

The Funny Man's Baby.

The funny man went to his bed to write. He had washed all day, he would write all night. And sleep his work, so he trimmed the light. In the room adjoining his baby lay. And they said she was slowly passing away, And would die on the light of another day. It was hard to write with death so nigh. But he ground out jokes as the hours went by. And closed each page with a grief-stricken sigh. It was hard to write but the world must laugh. So he penned the rhyme and the paragraph. And even a humorous epigram! His pen flew fast and the hours went on Till his night of rest was almost gone. And the east showed the first faint streaks of dawn. Then he dropped his pen and raised his head, "Now the column is finished," the funny man said, "And the nurse, coming in, said, 'The baby is dead!'"

HEALTH.

A Presentiment.

Is an impression on the mind, that something is going to take place, and usually such is the case; perhaps we may say without exaggeration, that something always does occur, after a presentiment is formed, if such were not the fact, we cannot conjecture what would become of everybody. Just imagine for a moment, that something did not take place in such a large world as this! Presentiments love weak places, hence they flourish among weak-minded people, not necessarily weak-minded by nature, but made so by a diseased body. We are told of a young lady at Kinderhook, who was visited by an apparition two years ago, at dead hour of night, which announced to her in solemn accents, that in two years she would be the inhabitant of another world; this circumstance had such a depressing influence on her mind, that she pined away by degrees and died, at the term named, and was buried a few days after. An eminent clergyman, on parting from another said: "I have a strong presentiment that we shall never meet again," and within a few hours he perished at the Gasconade on the Pacific Railway.

An almost infallible cure for presentiment, however violent, is a good emetic, a grubbing hoe, with a few days' bread and water diet. For ourselves, we would omit the emetic, as we do not patronize physic, except by proxy. The reason we give medicine at all is that people are always in a hurry, not exactly to get well, but to get all to eat; if they can only eat, nine out of ten think they are getting along famously. Everybody wants to get well in a minute, and for the chances of doing so, with a slight degree of assurance to that effect from any knave who is willing to promise, it having the wit to see at a glance that the assurance must be father to the fee—we repeat, with a very slight assurance of being made well in a short time, the large majority of invalids would swallow a quart of Shakespeare's soup three a day, said soup being made, as the reader may remember, by several old witches, of such things as newt's eyes, frogs toes, lizard wings, stings of rattlesnakes and other ingredients not necessary to be named, but all brought to the climatic point by onions. An emetic will dissipate a presentiment in five minutes, while the vigorous use of the grubbing hoe in the open air, would work off the extra and thick blood, above accumulation in the brain generates these ideas of imaginings, while the diet of bread and water would supply a pure article of blood in the place of the impure material. Who ever heard of a healthy, out-door, lady laborer, having a "presentiment" in the pursuit of his occupation? The fact is, they have no time to be moping about such tomfooleries; the only presentiment that ever troubles them is a veritable fact, a tangible reality. "Root pig, or die" is their ever living ghost.

Presentiments do not exist except in connection with one of the three following things—1. A weak mind. 2. A diseased body. 3. An ill condition of life. Loading and glutting are the great originators of this unfortunate condition of mind and its almost certain removal follow in temperate eating, combined with physical activity. If unattended to, and friendly death does not step in to save from a greater calamity, insanity winds up the history. To the relieving, we suggest a fact which dissipates the mystery which hangs around "presentiments." In ordinary cases, a thing is not baptized as a "presentiment," until the coincidence of the fact. Superstitious minds, in which presentiments mostly deal, take no note of the countless impressions that certain things might take place, which do not afterwards take place; one such coincidence makes an impression against a million non-concurrences.

The Body's Tolerance. Sometimes a slight blow on the head has resulted in death, or, what is worse, in the permanent loss of reason. A mere scratch on the hand, or a sliver in the foot, or a grain of dust lodging in the eye, or the tiniest splinter entering the wind-pipe, has proved fatal. Such facts may lead us to accept the poet's statement, "The spider's most attenuated thread is cord, is cable, to man's hold on life." But there is another class of facts quite as surprising, that are different from these.

An iron bar has been driven through the brain, with a considerable loss of brain substance, and yet no permanent harm has come to body or to mind. The fact is, while a mere prick in a particular part of the brain (the medulla oblongata) may cause death, the great bulk of the brain is exceedingly tolerant of many forms of injury. Even the heart is much more tolerant than is generally thought. The physician may thrust his fine instrument through it with safety. An insane woman sought to kill herself by piercing it with a hairpin, but wholly failed for her purpose, although the pin interfered with the natural movements of the heart.

A woman swallowed a paper of pins. The pins traversed various organs and tissues of the body, and yet she recovered from the local inflammation. A boy was brought to the hospital insensible, and nearly dead from asphyxia (want of breath). The doctor having run a catheter down the wind-pipe, a piece of chestnut was coughed up. The next day there was evidence that another piece was lodged in another of the bronchial tubes. It was impossible to dislodge it. There followed all the symptoms of acute con-

sumption (phthisis); high temperature, sweating, anasarca, copious expectoration of offensive matter, and a large cavity. Yet the boy in three months' returned home convalescent, and six months later the cavity had disappeared.

Tobacco as an Antiseptic. M. Pecholier in the *Montpellier Medical* considers that the use of tobacco preserves one from an infinity of contagious diseases. He thinks that as typhoid fever is due to the fermentation, the pollution and life of which is the organism in the initial cause of the disease, tobacco is the most powerful destructive agent, and that its action is due to nicotine; he declares that a number of smokers have been protected from epidemic influences through tobacco. Perhaps it is for this reason that Willis recommends the use of tobacco in epidemics, as a preservative against certain epidemic diseases.

FEMININE GOSSIP.

The average emerald watch hanging at the waist-belt of the average girl contains a powder-puff—nothing else.

"One High Gene and Fizzology" was a North Carolina school teacher's requisition for a new manual just published by the State.

Mrs. Mary Beneman, sister of the famous Commodore Perry, is still enjoying good health at the age of 112. She is living in Iowa.

If 32,000,000 women should clap hands they could reach around the globe, but they had better beat home attending to family matters.

Mrs. Hayes and Miss Cleveland is the Presidential ticket for 1888 nominated by the Sixteenth Amendment, a paper published at Buffalo.

The craze among young ladies for military buttons has brought together several collections, which include army insignia from every nation in the world.

Christiana, Lancaster county, Pa., has a "house-keeper" club, whose members meet weekly to discuss the latest thing in cooking and exchange recipes.

The *Pittsburgh Times*, an authority on such matters, says girls who do not flirt as a rule die young. The girls may govern themselves accordingly.

"They said there is nothing new under the sun," said the old maid as she stood before the mirror, "but I know better; that wrinkle was there yesterday."

Fencing is becoming a craze among girls. Those of us who have seen a girl trying to get over a barbed-wire fence know that there is plenty of room for improvement.

Plaques denouncing the present style of female apparel as "more in harmony with votaries of the shrine of Babel than the humble penitent seeking peace with God" have been posted on all the churches of Norfolk, Va.

Mrs. Elizabeth Cady Stanton, who unkindly declares that the Christian religion hasn't benefited women to any considerable extent, is reminded by the literary woman of the *Boston Transcript* that it has at least given them a place in which to display their millinery.

At a spiritual seance a woman desired to communicate with her dead husband. "It is really such a dreadful place, John," "Not at all; Heaven is a delightful place." "Mr. Medium," said the widow, turning to that personage, "you have called up the wrong party."

A society paper gave an account of a society event, and in speaking of one beautiful lady, of quite large proportions, it said: "Mrs. ——— possessed a form that a Jumbo might envy." The editor went home and left a subordinate to get out the paper, and the next morning he read in his paper that "Mrs. ——— possessed a form that Jumbo might envy."

Righting An Old Wrong. A singular proof of the old proverb, "Murder will out," is given in a suit before the English House of Peers for possession of the title and estates of the Barony of Lovat. The suit is on behalf of an engineer in the mines of Caernarvon, and the story brought to light by him begins two centuries ago.

The famous Simon Fraser, when the Baron Lovat that day died without issue, knew that the rightful heir was a hot-headed young cousin of his own, Alexander Fraser. Simon brought forth a false charge of murder against him, and the lad fled to Caernarvon, and there became a miner.

Simon then assumed the title of Lord Lovat, and took possession of the estates. The daughter of the late Lord Lovat, Amelia, was at the time on the eve of marriage with a young nobleman. She claimed to be the chief of her father's clan, and their to the estates. Simon Fraser, with a body of his retainers, took the young bridegroom prisoner, dragged him to the foot of a gibbet, and forced him to take an oath never to claim the hand of the heiress of Lovat.

Simon then kidnapped the young lady himself, intending to make her his wife, but with the help of her maid, she escaped to the mountains. Determined to have some claim to the Lovat property, he made the mother of Amelia his prisoner in her own castle, and surrounding her with armed men, bagpipes blowing, and pikes and halberds pointed at her breast, compelled her to marry him.

For this outrage he was sentenced to death, a sentence which never was revoked; but his power and keen wit kept him safe during a long life, which he spent in perpetual treasonery. He betrayed the English to the French, and the French to the English; he professed devotion to the House of Hanover, while he was supporting the exiled Stuarts. His name was the synonym for traitor for seventy years.

At last he drove his son, a quiet, timid boy of nineteen, into the field, with the Pretender at the head of his clan, and made haste to complain of the lad to the Government, and to swear to his own fidelity. The boy, however, was pardoned, while Lord Lovat at the age of eighty was beheaded. After his death, a starving woman was discovered in a dungeon in his castle, who proved to be his wife, whom he had imprisoned there for ten years.

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The Tobacco Habit.

The tobacco habit is one of the forms of both sedative and stimulation, which seems to be regarded by the rudest, as well as the most accomplished being. Something in man impels him to be happier.

The rude Mexican pounds the century plant till he can get fermentation in it, and then he drinks himself drunk.

The methodical Chinaman, who has a duty for every day in the year, and saves his money better than the miser, had the citadel of his nature stormed by opium, and against the command of his government and his religion, he sits down and smokes himself into stupefaction.

The Turk, precluded from liquor by his religion, tortures himself between the harem and the pipe.

The English beer-drinker comes to a place where malt and hops will no longer satisfy, and he must drink his beer to make it palatable, and the public-house which he frequents obliges him in that respect by opening the bung-hole and dropping in tobacco or pepper, or something sufficiently strong.

Nothing is more remarkable in the United States than the growth of the cigar business. Before the Bellini, Havana manufactured the best, and probably the most of our cigars.

After the duties were made high, the cigar-making business was transferred within our revenue jurisdiction, first to Key West, and then to New York. The war itself was vocative of the smoking habit, as it multiplied excitement, and left hundreds of thousands of men in tents, waiting for battle; and there they smoked because they had no other form of enjoyment.

So the growth of tobacco was introduced into the Northern States, and now the North raises the best smoking tobacco for cigars, and the tobacco interest on some of the Western States, amount to millions per annum.

There are said to be 50,000 persons in New York, rolling cigars or stripping the leaf. In almost every little village there are cigar factories.

The Germans and Spanish were formerly the most smokable of nations, but we are close upon them, now, although it is common in this country to find men who never smoked a cigar, and I have often noticed that some men who drank to excess had never put a cigar in their mouths.

The drunkard fancies that he is to save his life, notwithstanding the liquor, by rejecting some other bad habit. The best cure for both liquor and tobacco, is the open air, and not the open air of cities, so much as that of the country.

Country people are inclined to chew tobacco instead of smoking it. A ride of thirty miles through the open country is a cure, in part, for both liquor and tobacco.

General Grant kept this open-air treatment up nearly all his life. Either on horseback or in a carriage, he has ridden constantly, and down to a very late period, and his trip around the world, in steamers, vessels and vehicles, gave him inspiration of the same sort.

Jack Bowie on a Bicycle. Jack proved to be an apt pupil, and before fifteen minutes had passed he headed his craft through the open door made for the purpose, and out on the broad smooth pavement he went, in full view of the carriages bound and down from the Park drives, saying: "I'm a flying fish sailor, I am. I've started a dozen kin handle a fancy yacht like I reckon I kin handle a fancy bicycle like this one on a smooth sea." What happened in the brief interval during which he was lost to the sight of his shipmates he afterwards related as follows: "After I mounted the poop deck of that ere machine and had fisted the tiller a bit, I thought it a blamed sight easier to steer than the 'Penny Loafer' with her guns aboard. So I says to myself, 'Let's take a cruise.' With that I pinter her to the Narrows and rang the engine to go ahead full speed. She took the swell outside like a clipper ship, but just as I tried to get a second look at an uncommon pretty girl who was driving by in one of them two-wheeled carts, I found I was broadsided in. In course that would never do when all them folks was a lookin' at me as represented the navy in its present condition. So I says to myself 'Keeper full, Jack, keeper full,' and throws up my helm. She eased off so fast that I e'en forgot to check her till she duff as was in the cart with the pretty girl, shouted 'Stiddy a' y'g, Jack, stiddy, ye lubber.' That ere riled me all over, his callin' me a lubber and right before the pretty girl as laugh'd fit to kill when she saw me a steerin' all over the Western Ocean, and I j'us called all hands to save ship. Then I got right down onto the tiller and heads up on my course again. Just then I see a licensed vendor's hand-waggin a-comin' around the corner with a load of strawberries, and I was dead ahead with my engine was a makin' 80 turns to the minute. Them ere hiprites in the cart, they sees it too, and begins screamin' and laughin', and the Dagohe sees me a-comin' and j'us dropped the waggin and cavoured and humped his shoulder. But he didn't do it but once. I shoved my helm hard down and the little wheel a starry up and pitched me head first into the middle of the strawberries, while one foot carried away the Dago's fingerhead and t'other got mixed with the flyin' riggin' about the machine. I wouldn't a-mind the wreck only the pretty girl in the dog-cart, which she sees me all tangled up so, she got scared and jumped out to see if I was hurt, a-looking real sorry like till I riz up as led as a horse marine. Then she burst out laughin' again, and I thought I best make port to oncer for the necessary repairs."

A chemical paradox—That Prussian blue should make tea green.

It takes a man with keen eyesight and a brain of much scope to see and grasp the golden opportunity before it turns the corner.

Blkins, whose language is flowery, called his wife "a daisy," during their engagement; during their honeymoon he called her "a pink," and now when she meets him with a roll-pin, at 12 o'clock in the morning, he calls her a "night-blooming cereus."

Clerk (to Mr. Isaacstein in back room)—"Mr. Isaacstein, der shentlemen who is looking at dot beautiful \$17 coat says he vos a dergymans" Mr. Isaacstein—"Make dot shentlemen who vos a dergymans 20 per cent. discount off." Clerk—"Der shentlemen says he vill give five tol'lar for dot coat, and not a cent more." Mr. Isaacstein—"Let him have dot coat, Jacob, but dont make no discount off."

A HERO OF THE COLLIERIES.

Callan Rescues of Miners Imprisoned in a Coal Shaft.

A young Irishman, named James Nolan, performed a noble deed of daring in a sudden mining catastrophe, which happened at the coal-pits situated near the villages of Nidry and New Craighall, in the neighbourhood of Newmills, Ialketh. About two o'clock one afternoon the rumor was spread that the pits were filling with water. It was confirmed by a gush and fall of water from a height of 130 fathoms, with a din which struck despair into the hearts of the weary miners. They were just about to ascend the shaft, and the man at the pit-head had discovered that something had gone wrong. There were sixty-three men and boys at work, of whom thirty-eight escaped to the neighbouring pit, while twenty-five were on the opposite side of the torrent referred to. These ran through a portion of the workings as yet free from flood, but found their escape cut off, turn where they would, and exhaustion took the place of despair. At last they awaited their fate in a level communicating with another pit, measuring only five feet broad by five feet high. The shaft was nearly filled with water, and a volume of water was rushing down upon them; but here they waited two mortal hours, until, seeing no chance of the flood diminishing so as to give hope of their escape, seven of them dashed under the water, and through the hole whence it came, leaving their companions in the belief that they were lost. They were, however, mercifully saved, reaching the shaft where anxious friends were awaiting them, after battling in the dark with the scolding waters. But what of the eighteen that remained? One by one, twelve of them ventured their lives as their comrades had done—braved the waters and the dark hole, and were similarly rescued. But four men and two boys were still left behind. Three more hours passed, while friends above were vainly signalling and calling to them to follow their comrades, example. They were the more hopeless because they believed their mates had perished, and that such signals as reached them from the roof were warnings to remain where they were. The lamps were kept burning with difficulty. Three more hours passed, and the rescuing party saw that something must be done to draw them from their living grave. Some one must force a passage through the water, but who? "I will go if some one will push me through, for the current is so strong," volunteered our young Irish hero, "James Nolan; and a mate named Smellie put his feet against his back, and he forced himself through the water. He reached his imprisoned comrades, spoke to the men cheerfully, and then followed on, and placing the boy Kerr, aged thirteen, on his back, dashed back again. Saved! All but one! Where was the lad Walker? Nolan did not pause to consider, but ventured again through the waters. He found the boy in the dark, abandoned to death. "Oh! and may God bless you!" were the words breathed in to his ear as he took him also on his back, and bore him safely through the torrent. It was eleven o'clock at night when this daring deed was accomplished, and cheers of welcome greeted our collier hero.

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