### THE POOR FARMER.

Too poor to take a paper,
Too poor to join a grange!
So when the corn was rising,
He did not know the change,
And sold his wheat for a dollar
'Twas worth a quarter more,
And now the man is poorer
Than he had been before.

His neighbor looked and told him,
This side the market town,
He should have come in sooner,
While groceries were down,
But then, alas, 'tis easy
Since corn is on the rise,
And what you gain by waiting,
Will pay for your supplies."

"Corn rising? why, I sold it?
The chap who bought my wheat,
Said this year corn was plenty,
But nine was hard to beat;
So he paid three shillings—
What, everywhere 'tis our?
The difference would give me
A hundred dollars more."

He drew the reins and started,
With spirits sadly down,
And did a heap of thinking,
Before he reached the town.
The upshot of the matter
You easily might guess,
This year he takes two papers
And couldn't do with less.

### A Prudent Person.

A person went a few days ago to have a tooth stopped. The dentist advised him that he had better have the teeth taken out, and assured him that he would feel no pain if he took laughing gas.

"But what is the effect of the gas?" asked he.

"It simply makes you totally insensible," remarked the dentist. "You don't know anything that takes place."

He submitted; but just previous to the gas being administered he put his hand in his pocket and pulled out his money.

"Oh, don't trouble about that now," said the dentist, thinking he was going to be paid his fee.

"Not at all," remarked the patient; "I was simply going to see how much I had before the gas took effect."

### A Short Sermon.

A Quakeress preached as follows: "Dear friends, there are three things I greatly wonder at. The first is, that children should be so foolish as to throw up stones and brickbats into fruit trees to knock down fruit; if they would let it alone it would fall itself. The second is, that men should be so foolish, and even so wicked, as to go to war and kill each other; if let alone they would die themselves. And the third and last thing which I wonder at is, that young men should be so unwise as to go after a young woman; since, if they would stay at home, the young women would come after them."

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A bad marriage is like an electric machine—it makes you dance, but you can't let go.

Jennie Just married Mr. Russ recently. She was Just before she was Jennie Russ. Jus' so.

What is the difference between a pill and a hill? One is hard to get up and the other hard to get down.

While Mr. Edison is in the inventing mood, why doesn't he invent a carpet that will "get up and dust?"

A truly intestate man is one who leaves nothing but the world, and he generally goes without a will.

If the globe were covered with a layer of ice 101 feet thick, the heat of the sun's rays for a year would melt it.

A country mayor has determined to kill half the dogs in the city, and tan their hides with the bark of the other half.

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