

Forty.

PADDY AND THE YANKEE.

A Yankee and Paddy one day chanced to meet. If I do not mistake 'twas in Ogdenburg street; Says the Yankee to Paddy, you'd better take care, We'll be over in Canada before you're aware. Faith, then, says Paddy, that same can't be helped, I thought Jefferson Davis long ago had been skippered; Thorough, how he laughed when he heard of the fun, When you were struck with 'panie' that day at Bull Run. I guess, says the Yankee, you must be insane, Would you stand off a bayonet was put through your brain? If you would, dear Paddy, I guess we did not, We never got military training for that. Bedad, then, says Pat, and he laughed at the fun, Sorrow a bayonet was near you, a sword or a gun; Being struck with a 'panie' like wild geese yed, Your well ones ran over dying and dead. I guess, says Paddy, that Jeff is a cheat; If he sent us over there he was on the retreat, I guess we'd have chased him, and licked him like fun, And he saved the disgrace of a shameful Bull Run. I guess, says the Yankee, we'll try Canada now; I think we can take it; we'll try it, I vow; We were only to watch and keep out of you mill, We got in there before, and they ground us to kill. Again, says the Ogdenburg Yankee to Pat, When you got over there, I guess we'll get fat; When the flowing St. Lawrence no more shall divide, But Yankee to Yankee shall bow from each side. I know, Mr. Yankee, to fight you're a whale; I hope you won't kill us with the wind of your tail; You're a harmless fish, though you blow rather strong, But we hope to harpoon you, and that before long. So be easy, says Paddy, and haul up your slack, For if over you come over you'll never get back; We'll fence you with cannon, our shot you can't shun, And you need not depend on another Bull Run. Bedad, says old Pat, if they give me command, I'll pick out a field with a few mumps on the land, With a few regimentals, and a man here and there, We'll have a Bull's Run, or it's a terrible scare.

Miscellaneous.

The best of agricultural fairs—farmer's daughters. In what sense is a newly-born baby like a snowdrop? In no sense (innocence). The kiss with which a girl seeks to catch her beau, is a fishing smack. It is said that 'the pen is mightier than the sword.' Neither is of much use without the holder. Why is a person who never lays a wager as bad as a regular gambler? Because he is no better. Which is the cheapest way of building a house for a pig? Tie his tail in a knot and you have a pig-stye. A LADY'S WANT.—A lady advertises in a Glasgow paper that she wants a gentleman "for bed, breakfast and tea." A bachelor editor who has a pretty sister, recently wrote to another bachelor equally unfortunate "Please exchange." Why can you never expect a fish monger to be liberal or generous? Because his business makes him selfish (sell fish). "Don't get above your business," as the lady said to the shoemaker who was measuring her ankle in order to ascertain the size of her foot. An afflicted husband was returning from the funeral of his wife, when a friend asked how he was. "Well," said he pathetically, "I think I feel the better of that little walk." "Now then, my hearties," said a gallant captain at Bull Run, "you have a tough battle before you. Fight like heroes till your powder's gone, then—run! I'm a little lame, and I'll start now!" Spitting.—Spitting has long been regarded as an American weakness, but it is only lately that the full extent of its application to one section of the country has been discovered; it is now well known that the citizens of the Southern Confederacy expect to rate as a nation. A youthful member of a corps in a Scottish town, on his arrival home one evening, joyfully told his governor that he had just got his arms. "Arms," quoth the ancient, drily, "I'm thinking 'gin the French come ye'll have need o' your legs." A married lady lately consulted her lawyer on the following question.—As I wedded Mr. Jones for his wealth, and that wealth is now spent, am I not at liberty to marry again? The lawyer took time to consider the matter. "Well, John, did you take the no I gave you to Mr. Smithers?" inquired a gentleman of his rustic servant. "Yes sir, I took the no, but I don't think he can read it," replied John. "Cannot read it?" exclaimed the gentleman; "why so, John?" "Because he is so blind, sir. While I was in the room, he asked me twice whether my hat was, and it was on my head all the time." A SHORT NOVEL.—Sweet Margaret Fane came up the lane from picking the ripe red berries, and met young Paul, comely and tall, going to market with his cherries. Stopping, she blushed, and he looked flushed, perhaps 'twas the burdens they carried; when they passed on their burdens were one, and at Christmas they were married.

MEERSCHAUM MANIA.

The value of the meerschau pipes and cigar tubes imported into the United States in 1858, it is stated, amounted to \$200,000, a great sum to be wasted on a mere sham. This is really getting to be a serious business. It is bad enough to waste time and money—to say nothing of breath—in the consumption of the evil weed, but when to this is added the mania for coloring expensive pipes, thus increasing the habit of smoking, the folly of it all is really too preposterous.

We were amused the other day at hearing a young but ambitious smoker gravely asserting that meerschau was made of the foam of the sea! This impression has probably arisen from the German word used to designate the material—meerschau, meaning sea foam—a practical figure of speech, alluding to its lightness and whitish appearance. It is properly magister, a mineral of soft earthy texture somewhat resembling chalk, found in Spain and other countries at the head of the Mediterranean. To produce the yellow and brown colors so much admired in the pipes, and which are brought out only after long smoking, the blocks of which the pipes are made, are kept for some time in a mixture of wax and fatty matters. A portion of this is absorbed, and being subsequently acted upon by the heat and the tobacco fumes, assumes various shades of color. Thus the smoker, in coloring his pipe, is employed in the dignified business of mixing tobacco smoke with a mixture of wax and grease!

Here we are reminded of a little incident which recently took place within our knowledge, and with amusingly illustrates the folly of meerschau coloring. A gentleman had an expensive meerschau, which he dated upon, but which notwithstanding all his smoking, he could not color so fast as he desired. In fact, after long puffing, it only showed one little spot of brown.—Some of his friends told him they did not believe it would ever color, and the indefatigable smoker grew quite despondent. One evening his wife, who naturally sympathized with him in trouble, took up the pipe during his absence, and while examining it brought it over the flame of a lamp. Immediately a strong color was brought out by the heat, much to the surprise of the lady. Laying the pipe away, however, she said nothing about the matter. On the following morning when the gentleman made his usual inspection of his beloved pipe, his delight and amazement knew no bounds. His meerschau had colored splendidly, and all owing to his indefatigable puffing! He displayed it in triumph to his friends, and became a more firm believer than ever in the virtues of tobacco smoke. Meantime his good lady said nothing, but she has imparted the secret to her female friends that they may be able to assist their husbands in their arduous endeavors to color their meerschams. She is a very benevolent lady, and wants to do all the good she can in the world.—Portland Transcript.

WISDOM FOR WINTER.

Never go to bed with cold or damp feet. In going into colder air, keep the mouth resolutely closed, that by compelling the air to pass circuitously thro' the head and nose, it may become warmed before it reaches the lungs, and thus prevent those shocks and sudden chills which frequently attend pleurisy, pneumonia, and other serious forms of disease. Never stand still a moment out of doors, especially at street corners, after having walked over a short distance. Never ride near the open window of a vehicle for a single half minute, especially if it has been preceded by a walk; valuable lives have thus been lost, or good health permanently destroyed. Never wear India rubber boots in cold dry weather. Those who are easily chilled on going out of doors should have some cotton batting attached to the vest or outer garment, so as to protect the space between the shoulder blades behind the lungs being attached to the body at that point, a little there is worth five times the amount over the chest in front. Never begin a journey until breakfast is eaten. After speaking, singing or preaching in a warm room in winter, do not leave it for at least ten minutes, and even then close the mouth, put on your gloves, wrap up the neck, and put on a cloak or overcoat before passing out of the door; the neglect of these has laid many a good and useful man in a premature grave. Never speak under a boresness, especially if it requires an effort, or gives a hurting or painful feeling, for it often results in a permanent loss of voice or a long life of invalidism. —Hall's Journal of Health. Rebels, like firewood, should be measured by the cord.

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