

SHORT AND SHARP.

"Your dog, what does he want here?" inquired a dry goods dealer of a customer whose big Newfoundland was upsetting things generally. "Muzzlin," was the answer.

"I suppose you miss your husband very much," he remarked to the charming relict. "Miss him! Of course I do. He was very useful in attending to the fire, winding up the clock, and turning out the gas."

Brother Jasper is not a jewel of consistency. When a colored layman asked him if the Bible contains any record of the starting of the sun after it had been halted for Joshua's convenience, he hastily gave out the closing hymn.

A barber was called in to shave the face of a dead man recently, and the "ruling passion" prompted him to give the corpse the whole history of the silver bill, the rise and fall of gold, and attitude of the foreign bondholders in the premises.

An Illinois man, with a foresight worthy of a better cause, popped the question on a railroad train, and now the maiden is at a loss to decide as to which country she had better commence proceedings in for a breach of promise.

A needle left in a night shirt may bring a man to a recognition of his wife's goodness in mending the garment, but he will, as a rule, insist that he would have noticed the repairs if she hadn't directed his attention to them in such a pointed manner.

When you find a man who claws over all the papers on the desk, looks through all the drawers, searches through all the pockets in his clothes, and explores the regions above his ears in search of his lead pencil and finally finds it between his teeth, don't lend him any money—he is absent-minded.

Last week two residents of Bull Run Basin disagreed. W. ejected J. from his cabin. Next morning, taking his double-barreled shotgun, J. proceeded to the whereabouts of W. and told him he must make an apology or fight. W. replied that he did not know how to apologize, and he had no gun. "However, you just step off ten steps and take a shot at me, then I'll take a turn at you with the other barrel." J. walked away.

In a MS. found in 869, and now in the Escorial, Madrid, it is distinctly stated that "Peter (el Calvo) was chosen chief of the apostles, and gifted with the keys of heaven for the following reason: That he alone, of all the apostles, had endured in this world the punishment of purgatory, in so far as he was married, and suffered the pains of Gehenna in having his mother-in-law living in his house. Peter was the only one of the apostles who was bald—hence his nickname, 'el Calvo.'"

An Englishman hunting in Algeria had a native for a guide, and found himself late in the afternoon in a desolate spot and entirely out of provisions. The native suggested that he should shoot a monkey and broil it over the camp fire. "What does monkey taste like? Is it good to eat?" said the hunter. "Well," said the native in the most natural tone, "it tastes very much like man, but is not so juicy." The Englishman at once struck out for home, with his guide well in front of him, and never took his eyes off him until they reached a civilized place where food was plentiful.

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