The Funny Man's Baby.

The funny man went to his desk to write. He had watched all day, he would write all night And finish 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 ere the light of another day. So he wrote, with his heart in the other room, And thought of the babe going out in the gloom

To the shadowy land beyond the tomb. 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-born sigh.

It was hard to write but the world must laugh, So he penned the rhyme and the paragraph, And even a humorous epitaph!

His pen flew fast and the hours went on Till his night of toil was almost gone, And the east showed the first faint streaks of dawn

Then he dropped his pen and raised his head, "Now the colum 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 some thing 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 | State. what would become of everybody. Just imagine for a moment, that scmething 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 apparit on 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 anoth r world; this circumstance had such a depressing influence on her mind, that she pined away by degrees and did die, 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 grub bing 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 able to eat; if they can only eat, nine out of ten think they are getting along femously. Everybody wants to Those of us who have seen a girl trying to get well in a minute, and for the b re 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 slim assurance of being made well in a short time, the large majority of invalids would swallow a quart of Shakespeare's soup thrice a day, said soup being made, as the reader may remember, by several old witches, of such things as newt's eyes, fregs toes, lizard wing, stings of rattle-snakes 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, abure accumulation in the brain generates these disea ed imaginings, while the diet of bread and water would supply a pure article of blood n the place of the impure material.

Who ever heard of a healthy, out-door, day laborer, having a "presentiment" in the pursuit of his occupation? The fact is, they have not time to be moping about such tom-foooleries; 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 idle condition of life.

Loafing and gluttony are the great orginators of this unfortunate condition of mind and its almost certain removal follow intemperate eating, combined with physical activity. If unattended to, and friendly death does not step in to save from a great er calamity, iosanity winds up the history.

To the reflecting, we suggest a fact which dissipates the mystery which hangs around "presentiments. ' In ordinary cases, 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 did not afterwards take place one such coincidence makes an impression against a million non-concurrents.

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 tinman's hold on life." But there is another

different from these. An iron bar has been driven through the to marry him. brain, with a considerable loss of brain sub stance, and yet no permanent harm has come | death, a sentence which never was revoked to body or to mind. The fact is, while a but his power and keen wit kept him safe mere prick in a particular part of the brain during a long life, which he spent in per-(the medulia oblongata) may cause death, the great bulk of the brain is exceedingly to the French, and the French to the Engtolerant of many forms of injury.

than is generally thought. The physician iled Stuarts. His name was the synonym may thrust his fine instrument through it for traitor for seventy y ars. with safety. An insane woman sought to kill herself by piercing it with a hairpin, boy of nineteen, into the field, with the ner. but wholly failed of her purpose, although Pretender at the head of his clan, and made the pin interfered with the natural move- haste to complain of the lad to the Govern-

pins traversed various organs and tissues of Lovat at the age of eighty was beheaded the body, and yet she recovered from the After his death, a starving woman was die local inflammation.

sensible, and nearly dead from asphyxia ed there for ten years. catheter down the wind-pipe, a piece of ander Fraser, the miner, whom he robbed lodged in another of the bronchial tubes. claim to the peerage. "Justice is slow," It was impossible to dislodge it. There says the Arab proverb, "but more inexfollowed all the symptoms of acute con orable than death."

sumption (pthisis): high temperature, sweating, emaciation, copious expectoration of the boy in three mont's returned home conhad disappeared.

Tobacco as an Antizy masic-

M. Pecholier in the Montpelier Medical considers that the use of tobacco preserves one from an infinity of cortagious diseases. He thinks that as typhoid fever is due to a ferment, the pollulation and life of which in the organism is the initial cause of the disease, tobacco is the most powerful destruitive agent, and that its action is due to nicotine; he declares that a number of smokers through, tobacco. Perhaps it is for this and the pipe. reason that Willis recommends the use of certain epidemic diseases.

FEMININE GOSSIP.

The average enameled watch hanging the waist-belt of the average girl contains a

powder-puff-nothing else. "One High Jene and Fizzeoligy" was North Carolina school teacher's requisition for a new manual just published by the

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

they could reach around the globe, but they had better be at home attending to family

If 32,000,000 women should clasp hands

Sixteenth Amendment, a paper published at | 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

"housekeep rs' club," whose members meet weekly to discuss the latest thing in cooking and exchange recipes. The Pailadelphia Times, an authority on

such matters, says girls who do not flirt as a rule die young. The girls may govern themselves accordingly. "They say there is nothing new under the

sun," said the old maid as she stood before the mirror, "but I know better; that wrinkle wasn't there yesterday." Fencing is becoming a craze among girls.

get over a barbed-wire fence know that there is plenty of room for improvement. Placards 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,

Mrs. Elizabeth Cady Stanton, who un- of the same sort. kindly 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

At a spiritual seance a woman desired to communicate with her dead husband, "Is it 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

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 Juno 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

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 Caernaryon, and the story brought to light by him begins two centuries ago.

The famous Simon Fraser, when the Baron Lovat of 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 [heir 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 iest fi h-bone entering the wind-pipe, has with the help of her maid, she escaped to proved fatal. Such facts may lead us to the mountains. Determined to have some accept the poet's statement, "The spider's claim to the Lovat property, he made the most attenuated thread is cord, is cable, to mother of Amelia his prisoner in her own castle, and surrounding her with armed class of facts quite as surprising, that are men, bagpipes blowing, and pikes and hal berds pointed at her breast, compelled her

For this outrage he was sentenced petual treachery. He betrayed the English lish; he professed devotion to the House of Even the heart is much more tolarant | Hanover, while he was supporting the ex-

At last he drove his son, a quiet, timid ment, and to swear to his own fidelity. The A woman swallowed a paper of pins. The boy, however, was pardoned, while Lord covered in a dungeon in his castle, who A boy was brought to the hospital in proved to be his wife, whom he had imprison-

(want of breath). The doctor having run a | Now, after two centuries, the heir of Alexchesnut was coughed up. The next day of his title and estates, comes forward, to there was evidence that another piece was prove the guilt of the usurper and his own The Tobacco Habit.

The tobacco habit is one of the forms of offensive matter, and a large cavity. Yet both sedative and stimultaion, which seem to be regarded by the rudest, as well as the va escent, and six months later the cavity most accomplished being. Something in man impels him to be happier.

The rude Mexican pounda 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 have been protected from epidemic influences | religion, tortures himself between the harem

The English beer-drinker comes to a place to bacco in armies, as a preservative against where malt and hops will no longer satisfy and he must drug his beer to make it palatable, and the publichouse which he frequents obliges him in that respect by opening the bung-hole and dropping in tobacco or per per,

or something sufficiently strong. Nothing is more remarkable in the United States ahan the growth of the cigar business. Before the Babellion, Havana manufactured the best, and probably the most of our cigars. After the duties were made high, the cigarmaking business was transferred within our revenue jurisdiction, first to Key Wes, and then to New York. The war itself was provocative 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 Mrs. Hayes and Miss Cleveland is the raises the best smoking tobacco for cigars, Presidential ticket for 1888 nominated by the and the tobacco interest an some of the Western States, amount to millions per

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

The Germans and Spanish were formerly the most smokeful 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 tobacca, is the open air, and not the open air of cities, so much as that of the country.

Country people are inclined to chew tobac co 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

Jack Bowline on a Bicycle.

through the open door made for the purpose, and out on the broad smooth pavement he went, in full view of the carriages bound to and from the Park drives, raying:-"I'm a flying fish sailor, I am. - I've steered a doz-"Mrs. - possessed a form that Jumbo Narrows and rang the engineer to go ahead from the land of the Pnaraohs. Capt. Webmiddle of the strawberries, while one foot ageurs. carried away the Dago's figgerhead and t'other got mixed with the fly in' riggin' about the machine. I wouldn't a-minded the wreck only the pretty girl in the dog-cart when she sees me all tangled up so, she got scart and jumped out to see if I was hurt, a looking real sorry like till I riz up as red as a horse marine. Then she burst out laughin' again,

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his wife "a daisy," during their engage there directly from the gallows. ent; during their honeymoon he called La Alma Ladies' College, St. Thomas her "a pink," and now when she meets him | Ont., has full staff and complete course in with a roll-pin, at 2 o'clock in the morning, Literature, Music, Fine Arts, and Commerhe calls her a "night-blooming serious."

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A HERO OF THE COLLIERIES.

a Coal Shaft. A young Irishman, named James Nolans

performed a noble deed of daring in a sudden mining catastrophe, which happened at the out the land the fact that Dr. R. V. Pierce's coal-pits situated near the villages of Niddry and New Craighall, in the neighourho do Newmills, I'alkeith. About two o'clock one aftersoon 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 who were on the opposite side of the torrent remained. These ran through a portion 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 any drug store. Polson's Nerviline, the in a level communicating with ano her pit, measuring only five feet broad by five feet high. The shaft was nearly filled with water, and a volume of water was rushing years. down upon them; but here they waited two mortal hours, until, seeing no chance of the Reaches us that counterfeit bank bills are in flood diminishing so as to give hope of their escape, seven of them dashed under the How much richer would we be, how much 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 seething waters. But what of the eighteen that remained? by one, twelve of them ventured their lives nam's painless Corn Extractor. Sold by as their comrades had done-braved the druggists everywhere. waters and the dark hole, and were similarly rescued. But four men and two boys were still left behind. Three more hours pissel, while friends above were vainly signalling and calling to them to follow their er consciously so. What they see clearly to comrades, example. They were the more hopeless because they believed their mates as they really are, but in the end their verhad 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 Ini h hero, dames Nolans; and a mate named Smellie put his feet against his back, and he fore d himsel through the water. He reached his imprisoned comrades, spoke to the n cheerfully bade them follow on, and placing the boy Kerr, aged thirteen, on his back, dashed back again. Saved! All but one! Where was the lad Walker? Nolans did not pause to consider, but ventured again through the waters. He found the boy in the dark, Business College, Kingston is deserved. alone, abandoned to death. " Eh! 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 Jack proved to be an apt pupil, and before daring deed was accomplished, and cheers fifteen minetes had passed he headed his craft of welcome greeted our collier hero.

Back from the Ni'e.

During the Red River expedition under Lord Wolseley to Manitoba in 1870, a numen clippers round the Horn and I reckon I ber of experienced Mississippi pilots were kin handle a fancy yacht like this 'ere on a engaged, Capt. J. Webber, of St. Paul, smooth sea." What happened in the brief Minn., was one of these voyageurs. When interval during which he was lost to the the Imperial Government, in Sept, 1884, en sight of his shipmates he afterwards related | gaged the Canadian contingent for the Soudan as follows :- "After I mounted the poop expedition, Capt. Webber's services were acdeck of that 'ere machine and had fisted the cepted. He left here last October in com tiller a bit, I thought it a blamed sight easi | pany with other steamboat captains engaged er to steer than the 'Penny Loaf' with her for service on the Nile. When his term of guns aboard. So I says to myself, 'Le's take | service expired, he re-engaged for a term of a cruise.' With that I pinted her for the six months and has just returned to Ottawa full speed. She took the swell outside like ber speaks very highly of the treatment he a clipper ship, but jist as I tried to get a received at the hands of the Imperial ausecond look at an uncommon pretty girl as thorities. He captained the mail boat Clapperton's Spool Cotton was driving by in one of them two-wheeled "Water Lily" which plied between Assoucarts, I found I was broachin' to. In course an and Wady Halfa. He describes the Nile that would never do when all them folks between these two points as being fairly was a lookin' at me as represented the navy pavigable. Before he left Walda Halfa on n its present condition. So I says to my- June 29th he had brought down Lord self 'Keep'er full, Jack, keep'er full,' and Wolseley and staff and a major portion of throws up my helm. She eased off so fast the forces from the front. He was personthat I e'enamost forgot to check her till a ally acquainted with Lord Wolseley, having duffer as was in the cart with the pretty girl, met him on the Red River expedition in shouted 'Stiddy : s y'go, Jack, stiddy, ye 1870, and he describes the famous General lubber.' That 'ere riled me all over, his as being "a first class fellow in every res callin' me a lubber and right before the pret- | pect." Capt. Webber says the troops will ty girl as laughed fit to kill when she saw return to the Soud an in the fall. Some of me a steerin' all over the Western Ocean, them have been detained at Cairo, Alexanand I jist called all hands to save ship. Then | dria and other places awaiting the fall camgot right down onto the tiller and heads | paign. A few days before the ar ival in Lonup on my course agin. Just then I sees a don of Captain Webber one of Yara's boaticensed vendor's hand-waggin a-comin' ing engineers had left for the Nile to superaround the corner with a load of strawberries, intend at the construction of a number of It was dead ahead and my engines was a boats to be used at the fall expedition. The treat. Circuian and descriptions of our English Thymakin' 80 turns to the minit. Them 'ere Imperial Government have ordered twelve pirates in the cart, they sees it too, and be- Yara boats, ten of which have been built. A gins screamin' and laughin', and the Dagohe Glasgow firm have received an order for ten sees me a-coomin' and jist dropped the wag | boats, and six of these have been finished at gin' and cavourted and humped his shoulder. | Cairo. The dimensions of these boats are 90 But he didn't do it but oncet. I shoved my feet in length and 24 feet beam and are hellum hard down and the little wheel a-starn | made of steel. Capt Webber speaks high riz up and pitched me head first into the ly of the work done by the Canadian voy

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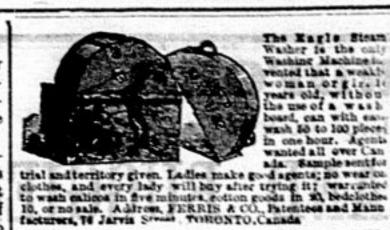
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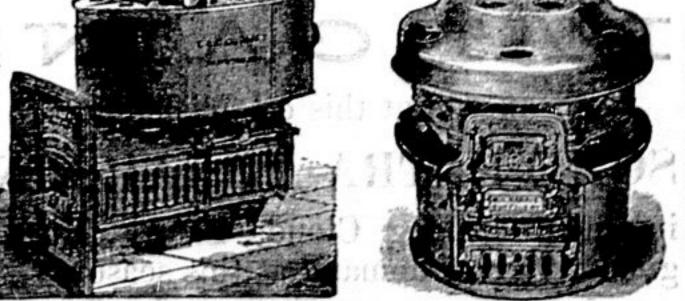
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