

"Picking" from Punch.

At this point of the year when the Clerks and Shop boys are inducing their masters to shut up at early hours, the following letter to *Punch* may be found with the printed:

THE EARLY SHUTTING UP MOVE.

"Mr. Punch—

"Where are we going? More shops shutting up at six o'clock? Why, after dark London people won't be worth looking at; and nobody will be about their business, and nobody will be about it in the papers that the gentry are going to put by their calculations and put up their shutters at six at night; so if anybody's dying for an ounce of tea, or a half-pint of ale, they may die till morning, nobody will serve them."

"And they say this is all because young men's minds are bad! Impure thoughts, billiards, &c., and improve their cigar: impure thoughts are full of felonies. Why, Sir, we shall have felonies from all sorts of places at half-a-crown a head; and all the 'gentlemen' of London will be always going up a purpose to knock down upon their better."

"Why, Mr. Punch, in the pleasure of life was doing a little bit of shopping at night; and as for the young men behind the counter, it kept 'em out of mischief to keep 'em busy till it was time to go to their honest beds: now, they'll give up their honest business to go to their clubs to drink beer, and then, closing up at half past six, the early opening of the Old Bailey. Besides, some colonists never slept so well as by candle-light; and Regent Street never so hand-some as by gas. And now young men are to shut their shops, and they may open their minds! Do you think His Majesty could be persuaded to go in state to Twickenham at night just once, by way of protest; and the aristocracy be made to sit up, and they might sleep up, at least half the night? Depend upon it they do; and when they know their own interests; for this country is more interested in my husband says—is sure to end in contention."

"Yours, &c.,
A. BODMER."

"P. S. I send my real name and direction, if you like to use 'em."

A Farce Intermezzo—why should we make a sort of mob-dumb-his-advised possession of a secret the knowledge of which will supersede the necessity for showing, and dispense with all care for the use of the name. This must indeed be a secret worth knowing, for we ourselves in our turn give a sort of secret to the public, who, in their turn, give it to the public, so that the public, in the end, will be the only ones who will be manufactured out of man's ingenuity which is according to Shakespeare, the sharpest thing that has ever been discovered. We never lost one slaving implements without thinking of some of those "wise knaves" that the Bard of Avon alludes to, and when our spider tackle presents a set of "modern instances?"

RECREATIONS OF NATURAL HISTORY.—Really Lord John had a narrow escape. He has been to the Zoological Gardens, Dublin, and avoided the trap that was laid for him. A dog was easily caught, and exhibited behind some iron bars. However, the conspiracy was betrayed, as Irish conspiracies invariably are, and his Lordship escaped being shown at a secret's head.

The patricians, this year, to be very busy. Now, really, stoutness should recall that what is game to us is death to them. We can hardly expect the patricians to come and be shot, as it was a pleasure for which they were dying. If this were the case, they would fail, as well-born birds, to bring their own dead-game with them.

Taking of birds, we know of one at Bologna that is extremely shy, that nothing will induce him to come across the water, unless he sees that the goal is perfectly clear. The shyness of this bird, is attributed to a dash of choler, which is said to be born in the heart of a violent soldier. At present, General Taylor and Major Van Rensselaer contesting the Presidency, but we may live to see the Americans. Disputing the bone of contention between Poynting and Cesar.

BURNING OF THE TEMPLE OF NAUVOO.

Correspondence of the N. Y. Tribune.

NAUVOO, III. Oct. 11, 1848.

The Mormon Temple in this city was set on fire Monday morning last, and burned down.

The fire was set in the lobby about 2 o'clock in the morning. No effort was made to stop the progress of the flames, the people being satisfied with horror and amazement at the Vandalism that would lay in ruins one of the most magnificent structures in the country erected at an expense of \$200,000.

Nothing now remains of that edifice, which was the pride and boast of a deluded people who are about here, though in parts the most terrible vengeance. The temple had just been finished by the Mormons. Church for a sum of \$200,000 for the purpose of being converted into an institution of learning, and the agent of the church was to have taken possession on the morning it was built.

Austrian affairs still confused. The Emperor has taken up his residence in the suburbs of Vienna. The city had not been bombarded, but was besieged by the two armies, 100,000 men encircled the city. The Railway being torn up for many miles from Vienna. Little reliable news can be gathered. The French held a few.

Russia stands ready with 200,000 men to repel the cause of the Empress.

Italy events are producing serious results.

The Hungarian soldiers at Milan demand leave to withdraw to their own country. The position of Radetzky appears peremptory.

The alarm created by the appearance of the Cholera has abated in England; 30 additional cases only reported to Saturday.

The Cholera is reported at Birmingham; one case only, at Manchester none; Liverpool so far escaped; the pestilence in Edinburgh.

The ravages of the disease have been rather more extensive than in any other place, whilst reports say Leith has comparatively escaped.

We understand that his death, which will be replaced by a large circle of friends, was caused by a severe attack of apoplexy and paralysis.

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In addition to his denunciation of the Pope, the confession, the calendar of saints, converts, enemies of the clergy and praying in foreign tongues, he openly denounces the doctrine of the Trinity.

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The most cheering intelligence that we have given in this work is this, that in general the pestilence is on the decline, the plague now, we first observed some six weeks ago, since which has been gradually spreading, and is now in full force, and seems to be on the wane.

The Duke of Wellington, in his speech to the House of Commons, on the 2d of October, said:

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