

SHORT AND SHARP.

To have ideas is to gather flowers. To think is to weave them into garlands.

The first book read and the last book laid aside by every child, is the conduct of its parents.

A moth-proof barrel in which clothes can be safely stored is a late invention. But this leaves the moths at large. What is wanted is a barrel in which the moths can be kept, and thus leave the clothes at large.—*Danbury News.*

"My articles do not receive a very warm reception of late," wrote a lady to the conductor of a monthly magazine. "Our fair correspondent is mistaken," replied the editor; they meet with the warmest reception possible; we burn them all."

"Well, and how did you enjoy your dinner?" asked a passenger of another, on a European steamer, the first day out. "Don't mention it," said the other, feelingly, "don't mention it. It's a good deal like the financial question in Congress." "How's that?" "Why it's apt to come up at any moment."

It is easy to pick holes in other people's work, but it is far more profitable to do better yourself. Is there a fool in all the world that cannot criticize? Those who can themselves do good service are but as one to a thousand compared with those who can see faults in the labors of others.

Two Boston barbers fell out and agreed to settle by the code of honor. The seconds furnished them unloaded pistols, and when the word of command was given, a bystander fired a pistol loaded only with powder just behind one. He supposed he was shot, and fell to the ground with a groan, while the other principal, supposing he had killed him, ran away.

"Smoking in Holland," said a traveller, "is so common that it is impossible to tell one person from another in a room full of smokers." "How is any one who happens to be wanted picked out, then?" asked a listener. "Oh, in that case a waiter goes round with a pair of bellows and blows the smoke from before each face till he recognizes the person called for."

"A person was recently sent to a bank for the purpose of drawing money. Two men stood near the place where he was counting over the amount he had received, some \$600. One of the men remarked to him: 'You've dropped a five pound note,' pointing to a paper on the floor. 'All right, sir,' was the reply, 'I'll just put my foot on it for the present,' which he did, and continued counting the money. It was not till the sharpers learned that they were trying their game on a smart fellow that they informed him that the five pound note was dropped by one of them. Any thoughtless person would have stooped for the note and in all probability have lost the best part of the \$600."—*English paper.*

BURNED TO DEATH FOR DESERTING HER HUSBAND.—About three weeks ago an Indian known as Sam, lost his squaw through the blandishments of another red man named Jim. It seems that the fair Mary fell a victim to Jim's tender words, and at his solicitation left her husband's bed and board and joined the fortunes of Jim. Sam was not one to quietly submit to this treatment, particularly as Mary had taken some of her husband's goods when she departed. The loss of these added much to the wrath of the victimized Sam, who raised such a commotion among the Piute braves about it that they determined to teach the frail Mary, and by her example the rest of the female portion of the tribe, a lesson. Jim tried to screen her from the gathering storm by hiding her, but they soon found her, and about fifty of the tribe, including Jim and several squaws, escorted her to the hills just back of Washoe Lake, last Saturday evening, where, safe from Caucasian intrusion, they made a huge pile of sagebrush, and, after tying her firmly in the middle of it, set it on fire. Then they commenced a war dance around the scene of cremation, in which all joined except Jim—Sam being very fierce in his leaps and yells. The screams of Mary added to the zest of the dance. Jim meantime sat quietly by, and seemed an indiffer-

ent spectator of what was going on. When the body of the unfortunate Mary had been reduced to ashes Sam expressed himself as satisfied, and they all dispersed. The warriors threaten their squaws with a similar fate if they are not a little more discreet in their conduct.—*Reno State Journal.*

SCANDAL DENOUNCED.—In the *Reveille* reporter's wanderings about town last night, he heard a lady, talking across the street to her neighbor, thus deliver herself on the subject of scandal: "Of all things I do hate in this world, it's a scandalizing woman. Now, there's Mrs. Jingleton, that everybody knows isn't a bit better than she ought to be, and whose two daughters cut up so shameful that no decent woman ought to speak to them, and whose husband gets drunk, and they do say he owes for that greasine she puts on so many airs in over her betters. If I was to say any mean things about people like she does, I would pull my tongue out by the roots, the nasty, scandalizing, stuck-up old thing."—*Austin (Nev.) Reveille.*

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