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Anecdote of Burns.

Andrew Horner and Burns were pitted against each other to write poetry. An epigram was the subject chosen, because "it is the shortest of all poems." In compliment to him, the company resolved that his own merits should supply the theme. He concluded:

"In seventeen hundred thirty-nine,
I and he paused.
He then said, 'Ye see,
I was born in 1739 (the year before)
and mark that the commencement.' He
then took his pen in hand, folded
his paper with a conscious air of
authorship, squared himself to the
table, like one who considered it
no trifl e even to write a letter, and
slowly put down, in good round
hand, as if he had been making
out a bill of parcels, the line:

"In seventeen hundred thirty-nine,
but beyond this, after repeated at-
tempts, he was unable to advance.
The second line was the Rubicon
he could not pass. At last, when
Andrew Horner reluctantly ad-
mitted that he was not quite in
the vein, the pen, ink and paper
were handed to his antagonist. By
him they were rejected, for he im-
mediately gave the following right
over:

"In seventeen hundred thirty-nine,
The devil's self can make a swine,
And put it in a corner;
But shortly after changed his plan,
Made it to something like a man,
And called it Andrew Horner."

Simple Remedy for Diphtheria.

An exchange publishes the following which gives a remarkably simple but effective remedy for diphtheria. A few years ago when diphtheria was raging in England a gentleman accompanied the celebrated Dr. Field in his rounds to witness the so-called wonderful cures which he performed while the patients of others were dropping on all sides. All he took with him was powder of sulphur and a quill, and with these he cured every patient without exception. He put a teaspoonful of flour of brimstone in a wineglass of water and stirred it with the finger instead of a spoon, as the sulphur does not readily dissolve with water. When the sulphur was well mixed he gave it as a gargle and in ten minutes the patient was out of danger. He never lost a patient from diphtheria. If the patient cannot gargle take a live coal, put it on a shovel and sprinkle a spoonful or two of flour of brimstone at a time upon it. Let the sufferer inhale it, holding the head over it, and the fungus will die. If plentifully used the whole room may be filled almost to suffocation; the patient can walk about in it inhaling the fumes with doors and windows shut. The mode of fumigating the rooms with sulphur has often cured most attacks of cold in the head, &c., at any time, and is recommended in cases of asthma and consumption.

Hens are often set in their ways.

The most steadfast followers of our fortunes—Our creditors.

Never communicate your affairs to one who seems anxious to know them.

Dancing masters seldom have any money, but are always taking steps to raise some.

George Washington wasn't always first even in war or in peace. He married a widow.

Women are not born politicians, and they can pack a trunk better than they could a convention.

What class of workmen are always on strike, no matter what their wages are?—Blacksmiths.

We don't believe in miracles; but the other day a deaf mute was given a hearing by a magistrate.

If editors printed everything they are asked to print, and suppressed everything they are asked to suppress, how little their journals would deserve to be called news.

An enthusiastic Indiana editor wrote: "The battle is now opened." But, alas! the intelligent composer spelt "Battle," with an "o" and his readers say they have suspected it all along.

A western paper announces the illness of its editor, plausibly adding: "All good paying subscribers are requested to mention him in their prayers. The others need not, as the prayers of the wicked avail nothing."

A Sunday-school teacher was telling her scholars, the other Sunday, that a bad boy who stole a hundred dollars, when she was interrupted by one of her auditors with the query, "and how the dickens did he get such a bad chance?"

A stranger arrived in St. Louis, took a look at the city and shot himself. In his pockets he found thirty-five cents and a stub of lead pencil, which caused the coroner's jury to return a verdict: "Chicago editor—couldn't stand prosperity."

"This life," says Josh Billings, "is like a game of cards. We must play the hand dealt to us, and the credit is not so much in winning, as in playing a poor hand well." Which being interpreted means that every man ought make the most of his opportunities.

JOHN NELSON

MERCHANT TAILOR,

ROCKWOOD,

Takes this opportunity of announcing to the public that his stock consisting of English, Scotch and Canadian

TWEEDS, CLOTHES,

AND WORSTED GOODS.

Is now complete.

He is prepared to make up in the

LATEST STYLES,

And good Workmanship.

Satisfaction Guaranteed.

A Call is solicited.

JOHN NELSON

Rockwood, March 20, 1878 35c

Ayer's Hair Vigor

For restoring to Gray Hair its natural Vitality and Color.

A dressing which is a valuable, healthy and efficacious for preserving the hair.

It soon restores faded or gray hair to its original color, with the gloss and freshness of youth.

Thin hair is thickened, falling hair checked, and baldness often, though not always, cured by its use.

Nothing can restore the hair when the follicles are destroyed, or the glands around and decayed; but such as remain are saved by this application, and stimulate new activity, so that a new growth of hair is produced. Instead of fooling the hair with a pasty sediment, it will keep it clean and vigorous. Its occasional use will present the hair from turning gray, or falling off, and consequently prevent baldness. The restoration of vitality it gives to the scalp arrests and prevents the formation of dandruff, which is often so uncleanly and offensive. Free from those deleterious substances which make some preparations dangerous, and injurious to the hair, you can only benefit, but not harm it. It is sold merely for HAIR DRESSING, nothing else can be sold as desirable. Containing neither oil nor dye, it does not white embrittle, and yet lasts long on the hair, giving it a rich glossy lustre, and a grateful perfume.

Prepared by Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co.,

Practical and Analytical Chemists,

LOWELL, MASS.

Soil by all Druggists, Everywhere.

Ayer's Cathartic Pills,

For the relief and cure of disengagements in the bowels and kidneys.

They are a mild cathartic, and exert a powerful purgative effect, they contain no mercury, and are safe for children.

Both children and adults, and every body should try them.

For their copious use, it is blood purifying, and the whole system is relieved, and the whole body is strengthened.

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