the place, pausing at her doorway to ask for a drink of water, this statute individual was asked to enter and take temporary rest; and so ingratiated himself by his deferential manner that the kind-hearted widow did not hesitate to give an affirmative answer to his request for permission to call again. He was a respectably educated Irishman of the better class, traveling in quest of some farm superintendency, and resolved at once to remain in the neighborhood for a while. His second call was followed by a third, and that by another. In short, before the neighbors had fairly exhausted their stock of wonder at the strange acquaintance they were informed that the widow and the late wayfarer were engaged to be married. When the wedding took place it was a further scandal to the gossips that, as the bride was a Baptist and the bridegroom was a Roman Catholic, and each firm in their respective faiths, there were two ceremonies, one in a Protestant and one in a Catholic church. Unpopular as was the match in any light, this doubling of the bond was regarded as ominous of not more than half the usual certainties of matrimonial union and public sentiment predicted that no good would come of it. Sure enough, after awhile the Irishman suddenly disappeared from Kentucky, wrote briefly to his wife from New York that he had been already summoned to Europe on business requiring immediate attention, and set sail on the day upon which his strange letter was dated. The next news for the deserted lady was a report of the loss of his vessel at sea with all on board; and as five or six years passed away without contrary intelligence from him or anybody else, the widow discarded her robes of mourning and gave her still desirable hand to a third husband. But, as the reader has probably suspected, the Celtic rover was not dead. Two or three years after the remarriage of the lady of the grange, the latter learned to her dismay, that he survived the perils of the sea somewhere abroad, would not disturb her by returning to this country and counselled her to make her present social status good by obtaining a divorce for him. At once withdrawing from wedlock, the horrified woman did procure a divorce; after which she and her last husband were remarried. Thus twice wedded to two successive lords the lady should have been matrimonially settled in life at last. It seemed, however, that the story was not yet ended. In 1861 she was once more a widow, and the eccentric gentleman in Ireland, hearing of it, crossed the seas once more upon another visit to Kentucky. Once more he appeared at the door of the farm house as a dusty, thirsty wayfarer, was recognized by the same hospitable hostess, and, in very penitent fashion renewed his old suit. Unspeakable was the fresh scandal of the neighbors when they heard that the pair was to be married for the *third* time! but for all that, the wedding took place; though only in the Protestant form on this occasion, as the bridegroom had renounced his Catholicism; and the union has been exemplary in its harmony and happiness ever since. The story is given to the Clarksville (Mo.) *Sentinel* by a former elder of the Baptist congregation in which the thrice husband and wife are now zealous communicants, and he thinks its illustration of the pluralities of matrimony possible within the statute and canon laws is more curious, if not more romantic, than the average invention of the novelist.

Mr. Colfax meets a Stranger.

The arrival of Hon. Schuyler Colfax and party in the city is, of course, the event of the week. Apropos of his visit, he tells a story which occurred at the Nicollet yesterday morning. He has, at times, a bad habit of rising early in the morning, and taking a walk before breakfast. Yesterday morning, on appearing in the office of the Nicollet about six o'clock, he was accosted by a gentleman about as follows:

Stranger—"Good morning, Mr. Colfax. I used to meet you often in Indiana."

Mr Colfax.—"Good morning, sir. I am glad to see you."

Stranger—"Nice morning, Mr. Colfax; have a cigar?"

Mr. Colfax—"No, thank you; I quit smoking two years ago."

Stranger—"Sorry to hear it! But have you had your morning's morning this morning? Come to my room and I'll give you an 'eye opener' that'll make your hair stand."

Mr. Colfax—"Excuse me I don't drink—in fact I'm one of those varmints you call teetotallers."

Stranger—"Whew! you say you don't smoke?"

Mr. Colfax—"No. I don't smoke.

Stranger—"And you don't drink?"

Mr. Colfax—"No, I don't drink."

Stranger—"*Then what the devil are you doing up in this country?*"

Mr. Colfax not having an immediate reply ready, the stranger abruptly left him in disgust.—*Minneapolis Tribune.*

A LAUGHABLE LOVE STORY.

A rich old gentleman had an only daughter, possessed of the highest attractions, moral, personal and pecuniary. She was engaged and devotedly attached to a young man in every respect worthy of her choice. All the marriage preliminaries were arranged, and the wedding was fixed to take place on a certain Thursday, (in the Monday preceeding the wedding-day the bride and groom elect (who was to have received $50,000 down on his wedding day, and a further sum of $100,000 on his father-in-law's death, (an event which would probably soon occur,) had a little jealous squabble with his intended at the evening party. The "tiff" arose in consequence of his paying more attention than she thought justifiable to a lady with sparkling eyes and inimitable ringlets.

The gentleman retorted, and spoke tauntingly of a certain cousin whose waistcoat was the admiration of the company, and hinted that it had been embroidered by the fair heiress herself. He added that it would be soon enough for him to be scolded after they were married and that she adopted the "breeches" a little too soon. After supper they became reconciled apparently, and the bridegroom elect, in taking leave, was kind and affectionate. On the next morning the swain regretted the angry feeling he had exhibited and the cutting sarcasm with which he had given it vent; and, as a part of the *amende honorable*, packed up a magnificent satin dress which he had previously bespoke for his beloved (which he had sent home in the interval) and sent it to the lady with the following note:

"DEAREST JANE:—I have been unable to close my eyes all night, in thinking of our misunderstanding last evening. Pray pardon me; and, in token of your forgiveness, design to accept the accompanying dress, and wear it for the sake of your most affectionate Henry."

Having written the note, he gave it to his servant to deliver with the parcel. But, as a pair of pantaloons happened to need repairing, he availed himself of the opportunity (the servant having to pass by the tailor's shop) to send them in another package to the tailor. The man made the fatal blunder! left the satin dress with Snip, and took the note and the damaged trowsers to the lady. So exasperated was she at what she considered a determined and deliberate affront, that when her admirer called she ordered the door to be closed in his face, refused to listen to any explanation, and resolutely broke off the match.

GETTING OUT OF BED.

Dr. Hall does not approve of the old doctrine which was formerly instilled into the minds of children—that they should spring out of bed the instant they awake in the morning. He says that up to eighteen years every child should be allowed to rest in bed, after the sleep is over, until they feel as if they had rather get up than not. It is a very great mistake for persons, older or young—especially children and feeble or sedentary persons—to bounce out of bed the moment they wake up; all our instincts shrink from it, and fiercely kick against it. Fifteen or twenty minutes spent in gradually waking up after the eyes are opened, and in turning over and stretching the limbs, do as much good as sound sleep, because the operations set the blood in motion by degrees, tending to equalize the circulation; for during sleep the blood tends to stagnation, the heart beats feebly and slowly, and to shock the system by bouncing up in an instant and sending the blood in overwhelming quantity to the heart, causing it to assume a gallop where the instant before it was a creep, is the greatest absurdity. This instantaneous bouncing out of bed as soon as the eyes are open will be followed by weariness long before noon.

Burrow's Boy Made Useful.

[Max Adler in Saturday Evening Post.]

Burrows was an inveterate tobacco chewer, but as his wife detested the practice and made home tempestuous and stormy for him when he indulged in the practice there, he always chewed when away during the day, and declared to his wife that he had stopped permanently. But one evening, upon entering the front door and drawing out his handkerchief he accidently pulled out his paper of tobacco, and without noticing it, left it lying on the floor. When Burrows sat down to tea, his wife walked in with the tobacco in her hand, and looking Burrows firmly in the eye, said, "Do you know who that belongs to?" With great presence of mind Burrows turned scolding to his oldest boy and said with a severe voice: "Immortal Mars! Is it possible that you have begun to chew tobacco, you young reprobate? Where'd you get th' nasty stuff? What d'you mean by such conduct, you villian! Haven't I told you often enough to let tobacco alone? Come here to me or I'll tear the jacket off of you." And as he spoke the stern father made a grab at the boy and dragged him out in the entry where he chastised him with a cane. Then Burrows threw the tobacco over the fence, where he went out and got in the morning and enjoyed it during the day. "Merciful Moses!" he exclaimed when he told us about it, "what would I have done if my children had all been girls? It makes an old father's heart glad when he feels that he has a boy he can depend on in such emergencies."

SAVING SEED CORN.

A correspondent of More's Rural New Yorker says the time to pick seed corn is in the fall, as soon as the husk is about half ripe. Pull off all the husk but leave enough to tie with another one; then hang them up in a dry, airy place, leaving them thus until wanted for planting. By following the above for several years I have succeeded in improving my corn far beyond my expectations, and I felt amply repaid for all my exertions when I see my corn is now about two weeks earlier than any of my neighbors who go it on a slip-shod plan of picking seed from the crib. While they are re-planting I am plowing my corn, because seed saved in the manner described seldom fails to grow. But some have seen the fruits of my labor, and as I am perfectly willing they should share with me, I divide my seed, giving them equal chance for early crops with myself. Hoping the above may be of use to W. M. B., and many others who read the Rural, I am.

GEN. TAYLOR AS A HISTORIAN.

General Taylor, although an excellent soldier, and a man of strong good sense in the every-day affairs of life, had been educated in the camp, and knew no more of statesmanship or the operations of government than a Comanche Indian; nor was he distinguished for colloquial accomplishments or narrative or descriptive talent. Then he had a habit of hesitation in conversation that amounted almost to a stammer, for he spoke in a terse, sententious style upon subjects with which he was familiar, and his suggestions especially on military matters, were marked by quick perception and sound judgement. But he was never diffuse or demonstrative and wasted no words upon anybody.

Judge Butler, a colleague in the Senate of Mr Calhoun, calling to pay his respects to the President, begged him to describe the manner in which the battle of Buena Vista was fought. His brother, Pierce Butler, commanding the Palmetto regiment, and a very gallant officer, fell in the battle, and the judge was naturally anxious to learn the particulars of that desperate contest. "Well, judge, you want to know how the thing was done. Come and dine with me to-day, and I'll tell you all I know about it."

Judge Butler was a hasty, impetuous man, and the words flowed from his mouth in a torrent whenever he had occasion to speak. He was all impatience during the dinner, and the moment they were alone he brought up the subject of the battle.

"Yes, yes, judge, yor brother was a brave man, and behaved like a true soldier. But about the battle—you want to know how it was fought?

"Yes, general, if you will be so kind. I wish to learn how your troops were disposed on the field, and how you posted them to resist a force so overwhelming. Santa Anna must have outnumbered you four or five to one."

"The difference was greater than that. I think, but we didn't stop to count the Mexicans. I knew there was a heavy force, and longed for a couple of regiments more of regulars."

"Undoubtedly," said the judge; "but what was your order of battle?"

"Why, why, you see, judge, we went to fighting early in the morning the first day, and we fit all day long looking a good many men, and at night it looked pretty bad."

"Well what next?"

"When it got dark I rode over to Saltillo to look after our stores and to provide against a surprise."

"Why did you go yourself? why not send one of your aids?"

"You see, judge, every thing depended on not having our supplies cut off and I wanted to see after things myself."

"How was it the next morning when you came on the field?" enquired Judge Butler.

"Not much change since the night before."

"Who was the first man you met?"

"General Wool."

"And what did he say?"

"'All is lost.'"

"What was your reply?"

"Maybe so, general—we'll see." And upon that we went to fighting again, and fit all that day, and towards night it looked better."

The Judge, looking rather blank asked, "What next?"

"Well the next morning it was reported to me that Santa Anna and all his men had disappeared in the night and I was devilish glad to be rid of them so."—From "Recollection of an Old Stager," in *Harper's Magazine for September.*

HOW'S YOUR FAMILY.

[From the Clyde (Ohio) Indepent.]

It is well known that some men when away from home will go by assumed names, and that sometimes they are caught at their tricks. A scene of this kind occurred while the Methodists were holding their fair in this place. A Clove and runner was taken up the church and introduced to the young ladies as a Mr. Sheppard who was raising through the village but had to stay all night on account of the cars not making connections. Everything passing off lively, Mr. Sheppard was making himself very agreeable to the young ladies and they in turn brought their sweet est smiles winning ways to try and storm the citadel of his heart when suddenly there came a change o'er the dreams of their happiness. A gentleman walked up to Mr. Sheppard and said; "How do you do, Mr. Owens? Your wife and family are well?" It is said that Mr. Sheppard alias Owens wilted, and took the next train out of town. The young ladies think they will keep their smiles hereafter for those with whom they are acquainted.

Cause of Weakness after Bathing.

The Journal of health says the cause of weakness after bathing is bathing at the wrong time; too great fatigue at the time of bathing; too much bathing; too long continued bathing. When one is made weak by a bath, he should cease to take that bath. There is a great deal too much bathing carried on. The use of water in this country has come to be with people whose attention has been called thereto only less dangerous than the use of medicine. God has not made the human body to be immersed in water all the time. If persons would live rightly, they would need to bath but very little. Nature's plan of bathing if all of the ordinary conditions of life are right, is through the sweat of the body; and one of the best ways of bathing we have ever found with feeble patients, is to have them drink very very largely of the water of our spring—always drunk, however, in very small quantities at a time—but very frequently, and so bath their skins from the inside. This is one kind of bathing that is not dangerous if rightly administered. The best time for taking a bath is at that period of the day when the sun is in its progress to the highest point in the heavens. Along in the forenoon is the best time to bathe, other things being equal.

WHOOPING COUGH REMEDY.—Take plaintain leaves; wash and bruise them well; now strain through a cloth, and sweeten with honey; for an adult one tablespoonful is a dose. The above remedy is what I used thirty years ago, and it acted like a charm.—M. A. E.

A Western settler—The sun at evening.

SELECTED RECIPES.

Cucumber Pickles.—The small, long kind are the best for pickling, and those but half-grown are nicer than the full-grown. Let them be freshly gathered; pull off the blossoms, but do not rub them; pour over them a strong brine, boiling hot; cover close, and let them stand all night. The next day put your hand in the jar or tub and stir gently, to remove all sand drain on a sieve, and then dry in a cloth. Make a pickle with the best cider vinegar, adding spice in the following proportions; To each quart of vinegar put half an ounce of whole black pepper, the same of ginger and allspice, and one ounce of mustard seed. If the flavor is agreeable add four shalots, and two cloves of garlic, to a gallon of vinegar. When this pickle boils up, throw in the cucumbers and make them boil quickly as possible three or four minutes. Put them in a jar with the boiled vinegar, and cover closely. When cold, put in a sprig of dill, the seed downward, if you like it. Made in this way, they will be tender, crisp, and green. If the color is not quite clear enough, pour off the vinegar the next day; boil up, and pour over the cucumbers; cover perfectly tight.

Melon Preserves.—To make an excellent preserve from unripe melons, the green part of watermelons and citrons, in imitation of preserved ginger, boil in alum water—a tablespoonful to about two gallons—pare, cut in pieces, and lay in water for one or two days, to take out the alum taste. The pieces should not be quite soft, but like sweet cucumber pickle. Dry in well, make a sirup of sugar—a pound to each pound of melon—a pretty strong flavoring of ginger, as hot as may be liked, remembering that when boiled it will taste hotter, a little mace, and some lemon peel or essence of lemon taste. Boil the pieces in this till clear. Unripe melons are soaked for some days in brine, cut up and freshened in cold water before boiling in alum. This preserve requires watching, being very apt to mold.—*Household.*

Pickled Cauliflower.—Take good white heads, break them into small pieces and boil for ten minutes in strong salt and water. Skim out the pieces, which should be so tender that a splint of broom corn can be run through the stems. Lay them on a towel to drain off the water, and when thoroughly cold put them into a pickel jar, with a few whole cloves, allspice, pepper, and sticks of cinnamon tied up in scloth. Boil and skim the vinegar; then pour it directly over the cauliflowers. If a few beets are sliced up in the vinegar while boiling, they will color the cauliflower stalks a bright coral red, and make them more attractive to the eye.—*Country Gentleman.*

Removing Grease Spots.—Make a paste of quicklime, washing soda, and as little water as possible, put it on the grease spots, when you have to do with a one or wood. It may, however, discolor the wood or make it darker. In case you wish to avoid this, cover the wood of paper with dry carbonate of magnesia, powdered chalk, or even dry starch powder, place on top a thick blotting-paper, and then a hot flatiron. This will draw out the grease. If not fully drawn out, scrape off the powder and repeat the operation. Some liquid ammonia may finish the job if the heat does not fully clean it all up.

Cream Beer.—It is an effervescing drink but far pleasanter than soda water, inasmuch as you do not have to drink your life to get your money's worth, the effervescence being much slower. Two ounces tartaric acid, two pounds white sugar, the juice of one lemon, three pints of water. Boil together five minutes; when nearly cold add the whites of three eggs well beaten, with half a cup of flour and half an ounce of essence of wintergreen. Bottle and keep in a cool place. Take two tablespoonsfuls of this sirup for a tumbler of water, and add one quarter of a teaspoonful of soda.

Prunes a la Russe.—Stew 1 pound of prunes with a little sugar and water till they are quite soft; take out the stones, crack them, and put back the kernels; then line the inside of a mold (first decorated with split almonds) with the prunes, and keep on pouring in a little jelly (a small coffee-cupful of jelly or dissolved gelatine) to make the whole turn out. It may be made in a mold with a hole, which should be filled with whipped cream.

The Best Way of Roasting Chestnuts.—In the south of France chestnuts are first put into a pan of cold water, placed on the fire, and boiled until nearly soft. They are then taken out, each chestnut receiving a small slit on the rind with a knife, after which they are put into a large flat pan (an ordinary frying pan would would do) and tossed over a glowing fire until they become dry and mealy.—*Dietetic Reformer.*

Ottawa Beer.—Sassafras, allspice, yellow dock, wintergreen, 1 ounce each; wild cherry bark and coriander, ½ ounce; hops, ½ once; molasses, 3 quarts. Put boiling water on the ingredients, and let them stand for 24 hours. Filter, and add ½ pint brewer's yeast. Leave again 24 hours, then put it in an ice cooler, and it is ready for use. It is a wholesome drink, if it is used in moderation.

Blackberry Cordial is made as follows: To one quart of blakberry juice, add one pound of white sugar, one tablespoonful of cloves, one of allspice, one of cinnamon and one of nutmeg. Boil all together fifteen minutes; add a wineglass full of brandy or good whiskey; bottle while hot and cork tight and seal; one dose is a wineglass full for an adult; half for a child.

Paste that will Stick.—Take 4 pounds of fine wheat flour and make a batter with cold water; take out all lumps, then add boiling water till you have almost a pailful. This is paper-hanger's paste. To make it stick to painted walls, add 1 ounce of finely pulverized resin for each gallon of paste, and boil it, when too thick, add more water.

"You have played the deuce with my heart," said a gentleman to a lady, who was his partner in a social game of whist, at an evening party. "Well, it was because you played the knave with mine," replied the lady with an arch smile.

Mother, can I go and have my photograph taken? "No; I guess it isn't worth while." "Well, then, you might let me go and have a tooth pulled out; I never go anywhere."

"Bridget, go over and see how old Mrs. Bonnet is this morning." In a few minutes Bridget returned with the news that Mrs. Bonnet was just 80 years, 4 months and 11 days old.

SPARKS AND SPLINTERS.

A Maiden Speech—Ask papa.

Ill-gotton gains—Doctor's fees.

Always going to the dogs—Bones.

County fairs will be the next affairs.

A Criminal Court—Flirting with married men.

What relation is a door to a mat?—A step-father.

Can a butcher's be said to be a joint-stock business.

Croquet has been defined as "billiards gone to grass."

When is a thief like a reporter?—When he takes notes.

How to make a tall man short—Ask him to lend you $8.

On which side of a donkey would you look for the most hair?—The outside.

As soon as his victim threw stones at him an Indianian quit playing ghost.

An exchange alludes to an editor's goose quill "cackling notes of warning."

We are told that nothing is made in vain. But how about a pretty girl? Isn't she maiden vain?

Somebody advertises for "a good girl to cook." We have seen some that looked good enough to eat raw.

Our young ladies are never behind the fashions; but the fashions are very much behind the young ladies.

A dandy asked a barber's boy if he had ever shaved a monkey "No, sir," answered the lad, "but if you will take a seat, I'll try."

A Missouri lady advertises for the person who is in the habit of serenading her, to stand nearer the house, so that she can scald him.

A Terre