

GLEANED FROM EXCHANGES.

The ode to the meerschaum brown,  
 And the clay with its coat of jet,  
 Were writ by a man who never could  
 bear  
 The scent of a pipe or a good cigar,  
 Not even a cigarette,  
 And the sonnet to rare old wine  
 Was composed by a temperance youth  
 Who was bursting with rhyme  
 Of the high-old-time,  
 Yet never was full, in sooth,  
 Of the fluid that lightens the heart  
 And gladdens the gloomiest day,  
 And colors the nose  
 Like the rich, red rose  
 To frighten the horrors away.

PAPAL BULLS.

The popes were all such learned men:  
 Of knowledge they were full.  
 Yet strange to say how all of them  
 Have made some papal bulls!

THE SMILE CURE.

Oft when a man is feeling blue  
 A girl's sweet smile can pull him  
 through;  
 But then the girl, we may assume,  
 Must be the one that caused his gloom.

LIKE A GIRL.

"You stole a kiss!" the maiden  
 shrieked,  
 But well I knew she wasn't wiqued,  
 For then she sighed, "Ah! well, dear  
 Jack,  
 You stole a kiss, please give it back.

TRANSITION.

He'll ne'er forget that sorry day,  
 It was indeed a sight,  
 To see his own sweet Dinah May  
 Change into dynamite;  
 For when he tried to call her down,  
 Smashed was their loving cup,  
 For she, perverse and woman-like,  
 Just turned and blew him up.

A BASE BALL IDYL.

She sits on the bleachers and watches  
 him play,  
 She knows he's a hero, he thinks he's  
 a jay,  
 But he's king of the diamond, a Fresh-  
 man at that,  
 A corking good baseman, a fiend at the  
 bat,  
 And Cupid, the sinner, I blush for his  
 name,  
 With the two youthful hearts is play-  
 ing a game.  
 When the last man is out, the game is  
 all o'er,  
 I'll bet then Dan Cupid has captured  
 the score.

Impressed on His Memory.  
 "You don't know wot you're talkin'  
 about," said Tuffold Knutt, as the two  
 wayfarers came to the forks of the  
 road. "Y're's where we turn to the  
 left."  
 "How de you know so blame much  
 about it?" sulkily inquired Goodman  
 Gonrong.  
 "I'd ort 'o know," rejoined Tuffold  
 Knutt. "I was rode on a rail all over  
 this neighborhood wunst about fiteer  
 years ago."—Chicago Tribune.

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