

HICKING-TIME.

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It seems her, I know that last night girl, you're quiet! I have some time for the cat.

Well, Richard, step right in, I say, sit down, I know it, the same day, I'll know it, you took a chair to her.

I am gentle as a lamb, when I sit down, I thought its time I'll let her go, the year for thirty dollars.

With her, her eyes across the room.

By them few little white stars; I could have her home at night, but just let down the bars.

Then, when you've owned her, say a month,

and then her, as it were,

but, let's—why, what's the matter, Dick?"

"I think I want a firm."

"What's not the cow well, I'll be dead!"

"There, Dick, don't drop that man, he's like me mighty slack;

But then a man's a man."

"I'm yours, my boy. But one word more,

and then she's done;

I'll sell you the whole world round,

Remember, I don't love,

but just try to drive the last,

the last nail when the last,

To let down the bars."

Close of the Season.

A woman was yesterday seen hanging out clothes in a yard on Macmillan street when a boy looked over the fence and called out:

"Have you seen any mad dogs go by here just now?"

"Mad dogs—mercy!" gasped the woman, and she threw four wet towels on the ground in a heap and got into the house at four bounds.

The boy maintained his position, and after a few minutes the woman went back out of the door and said:

"Have you?"

"Nay, we're the calm reply: "I guess the season for 'em has drawn to a close."

"You miserable boy! why did you harm me so?" she exclaimed as she dashed the door and stood outside.

"Why, I bin charmed I guess I want to find a mad dog. I've got a right to inquire if any has gone by, haven't I? You don't expect me to go out full-sabbed toasters and leave 'em at houses, do you, or pay for a double column ad. in the Free Press? Humpf! the idea that a boy can't just inquire about mad dogs!"—Detroit Free Press.

Gems of Thought.

A man has no legs and cannot stand but it has wings and can fly far and wide.

It is easier to enrich ourselves with a thousand virtues than to enrich ourselves of a single fault.

As the heart is, so is love to the heart. It partakes of its strength or weakness, its health or disease.

A woman's head is always influenced by her heart; but a man's heart is always influenced by his head.

A woman's heart is just like a lithographer's stone—what is once written upon it cannot be rubbed out.

There is one way of attaining what we may term, if not utter, at least mortal happiness; it is this—a spirit of unrelenting severity for the happiness of others.

Many flowers open to the sun, but only one follows her constantly. Heart, be thou the sun flower, so only ought to receive God's blessing, but constant in looking to Him.

Grief is only the memory of widowed affection. The more intense the delight in the presence of the object, the more poignant must be the impression of the absence.

Habits, though in their commencement like the silken line of the spider, trembling at every breeze, may in the end prove all links of tempered steel, binding a deathless being to eternal felicity or woe.

Clock man—A liberal husband. The latest thing in hose—The feet.

Why should Egypt be the place for jurexite exhumation? Because a boy can always find his human there.

A cooksey, in speaking of the decease of an octogenarian at Hayti, said: "He was born at Ayti, and he died at Hayti."

Philosophers say that shutting the eyes makes the sense of hearing more acute. A wag says this accounts for the turnily closed eyes that are open in church.

New York has just discovered that one of her restaurant-keepers is barren, and his nose doesn't look half so red as it did when he was supposed to be simply a huter.

A school master thus describes a money-lender: "He serves you in the present tense—he lends you in the conditional mood, keeps you in the subjective, and ruins you in the future."

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It is a terrible give-way when a temperate lecturer, pausing in his speech to take a drink of water, suddenly goes down and lies reaches out towards the end of the table for a couple of coffee beans.

Clocks with photographic attachment, instead of striking the hour will call out in the morning, "Hello, John, time to get up," or may politely invite "Dear Charles, or "Henry", to go home when ten o'clock P. M. arrives.

A beautiful disciple of Copel Court bothered the stage manager of a Strand theatre to tell him some fresh character to go in to a fancy dress ball. Said the manager at last:—"Oh, wrap yourself up in a needle, and go as a stock!"

The Toronto, Grey and Bruce Railway Company have at length succeeded in getting a by-law before the Toronto City Council providing for a license of \$100,000 to be levied in the widening of the road. They do not ask for a free gift of the above amount but merely the exchange of dilutaries for a like amount of 2nd mortgag bonds. Should they be successful in getting this by law carried there will suffice like by-laws to the municipalities along the line of road. We hope the Directors of the road may be successful for the scheme is of the utmost importance to the success of the line.

Ayer's Cathartic Pills.

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