

Ten highwaymen cannot pull a shirt off a naked man's back.

A friend that sticks in prosperity and adversity—Mucilage.

What is better than a promising young man? A paying one.

A Missouri woman who applied for a situation as car driver, being asked if she could manage mules, scornfully replied, "Of course I can, I've had two husbands."

A Kentucky paper endeavors to pay a delicate compliment to a favorite actress by calling her "a sweet little red-haired chandelier kicker."

A Scotch divine, praying, said, "O, Lord, give unto us neither poverty nor riches," and pausing solemnly a moment, he added, "especially poverty."

"Will the boy who threw that pepper on the stove please come up here and get a present of a nice book?" said a Sunday school superintendent in Iowa; but the boy never moved. He was a far-seeing boy.

When an affectionate man in Mount Vernon, Ill., published a "personal" soliloquy correspondence with "young cultured ladies," the type fiend set it up "colored ladies," and the poor fellow is in trouble.

During a trial the Judge called a witness. No one answered, and an elderly man arose and solemnly said "he was gone." "Where has he gone?" asked the Judge, in no tender tone. "I don't know, but he's dead," was the guarded answer.

A St. Louis girl who received New Year's calls describes the misery she suffered because people would talk about the weather. "For twelve hours," she says, "I heard, over and over again, the self-same platitudes, and before night I felt like a Signal Service Bureau, and was so stuffed with weather that I was sick."

"Going to the can-can to-night, Henry?" "No! I'd like to first rate, but I heard father make an arrangement with Deacon to go to-night and it wouldn't do to have him catch me there." The above conversation, actually took place recently between two high-toned lads of the Seventh Ward.—*Milwaukee Commercial.*

A Georgetown man unconsciously got himself into trouble one Monday evening. His wife asked him where he was going, as she observed him putting on his overcoat. "I am going to Sally forth," he replied. "Let me catch you going with any Sally Fourth, and there will be a first-class opportunity for your fire company to throw themselves on a set of obituary resolutions."

A lady was leading a little black and tan dog. When she reached the corner a boy suddenly cut the string, and giving a yell that a boy only can give, black and tan put down the avenue at his best pace. The lady caught the boy and gave him a few smart raps on the head with the handle of her parasol, and being asked what she was doing, naively answered: "I'm handling the nucleus of a very bad man."

"Eat your bread, Charles—do not fling it away," said a learned and good judge to one of his family, adding, "for who knows, in the vicissitudes of this life, you may not this day want it!" The old gentleman had to cough, look learned, and go away when the youngster answered more logically, "If I eat it, how can I have it when I want it?" This is the result of a learned judge having children.

Inside of the hat of a cattle thief recently arrested in Detroit were found pasted the following maxims: "Remember that truth is a jewel; do not covet; respect old age; be content with what you have; live that men will take your character as an example." In consideration of the excellent principles governing the man's life the Judge kindly allowed him to retain the printed slip containing them during his year's sojourn in the penitentiary.

A maiden lady, suspecting her female servant was regaling her beau upon the cold mutton of the larder, called Betty and inquired whether she did not hear someone speaking with her down stairs. "Oh, no, ma'am," replied the girl, "it was only me singing a psalm!" "You may amuse yourself, Betty," replied the maiden, with, "psalms, but let us have no hims, Betty. I have a great objection to hims." Betty courted, withdrew, and took the hint.

A judge in North Carolina was a great stickler for forms. One day a soldier, who had been battered considerably in the war, was brought in as a witness. The judge told him to hold up his right hand. "Can't do it, sir," said the man. "Why not?" "Got a shot in that arm, sir." "Then hold up your left." "Got a shot in that arm, too, sir." "Then," said the judge, sternly, "you must hold up your leg. No man can be sworn, sir, in this court by law unless he holds up something."

The Nelson county, Ky., *Record* challenges the world to beat the case of a child in that county, four weeks old, which has four great-grand-fathers, one great-grand-mother, three great-grand-step-mothers, two grandfathers and two grandmothers. What is the use of the "four great-grand-fathers?" One is enough for any reasonable person. And as for three great-grand-step-mothers, they are a wasteful and ridiculous excess. One step-mother is generally thought too much for any child; but with "three great grands" he will never live to grow up.—*Ex.*

From only intermarrying among themselves two great evils have resulted to the Spanish noblesse—they have no link with the people; and they have degenerated physically and intellectually. A young guardsman having omitted at court to make the usual salaam to a great nobleman, excused himself by saying that he was not aware of his grace's exalted rank. "My friend," said the candid duke, "the safest way is to suppose everybody in the palace who looks like a monkey to be a grandee of the first class."

The *Health Reformer* is an entertaining and instructive magazine, devoted to practical hygiene, and all subjects relating to health. It gives instruction to the well, which will enable them to retain health, and points out to the invalid the true way to regain lost health. The number for January contains interesting articles on the following subjects: Bible Hygiene, The Medical Use of Alcohol, Dangers of Pork-Eating Exposed, London, The Confession of a Reformed Smoker, The Hygienic Platform, Universal Suffocation, Who Are Extremists? American Health Association, and many other important subjects relating to diet and general hygiene. Published at Battle Creek, Mich. Terms, one dollar a year.

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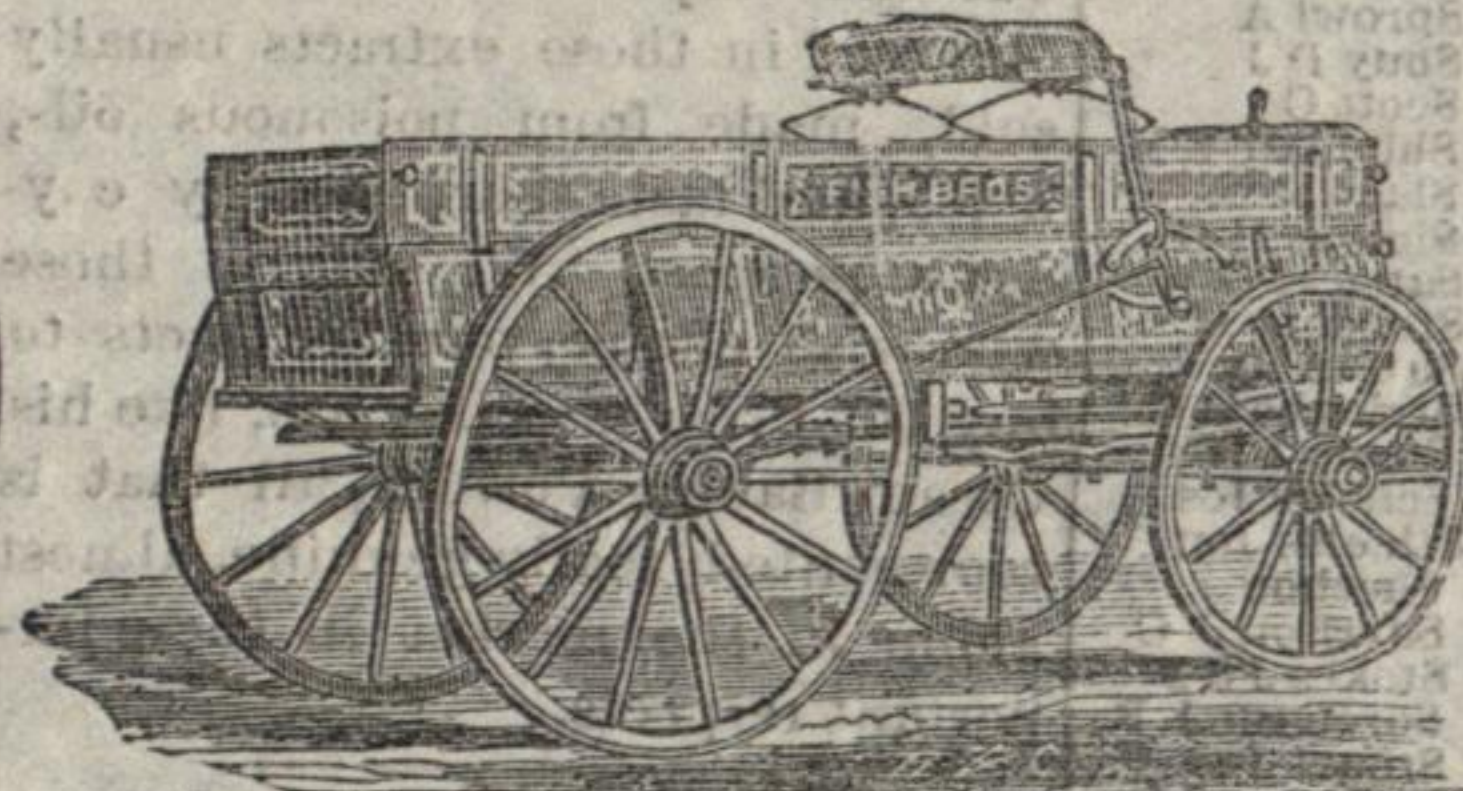
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