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An Irish magistrate censuring some boys for loitering in the street said:-"If everybody were to stand in the streets how could anybody get by ?"

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The potato bug throws up the sponge in the presence of a Pennsylvania fly bearing the name of thyridopetriz ephemæriformis.

The National Educational Association of St. Louis were of the opinion that an indispensable qualification for a good primary teacher was the ability to subsist upon a very small salary.

A Nashua gentleman said to an old lady, who had brought up a family of children near the river, "I should think you would have lived in constant fear that some of them would have got drowned." "Oh, no," responded the old lady, "we only lost three or four that way."

The New England Medical Gazette says: "An old lady followed up an Episcopal Bishop, as he traveled over his diocese, and was confirmed several times before she was detected. She wished the ordinance repeated because she had 'understood it was good for rheumatism.""

A Connecticut ruralist drank his first glass of soda very solemnly the other day, and then eyeing the clerk inquiringly, anxiously remarked, "it is all right, I s'pose?" "Why yes;" said the clerk, hesitatingly, "but what do you mean?" "Why, the darn thing won't go off in a fellow, will it?"

It is related that when Beecher was in the country, last summer, he lost his hat, and found it about a week after in a barn where he had left it, but with four eggs in it. This was as it should be. Beecher had just written a eulogy on the hen; why shouldn't the Hen-reward Beecher.

"People laugh at me," Artemus Ward once said, "more because of my eccentric sentences than on account of the subject matter in them. There is no wit in the form of a well rounded sentence. If I say Alexander the Great conquered the world and then signed because he could not do so some more, there is a funny mixture."

It is proposed in fashionable circles in the East that every young man shall adopt the rule of shaving his crown, something after the fashion of the ecclesiastical tonsure. It is found that most men enjoy the advantage of thisstyle by the natural process of depilation. In fact, a young man is scarcely considered eligible until he has lost his hair-this being received as an almost indisputable evidence that he has always moved in the best society.

New Hampshire is the first of the States to adopt a system of compulsory education. The act recently passed, and now in force, provides that parents and guardians shall send children between the ages of eight and fourteen to some public school not less than twelve weeks each year, or six weeks of this time consecutively, unless it is shown that the children receive education privately. The fine for the first violation of the law is ten dollars, and for every subsequent offence twenty dollars. On the subject of paying taxes all the world are grumblers; but it is a curious fact that the money spent for liquor in this country, and which is worse than wasted, will pay the national debt and interest in less than four years. Besides the tax for supporting the paupers resulting therefrom, the male adults in the United States pay an average of seventy-five dollars each for the privilege of killing themselves by inches by imbibing slow poison.

will be sold to pay damages and expenses. JASPER PERKINS,

A correspondent, writing to the editor of the Massachusetts Ploughman, offers the following, which may be new to some and useful to many of our lady readers:

Seeing in the last issue of the Ploughman an inquiry as to pickling cucumbers, I would say that with the best of evidence, salt ought not to be used for pickles. My evidence is this: For near forty years, whenever friends and acquaintances called, our pickles were always a subject of remark, the unanimous opinion being in favor of my method of pickling, which is as follows: Pick the cucumbers of any desirable size, wash them clean, drain them dry, put them into sweet butter firkins, place two gills of spice in a bag in the middle of the keg, then fill up with pure cider vinegar, and your pickles will keep good for twelve months. Put the vinegar in cold. When not using from the keg, it would be well to stir the vinegar at least once a week. The spice keeps the pickles hard.

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