

THE OLD MAN GOES TO THE FAIR.

I'm very dusty and tired, wife! I've just come home from the fair; No give me my pipe and tobacco, and I'll smoke in my easy chair; It's a tiresome work a week, where every one wishes to see...

SPOONS AND SPARKS.

A broad and sunniness line of river, bright with the full sunshine of a September noon, here bordered with meadows, there fringed with low woods and winding toward the chattered rocks of a distant town...

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THE DUKEN'S STRAIGHTEN.

A Humorous Tale. The Duke of Milan—Gaius—was a man of some consequence, and was very rich. He had a large family, and was very fond of them...

Humorous.

BLIND TOM IS IN NEW YORK. A BLACKSMITH IS ALWAYS STRIKING FOR WAGES. MEN OF MEANS ARE OFTEN THE MEANEST...

SEVERAL IRISHMEN were disputing one day upon their own best points, when one said in an aggressive manner, "Faith, and I'm a brick..."

THE QUESTION of whether railway companies are bound to keep their time-tables down in their time-tables was raised before the Hon. the Attorney-General...

THE EMPEROR'S summer palace, to the eight foreign ministers accredited to Japan, Terushima, formerly envoy of the Emperor, was the guest of honor...

THE HABIT of saving. The only absolutely certain way of inculcating habits of economy is to begin with the children, and accustom them to self-control and self-denial...

THE ASHANTEE Fight. The enemy lay in wait in the middle of what they call a bush, but which should be more appropriately called a jungle...

THE CORN Yield. The New York Produce Exchange Weekly says: The corn crop last year, as per estimates of the Agricultural Department...

Table showing Corn Yield statistics for various years from 1873 to 1874, including acreage and yield per acre.

MARRIAGES of Blood Relations. Statistics presented to the French Academy show that the marriages of blood relations form about two per cent of all the marriages in France...

LIVE STOCK Trade of Chicago. The receipts of cattle, hogs, and sheep at the Union Stock Yards, Chicago, since 1865, have been as follows:

"Chosen Men of the Nation."

There is one thing I wish to say to my fellow-men, especially those who are here for the first time. During my seven years, more or less, that I have been here, I have found that the great fault in Congress is the self-abnegation of its members...

THE STATE OF IOWA produced in 1872 5,770,169 bushels of wheat, and the wool production aggregated 2,348,884 pounds.

THE METHODIST Episcopal Church, during the past year, is said to have gained in money \$1,000,000, and in membership 5,000.

WHEN BOSS TOWN took his seat in the Senate in 1868, he weighed 300 pounds; when weighed at Blackwell's Island the figure was 263.

IT IS SAID that nearly 900,000,000 of letters, 80,000,000 of postal cards, 100,000,000 of newspapers, and 100,000,000 of book packets pass through the English postoffice annually.

THE PRINCIPAL lines of transportation from the West to the East include 10,000 miles by railroad, 7,000 miles by river, 1,600 miles by lake, and 1,600 miles by canal...

THE REV. E. E. HALE says: "A man may send from Land's End, in England, to Kirkwall, in Scotland, the longest distance in Great Britain, from a wilderness to the edge of the icebergs, over a distance of 700 miles..."

THE FOREIGN trade of Great Britain has not been satisfactory to her merchants this year so far. That nation sold \$32,500,000 less of cotton, linen, silk and woolen fabrics...

THE ONLY absolutely certain way of inculcating habits of economy is to begin with the children, and accustom them to self-control and self-denial by saving a portion of their pocket-money...

SOMEONE like Kate Stewart was a young woman named Kate Stewart was a waiting-room girl at the Ackley House, in this city. When she was a child she came here from Pennsylvania...

A LOCOMOTIVE WONDER—A singular specimen of a locomotive has just been turned out of a machine-shop at Gloucester, N. J., which bids fair to create quite a sensation among railroad men.

THE "MATES" in the United States Navy, who are obliged to pay for their own mess, purchase uniforms, and keep up their position as becomes American officers, out of a salary of \$700 a year, have petitioned Congress for an increase to \$1,000...

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heavy boots, borrowed a cloak of the landlord, and started through a sea of mud, in a pouring rain, and in the face of a furious northeaster, for the Wentworths'...

"By George!" gasped David, trying his best for breath, "we hit the pier in the best second."

"Ernest, in no condition to dispute or assent, replied by a nod, and the ejaculatory, "Tough one, wasn't it?"

"Who's the party on the bridge?" Ernest was saved an answer by the appearance of the "party," who scrambled down an embankment and approached radiantly.

"A fine sight it was, indeed!" rejoined Ernest, "I used to be remarkably fond of boating before I got my flesh—remarkably. Some of my pleasant hours have been passed on the Charles river."

"On the Charles? You were a Cambridge student, then? We belong to that persuasion," rejoined David.

"The faces of the two recipients of this invitation were studies. The name was Wentworth, was it? Ernest pulled his cap lower to hide the twinkle in his eyes, and David abruptly picked up the spoons of his wherry...

"Boats are perfectly safe. I'll send a man right to attend to 'em. Dress is all right," puffed the old gentleman, pulling himself up on the embankment by means of his wry shrub...

When our two friends were set down on the piazza of their hotel at seven o'clock that evening, both stood motionless, watching the carriage of their new acquaintance rolling away. As it disappeared they first faced each other down the street, by common impulse, burst into a fit of laughter...

"It does. We're even. Watch. Neither of us won the race, and neither of us was the wiper."

"Curious enough!" rejoined Ernest, "I wonder which will win the lady?"

"The enlightened reader must have anticipated the results. Our colleagues were not original in their love-making. The old feature in the case was the downy downy, by common impulse, burst into a fit of laughter...

"I do not know precisely when their friendship became a memory; but at misadventure of those three weeks they were enemies, who endured each other for the sake of appearance when they met at the Wentworths' house, but outside it never exchanged a word, and regarded each other loweringly at meals and in passage-ways...