

NAUGHTY, BUT NICE. She stood beside my high-backed chair, Her curls against my face, And turning round to see me fair, My very thoughts to trace, She put a dimpled hand in mine, To hide it in a trice, And blushing just a little, said: "I really think it nice."

The Parrot's Joke. The prize package stationery man is around again. He knocked at the door of a Nelson street house, Friday afternoon. "Come in," said a voice. He stepped into a sitting room, but saw no person. There was another door leading into what was undoubtedly a bedroom, and thence a female voice appeared. "What do you want?" it inquired.

"I am selling a new kind of prize package of stationery. It is a perfectly novelity in this line." Here the agent entered upon a full, minute and eloquent description of the contents of the packages, waxing warmer as he advanced, and revealing, as it were, in the freedom from the scrutinizing or doubtful eyes of the prospective customer. Finally his breath was exhausted, and as he stooped, the voice asked, "How much are they?"

"Only twenty-five cents, madam, only twenty." Here an unnoticed door in another part of the room opened, and a female with a very astonished face looked in upon him. "What do you want, and who are you talking to?" she asked. "I am the only authorized agent in this section for a new prize package of stationery," he explained, "and I have been telling the lady in the other room."

"A Spoke." (Scene, Duke of Rothsay Hotel, 5 p. m. Enter three Highland farmers newly landed from the "Tonn.") Waiter—(smilingly advancing)—"This way gentlemen; wishing tea?" 1st Celt—"Och, aye, whateffer for me."

The origin and meaning of the word "woman" having been quite recently under discussion in the pages of the London Notes and Queries, a Dublin man sends the following old verse which he lately came across in his readings: When Eve brought thee to all mankind, Old Adam called her "woman"; But when she stood with love so kind, He then pronounced it "woman"; But now with folly and with pride Their husbands' pockets trimming, The ladies are all called "women." The people called them "whoremen."

I talked with a minion from Her Majesty's dominions: Says I, "Where are you going?" Says he, "To Hide a hoe." Says I, "What are you going to hide a hoe for?" Says he, "I didn't any hide a hoe; I said Hide a hoe." Says I, "Spells it, 'Idaho.'" Says he, "Hide a hoe."

The latest discovery in mechanics is by a Frenchman, and is known as the suicide clock. You attach its machinery to the trigger of a gun, the time when it is to be fired, after the manner of an alarm clock, go to bed and sleep comfortably, and at the moment fixed the work is done without your knowing anything about it.

Curious Epitaph. The inscription on the headboard of "Will Bill's" grave has become quite a curiosity to "pilgrims." I give it just as it appears on the board: "When Bill," J. B. Hickok, killed by the assassin Jack McCall, Deadwood, Black Hills, August 2nd, 1876. "Lord, we will meet again! In the happy Hunting Ground. To part no more. Good-bye." "CORONADO" (CHARLIE). C. H. UTTEN.

In the grave with him is buried all of his guns, cartridges, belt, &c., that he died possessed of. If running after the women be a sin, it is one which is very easily checked. All that's necessary is for the women to stop running away from the men. A woman may not be able to sharpen a pencil or hold an umbrella, but she can pack more articles into a trunk than a man can in a one-horse wagon.

There may come a time when everything had of Brigham Young will be forgotten, and he will be remembered as the great philanthropist who buried twenty-seven mothers-in-law in a dozen years. The long continued drought has caused a terrible famine in north eastern Brazil. Over 100 persons have perished of starvation up to 1st October, and more than 15,000 were suffering. An editor received a letter from a subscriber asking him to publish a cure for apple-tree worms. He replied that he could not suggest a cure until he knew what killed the worms.

During the storm of last Monday a South Hill was struck by lightning, and a more astounding stroke of lightning never climaxed back into the one eye and hid behind a thunder-cloud.—Haverley. A Mr. Steele recently married a Miss Lemon in New York. We would have our opinion of any man who would marry a Lemon, but suppose it was well squeezed before he took it, which lightens the offence. Or, maybe, he wanted some lemon aid.

An Irishman having accidentally broken a pane of glass in the window of a house, was making the best of his way to get out of sight, but, unfortunately for Pat, the proprietor, stole a march on him, and having seized him by the collar, exclaimed: "Didn't you break that window?" "To be sure I did," replied Pat, "and didn't you see me running home for the money to pay for it?"

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