

THE FAMISHED SOLDIER.

A DOMESTIC ROMANCE. [From Punch.] A Soldier came to my farm gate.

Whom my wife would have sent away, For our larder had suffered much of late; But I said, Let the wretch stay.

Random Readings.

An Irishman, in describing the qualities of a favorite parrot, declared that it cursed and swore, and told lies like a Christian.

A German chemist has discovered that there is sugar in tears. What a lump of sweetness, then, Niobe, must have been when we all tears? Pity some married men could not contrive to distill this sweetness; their wives would supply them with the very best moist of all the year round.

A man who cheats in short measure is a measureless rogue. If he gives short measure in wheat, then is a rogue in grain. If in whiskey, then he is a rogue in spirit. If he gives a bad title to land, then he is a rogue in deed. And if he cheats whenever he can, he is in deed, in spirit, in grain, a measureless scoundrel.

A down-easter advertises for a wife in the following manner:—Any gal what's got a cow, a good feather bed and fixings, \$500 in hard puter, one that's had the measles, and understands tending children, can have a customer for her by writin' a billy dud, address Z—R, and stick it on Uncle Ebenzer's ban, line send, jinin' the hog pen.

COPY OF A WELCH COBBLER'S SPOON.—Byce Dyas, Cobbler, Dealer in Hacco Slag and Pigtail, Bacon and Ginger bread. Eggs laid every morning by me, and very good Paradise, in the summer. Gentlemen and Ladies can have good Taw and Crumplets and Strawberry with sem milk, because I can get no cream. N. B.—Shoes and Boots mended very well here!

An Episcopal clergyman, who rather likes a joke, was engaged to read the service for a brother minister, and was hurrying to church on Sunday morning. A friend, struck by his uncommon speed inquired, 'Sir, why so fast?' In order, replied he, 'that he who runs may read.'

A day or two ago, a Quaker and a hot-headed youth were quarrelling in the street. The broad-brimmed friend kept his temper most equably, while the other but to increase the anger of the other. 'Fellow,' said the latter, 'I don't know a bigger fool than you are,' finishing the sentence with an oath. 'Stop, friend,' replied the Quaker, 'thou forgettest thyself.'

An honest farmer having a number of men loitering in his field, went to see how his work went on. Finding one of them sitting still, he inquired the cause. 'The man replied, 'I thirst for the spirit.' 'Grog, you mean, I suppose,' said the farmer, 'but the Bible teaches you to thirst after the spirit, it also says, 'Hoe! every one that thirsteth!'

'Bridget,' said a lady to her servant, 'Bridget Conley, who was that man you were talking so long with at the gate, last night?' 'Sure it was nobody but me eldest brother-in-law,' replied Bridget, with a flushed cheek. 'Four brothers, I didn't know you had a brother.' 'What's his name?' 'Barney O'toolan.' 'Indeed, how comes his name is not the same as yours?' 'Troth, ma'am,' replied Bridget, 'he was married once.'

IRISH PROVERBS.—(By the Cove of Cork).—Men of straw don't make the best bricks. It's a narrow bed that has no turning. When money is sent flying out of the windows, it's poverty that comes in at the door. The pig that pleases to live must live to please. One man may steal a hedge, whereas another doesn't even as much as look at a horse. Some remarks make long friends—and holds equally good with your landlord and your clothes. The mug of a life is known by there being nothing in it. You may put the cart before the horse, but you can't make him eat. Money makes the gentleman, the want of it the blackguard. When wise men fall out, then rogues come by what is not their own.—Punch.

THE ANXIOUS BANK MANAGER.—There is a story about canonical or apocryphal as it may turn out to be, which we give as it comes to us.—A bank manager in Biltar, falling in with an acquaintance, asked him, with apparent concern, 'if he had any news.' 'Nothing particular,' was the reply. 'Nothing about the trials?' 'Oh, yes, by the bye; one of the conspirators is to be imprisoned for life, and the rest are to be beheaded.' 'Good Heavens!' exclaimed our hero, clenching the arm of his friend with both hands, 'you don't say so?' 'The directors of the Bank don't say to be beheaded!'' 'No, no, no!' rejoined the messenger; 'not the bank conspirators—Ours and his comrades.' The bank manager was relieved—his head felt secure again on his shoulders.

HOW I CAME TO BE MARRIED.

It may be funny, but I've done it. I've got a rib and a baby. SHADOWS DEPARTED, oyster stews, brandy cocktails, cigar boxes, boot jacks, absconding shirt buttons, wheat and dominoes. SHADOWS PRESENT—hoop skirts, band boxes, ribbons, garters, long stockings, juvenile dresses, tin trumpets, little willow chairs, cradles, bibs, pap, sugar teats, paregoric, hive syrup, castor oil, Godfrey's cordial, soothing syrup, rhubarb, salts, squills and doctors bills. SHADOWS FUTURE—more babies, more live syrup, etc.

I'll just tell you how I got caught. I was always the darndest, and most tea custard, bashful fellow you ever did see; it was kinder in my line to be taken with the shakes every time I saw a pretty girl approaching me, and I'd cross the street any time rather than face one; 'twasn't because I didn't like the critters, for if I was behind a fence looking through a knot hole I couldn't look at one long enough. Well my sister Lib gave a party one night, and I staid away from home because I was too bashful to 'face the music.' I hung around the house whistling 'Dan Tucker,' dancing to keep my feet warm, watching the heads bobbing up and down behind the window curtains and wishing the thundering party would break up so I could get up to my room. I smoked up a bunch of cigars, and as it was getting late and mighty uncomfortable, I concluded to shun up the door post. No sooner said than done, and I soon found myself snug in bed. 'Now,' says I, 'let her rip!—Dance till your wind gives out! And cuddling under the quilts, Morpheus grabbed me.*** I was dreaming of soft-shelled crabs and stewed tripe, and was having a good time, when somebody knocked at my door and woke me up. 'Rap, rap, rap! I heard a whisper, and I knew there was a whole raft of girls outside. 'Rap, rap, rap!' Then Lib sings out, 'Jack, are you in there?' 'Yes,' says I. Then came a roar of laughter. 'Let us in,' says she. 'I won't say I; 'can't you let a fellow alone?' 'Are you abed?' says she. 'I am,' says I. 'Get up,' says she; 'I won't say I.'—Then came another laugh. By thunder! I began to get ridder. 'Get out you petticoated scarecrows!' I cried; can't you get a bean without hauling a fellow out of bed? I won't go home with you—I won't—so you may clear out! And throwing a boot at the door, I felt better. But presently, oh! mortal buttons! I heard a still small voice very much like sister Lib's, and it said: 'Jack, you'll have to get up, for all the girls' things are in there!' Oh! lord, what a pickle!—Think of me in bed all covered with shawls, muffs, bonnets and cloaks, and twenty girls outside waiting to get in!—If I had stopped to think I should have panicked on the spot. As it was, I rolled out among the bonnet wire and ribbons in a hurry. Smash! went the millinery in every direction. I had to dress in the dark—for there was a crack in the door, and the girls will peek—and the way I fumbled about the women. 'Oh, my Leghorn!' cries one. 'My dear, darling, winter velvet' cries another; and they pitched in—they pulled me this way and that way, boxed my ears, and one bright-eyed little piece—Sal—her name was—put her arms right around my neck, and kissed me right on my lips. Human nature couldn't stand that, and I gave her as good as she sent. It was the first time I ever got a taste, and it was powerful good. I believe I could have kissed her from Julius Cesar to Fourth of July. 'Jack,' said she, 'we are sorry to disturb you, but won't you see me home?' 'Yes,' said I, 'I will.' I did it, and had another smack at the gate, too.

After that, we took a kinder turtledoveing after each other, both of us sighing like a barrel of new cider when we were away from each other. 'Twas at the close of a glorious summer day—the sun was setting behind a distant hog pen—the chickens were going to roost—the bullfrogs were commencing their evening songs—the polly-wogs in their native mud puddles were preparing themselves for the shades of night—and Sall and myself sat down upon an antiquated big log, listening to the music of nature, such as tree toads, roosters and grunting pigs; and now and then the mellow music of a distant jacksass was wafted to our ears by the gentle zephyrs that sighed among the mullen stalks,

and came heavily laden with the delicious odor of hen roosts and pig styces. The last lingering rays of the setting sun, glancing from the brass buttons of a solitary horseman, shone through a knot-hole in the hog-pen full in Sall's face, dyeing her hair with an orange peel hue, and showing off my thread bare coat to bad advantage—one of my arms around Sall's waist, my hand reclining on the small of her back—she was almost gone and I was ditto. She looked like a grass-hopper dying with the hiccupps, and I felt like a mud turtle choked with a codfish ball. 'Sal,' says I, in a voice musical as the notes of a dying swan, 'Will you love me?' She turned her eyes heavenward, clasped me by the hand, had an attack of the heaves and blind stagger, and with a sigh that drew her shoe strings to her palate, said, 'Yes!' She gave clear out then, and squatted in my lap—she corkered and I huffed and rolled in it. I cuddled her till I broke my suspenders, and her breath smelt of the onions she ate a week before. Well, to make a long story short, she set the day, and we practiced for four weeks, every night, how we would walk into the room to be married, till we got so we could walk as graceful as a couple of Muscovie ducks.

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