EVEN THE SEDATE MILTON IN-

DULGED IN PLAY ON WORDS.

Epic Poet's Verses on the Death of

the Celebrated Hobson, the Car-

Meanings-Shakespeare Was an In-

veterate Punster and Tom Hood

It is not generally known that Mil-

ton, author of "Paradise Lost," one of

the most stately and majestic poems

in the English language, once wrote a

punning epitaph on the carrier who

and "who sickened in the time of his

vacancy, being forbid to go to Lon-

suffice to show with what skill he

ALI too much breathing put him out

And again he says, referring to

Yet (strange to think) his wain was

Nor is Milton the only poet whose

"What comfort, man? How is't

puts into the mouth of Gaunt the

"O how that name befits my com-

position! Old Gaunt, indeed, and

"Mine, sir," Hamlet replies:

thou liest in't." And later adds:

"Thou dost lie in't, to be in't and

known. In "Faithless Sally Brown,"

"Faithless Nellie Gray," and "The

Duel," to mention but a few, almost

every line contains a pun. What

could be wittier than the concluding

verse of "Faithless Sally Brown?"

They went and told the sexton, and

Perhaps one of the best-known puns

dition, asked him why he had come.

My hat and wig will soon be here-

When I was young and debonair,

But now I'm old and wiser grown,

The fairest nymph to me is Browne.

Swiss Are Great Cheese Eaters.

The Swiss are the greatest cheese

eaters in the world. The rank of a

The brownest nymph to me was fair;

The sexton tolled the bell.

berth.

Gilpin replied:

And if I well forbode,

They are upon the road.

At torty-odd befell;

works have become impiortal who

stooped to pun. Shakespeare, as is

Nor were it contradiction to affirm

no choice at all.

played with words:

of breath;

Hobson's prosperity:

question:

his increase.

him his death.

and Cowper Are Also Famous.

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Two Souls In Harmony. long enough.

mately for a week." the long journey of life." "We have them. We t like musi- mongrel or of mixed sort. cal comedy and golf."

Not Locality.

him after their attack?"

Wished to Break the Record. "There's something uncanny about that lawyer."

dirn't make a motion for a new trial." on original conversation."

THE WORLD'S BANK NOTES.

SOME CLASSIC PUNS Striking Differences In Coloring and

Style of Money of the Nations. The Bank of England notes are simply printed in black ink, on Irish linen, water-lined paper, plain white, with ragged edges. A badly scrolled or worn Bank of England note is rarely seen, for the reason that notes which in any way find their way back to the bank are immediately cancelrier, Abound In Witty Double ed and new c or issues in their stead.

The notes of the Bank of France are made of white water-lined paper, printed in black and white, with numerous mythological and allegorical pictures.

South American notes resemble those of Canada, except that cinnamon brown and slate blue are the prevailing colors.

plied between Cambridge and London German notes are printed in green and black. The one-thousand-mark bills are printed in silk fiber paper. It has been averred that it takes an

don by reason of the plague," to quote the poet's own words. This carrier expert or a native to distinguish a was none other than that Hobson Chinese bill from a laundry ticket if whose "choice" has become so famthe bill be of low denomination, or ous. It appears that he used to let from a firecracker label if the bill be out his horses on hire, but, no matter of large denomination, the print behow pressing the need, a traveler had ing in red or white, or yellow or red, to take the horses Hobson offered or with much gilt and many gorgeous none, so that to-day the phrase "Hobson's choice" is used to signify

Italian notes are of all sizes, shapes and colors. The smaller bills are print-Milton's noem written on the death ed on white paper in pink, blue and of this carrier is too long to quote in carmine inks. full, but one or two passages will

The most striking paper currency in the world is that of Russia. Its one-hundred-ruble note is barred from top to bottom with all the colors of the Rest, that gives all men life, gave rainbow, blended as when a sun ray passes through a prism. In bold relief in the centre stands forth a finelyexecuted vignette in black. The remainder of the engraving is in dark Too long vacation hastened on his and light brown ink.

Cultivating Sponges.

The cultivation of sponges upon the bottom of the ocean is accomplished by means of cement triangles or discs, to which the "seed" sponges are attached with a piece of leadcoated copper wire. After the seed well known, was an inveterate punsponges, which are obtained by cutster, and Dr. Johnson, in his preface ting one large sponge into several to an edition of the poet's works, l'eces, have been fastened to the ceseverely censures him for playing ment discs, these are let down with with words on serious occasions. For a strand of wire, or dropped down example, in answer to King Richard's if the water is shallow, to rest on the bottom. Here they are permitted to remain for a year or two, until satiswith ancient Gaunt?" the playwright factory growth has been attained, when they are hooked up from the ********************************** bottom by men in a boat. If the water happens to be very deep, a number of divers are employed for gaunt in being old. Within me grief putting new cuttings on the discs as has kept a tedious tast; and who abthey take the full-grown sponges off. stains from meat that is not gaunt?" It is claimed that cultivated sponges Hamlet is made to pun, too. When have at least one important advanthe clown, digging graves in the tage over those taken from their natchurchyard, in answer to the quesural growing places, in that the fortion, "Whose grave's this?" says mer can be removed from the cement discs or triangles without damaging "I think it be thine, indeed; for the texture and wearing qualities of the sponges-a result that it is impossible to obtain when they are desay it is thine; 'tis for the dead, not tached from their rocky or coral for the quick; therefore thou liest." foundations. The puns of Tom Hood are well

Statesmen as a Deity.

According to a home journal the important city of Luchoufoo was the home of Li Hung Chang, the great Chinese statesman. Within its walls is a fine school to which is attached a His death, which happened in his great hospital, both built with funds left by him for the purpose. By the side of the two establishments stands a new and splendid temple, one of the finest ever erected in China. It has been built in accordance with the universal custom of ancestor worship, is that put into the mouth of "John but further, in order to afford oppor-Gilpin" by Cowper. It will be retunity for the adoration of the spirit membered that, according to the of the great statesman, Li Hung poem, John Gilpin borrowed a horse Chang has been proclaimed a deity, from his friend to ride to Edmonton and thus one more has been added to celebrate his wedding day, but the to the countless gods in the Chinese horse had other plans and took the pantheon. The temple is 400 feet long jovial Gilpin to the house of his and seventy-five feet wide. The cost friend, who, on seeing his ruffed con- has been \$200,000. Li Hung Chang is buried five miles away from the city, but close by the sepulchre is another fine ancestral temple. I came because your horse would

The Basque Language.

It is said that, though the Basque language, which is spoken in the Pyrenees, is one of the most difficult of The poet Wither once lamented the all languages to acquire, the youngdecline of his family in the words, est child, conscious of his own "The very name of Wither shows de- thought, can express himself perfectly cay," and although the following in it. It is averred that in vigor and verse, penned by Lord Lyttelton to word painting this is the richest of Lady Browne, is not the work of a all languages. This may be partly poet so called, it is well worth quot- due to the fact that nouns, pronouns and adjectives change into verbs at will and verbs may be transformed into nouns and adjectives. Every part of speech and even the letters of the alphabet can be declined like nouns, and adjectives are conjugated like

Radium and Gems. It is possible to change the color of precious and semiprecious stones by Swiss family is often known by the exposing them to the action of raage of its cheese, and the more respect or affection that a guest inspires dium. A German who has devoted the harder is the cheese that is served himself to this study has obtained in his honor. There are families where remarkable results. He bought sapthe cheese in the larder dates back phires of different kinds and put them several hundred years and is so valu- in a box with a small quantity of able that it is only served on great radium. At the end of a month the occasions such as baptisms, weddings transformations were as follows: and funerals. On the birth of an heir White sapphires had become yellow, a cheese is made and named, and it blue green, violet blue, wine-colored is not cut until the wedding of the stone red and dark blue violet.

A Spelling Test.

The catch question has often been "Daughter, you haven't known him asked, "How many words in the English language end in dous?" The "Father, I have known him inti- common answer is four-hazardous, jeopardous, tremendous and stupen-"A couple must have similar tastes dous. As a matter of fact, however, to take them in harmony through there are five, and the word often overlooked is hybridous, meaning

Wasps and Honey.

Wasps are at all times particularly "You say the man was chased by fond of honey. Toward the end of his enemies through several states. summer, as all beekeepers know, they What state was he in when you saw will torce their way into beehives and carry off by force as much as they "I should say he was in a state of can gorge of their winged neighbors

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