

VARIOUS TOPICS.

The fruit trees in Santa Barbara are being dug up and English walnuts planted in their stead. A rustic visitor to Burlington, Vt., spent Thanksgiving Day on the horse railway...

house, which could not find a hirer, was strictly enclosed to everybody. A story went the rounds at the election time in England that a Roman Catholic chaplain was secretly lodged at Hatfield House...

MOUNTAIN ROMANCES.

Som' Incidents of Life in the Rockies.

In the northern Rocky Mountains, in Montana, on the stream that runs between Chief Mountain and the main range, and high up in the mountains, I came on tiny cabin so small that it looked as though it were a children's play house. There was a shaft about thirty feet deep, long since abandoned, close by the house...

Horrible Recital.

William Stevens makes what he calls a confession of the manner in which he murdered his affianced, Bertha Duckwitz, in Chicago recently, for which crime he was arrested near Orion. The other night he sat in the kitchen with Bertha at home until after 12 o'clock.

Our Progress.

As stages are quickly abandoned with the completion of railroads, so the huge, drastic, cathartic pills, composed of crude and bulky medicines, are quickly abandoned with the introduction of Dr. Pierce's "Pleasant Purgative Pellets," which are sugar coated...

What's in a Name?

There is a great deal that is funny in names. Names are sometimes comical in themselves, but oftener they become ridiculous by their association.

Announcements of engagements and marriages may bring names into strange connection. A happy fitness is seen in the union of a Mr. Catt to a Miss Mew, and of a Mr. Tee to a Miss Kettle.

From this it appears that the Earl of Cork must have been an uncle of chemistry. No words are better suited to the purpose of the punster than are many of our familiar names...

"On yes," was the answer, "Hook and Eye (I) are old oronies." It is related of two gentlemen, one named Fuller, the other Hawke, both fond of a joke, that the former asked the other what was the difference between an owl and a hawk.

Another old but very good instance of punning upon a name is told of a Mr. Gunn, who was called as a witness in a judicial court. After his examination the counsel said to him—"Mr. Gunn, you can now go off."

His Sister. A young collegian, in the Junior year, was packing his valise to go home for the Christmas holidays.

"What are you taking your new meerschaum for? it will be broken," said his chum. "I must risk it. I told Jenny about it; she must see it."

"And your diagrams; what do you want with them?" "Well, Jenny would like to see if I have improved. She is very much interested in my diagrams."

"And you are packing up all your medals! Lawn-tennis prizes, too?" "Oh, Jenny knows all about the sports! She is impatient to examine the prizes. You ought to hear her talk of touch-downs and serves."

"The London Standard says that the populations of Paris is decidedly decreasing. Last autumn there were nearly 115,000 fewer inhabitants of the French capital than four years ago, and this diminution bears heavily on the cab and omnibus companies."

During the last thirty years the consumption of malt liquor, which had been very inconsiderable and confined to a few localities, has greatly increased in Ireland. Brewing in the last century was in some parts a very flourishing industry.

The business of painting the huge signs upon fences and barns which assault the eye in all parts of the country is in the hands of a few contractors in New York and Chicago.

The Roman newspapers protest against the revival of the Drama of the Dead, which was again celebrated this year upon the Campo Santo on All Souls' Day.

There is something unpleasant about a deserted cabin. I never occupied one of these abandoned huts unless the weather was exceedingly severe, preferring to spread my blankets beneath the pines on the thick carpet of needles.

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