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AN OLD MAID'S SOLILOQUY. Oh, goodness me, this day three weeks I find that I'll be thirty-six!

It can't be true, and yet 'tis so, That never once had I a beau, Yet every girl that I do know, Has somebody.

To church I've gone, oh! but alone, No beau to me the way has shown, And when 'twas over who saw me home? Ah! nobody.

When I my handkerchief let fall— Or I leave behind my parasol, Who's to fetch them at my call? Oh! nobody.

To me a mystery dark it is, Why I have never known the bliss, Of that sweet thing—a lovely kiss, From nobody.

Last night I dream'd, it is a fact, About one room, one cup, a cat, Who then will come with me and chat? Who? nobody.

Oh! I am resolved no more to wait, Once more I'll cast a tempting bait, And try if I can but get, Somebody.

Miscellaneous. A bachelor, after discovering his clothes full of holes, exclaimed, 'Mend 'em cant.'

It is a good sign to see a man wiping the perspiration from his face; it is a bad sign to see a fellow wiping his mouth as he comes out of a cellar.

The busybody labors without thanks, takes without credit, lives without love, dies without pity—save that some say, 'It was a pity he died no sooner.'

There are three kinds of friends; friends who love you, friends who do not trouble themselves about you, and friends who hate you.

An Irishman being asked if he understood French, replied: 'Yes, by the powers, I understand French perfectly when you speak it in Irish!'

A young lady being asked why she did not attend a party to which she had been invited, replied: 'I forgot all about the party, and ate onions for breakfast.'

Some folk's tongues are like the clocks as run on striking, not to tell you the time of the day, but because there's summat wrong in their own inside.—Adam Delé.

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"Talk about mean men!" said old Fox, "Why, there's that Bill Johnson, he's the meanest man I ever heard tell on, Bill was a constable here. Why, don't you think he had an execution against me for a little matter of groceries, and he came out and levied on my old woman's ducks, and wanted me to drive 'em up and catch 'em for him, and I told him to catch 'em himself; and so he chased 'em round and round the house, and every time he'd catch a duck, he'd sit down and wring its head off, and charge mileage!"

A young minister, in a highly elaborate sermon which he preached while supplying an absent minister's pulpit, said several times, "when giving some new exposition on a passage"—The commentators do not agree with me here. "Next morning as he was running on with his performances, a poor woman came to see him with something in her apron. She said her husband heard his sermon, and tho't it was a very good one, and as he said 'The common taters did not agree with him here, he had sent for some of the best Jersey Blues.'

EDITORIAL PERTINACITY.—The following dialogue once occurred in an editor's sanctum in England. A distinguished editor was in his study. A long, thin, and ghostly visaged gentleman was announced. With an asthmatic voice, but in a tone of civility—for otherwise the editor would have transfixed him with a fiery paragraph the next morning—the stranger said, "Sir, your journal of yesterday contained false information." "Impossible, sir. But tell me to what you allude." "You said Mr. M.—had been tried." "True," "Condemned." "Very true." "Hung." "Most true." "Now, I am the gentleman himself." "Impossible." "I assure you it is a fact; and now I hope you will contradict what you have alleged." "By no means, sir." "How—what do you mean? You are deranged." "It may be so, sir; but I will not do it." "As you please; but I never retract." "The most that I can do for you, is to announce that the rope broke, and that you are in perfect health. I have my principles, sir; I never deceive.

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