

THEIRISH WIDOW.

Mrs. Magoogin Says Something About Charity Balls

"Fwisher, Mrs. McGlaggerly, fwat diz ye think av them charity balls they diz be afther givin', Oi dunno?"

A Pet Woodpecker.

The golden-winged woodpecker, otherwise called the flicker and high-hole, is one of the best known of American birds.

The bird could thrust out its tongue two or three inches, and it was amusing to see his efforts to eat currants from the hand.

His tongue was in constant use to find out the nature of everything he saw; a nail-hole in a board, or any similar hole, was carefully explored.

This curious organ gained him the respect of a number of half-grown cats that were about the house. I wished them to get acquainted with him, so that the danger of their killing him might be lessened.

My high-hole was never surprised at anything nor afraid of anything. He would advance upon the turkey gobbler and the rooster, holding up one wing as high as possible.

He stayed with me till late in the autumn, when he disappeared. Probably he yielded to the migratory impulse and went South.

Buying Good Music by the Yard.

One of the most interesting inventions at the great Paris Exposition was a "melotrope," consisting of three parts. About it a correspondent writes:—"I improvised on a piano to which the first machine was electrically attached, and as I touched the keys a series of dots and dashes, representing the notes that I had played, were registered on a continuous strip of paper about six inches in width."

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Minister—"This is fine winter weather, my dear little man! But I hope you don't skate on Sunday?" Little man—"No, Sir, I always skate on ice."

Feats of Swallowing.

Perhaps the most remarkable case of eccentric swallowing on record is that of John Cummings, an American sailor, scraps of whose history have been handed down in medical records. In the year 1799 Cummings, then 23 years old, was sojourning in a village on the coast of France, where his ship had put into port.

Cummings gave no more attention to knife swallowing for six years. In March, 1808, while in Boston, he related his exploit to a party of sailors with whom he was having a carousal. No one believed him and being again drunk and reckless, he swallowed six knives in the course of the evening.

All Business Alike.

First Beggar—"I tell yer, Bill, it's awful hard times this Winter."

Second Beggar—"Seems kinder strange it should be hard times with such warm weather."

First Beggar—"Any feller can see that you're an amachoor. It's always so in an open Winter. It's so blame warm, folks ain't got no sympathy for a feller."

Hadn't Done Anything to It.

Jeweler (examining it)—"What on earth have you been doing to this watch?"

Owner of Watch—"Nothing, sir. Nothing at all. I wound it up a while ago, good and tight, and it stopped. I shook it for half an hour and couldn't start it and then I opened it and poked the balance wheel with a toothpick, and still it wouldn't go. I want to know what's the matter with the blamed thing."

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It's a pity, girls, that this year isn't leap year. The prevailing influenza has brought many a hardened old bachelor to his sneeze.

"That Miss Jones is a nice-looking girl, isn't she?" "Yes, and she'd be the belle of the town if it wasn't for one thing."

"What's that?" "She has catarrh so bad it is unpleasant to be near her. She has tried a dozen things and nothing helps her. I am sorry for her, but that doesn't make it any less disagreeable for one to be around her."

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