

THE EVENING NEWS

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BREVITIES.

All card players know a good deal. "A pound of flesh"—A prize fight. A bad policy—One that has run out. A sure way to make an impression—Fall down in the mud.

Fifty-two of the cities of the United States have the letter-carrying system.

"A smile," said a six year old sentinel, "is the whisper of a laugh."

When is a Chinaman most like a vegetable? When the cucumber's his neck.

An up-town dealer advertises "Ten pounds of sausages for a quarter of a dollar—dog cheap."

A bright little girl, bearing of a lecture upon Burns, inquired if the man had anything to say upon scolds.

An Iowa man has been arraigned for embezzeling the proceeds of sales of the "Life of Christ."

"Pots," said a mother to her son, "are you in the sweets again?" "No, ma'm, them sweetsmeats is in me."

"How do you define 'black' as my half?" said a schoolmaster to one of his pupils. Darkness that may be felt," replied the youthful wit.

A quarrel over twenty cents in South Amity N. Y., on Christmas, resulted in the fatal shooting of one man and the serious wounding of others.

If a hole made in a white cannon-ball is called a "breach," would two such holes make a pair of—oh! good gracious!

A Fort Scott paper speaks of the ladies of that place appearing on the streets "like animated fragments of shattered rainbows."

Charles Addy, a Pittsburg boy, put out both his eyes by experimenting with a pound of powder under an earth-stool.

A witty writer says: "Lawyers and clients remind me of the two rows of people at a fire, one passing full buckets and the other empty ones."

A contemporary ungraciously makes the observation that the leading champions of "women's rights" are generally found to be "men's lefts."

Greely, Colorado, will have forty miles of wire fencing, for which \$16,000 have been appropriated. An old-fashioned New England lyceum is full blast.

A colored man sued the theatrical management of Denver, Col., for refusing him admittance to the parquette. The management paid damages and cost of suit.

James Bissell and wife of East Windsor, Connecticut, completed their first fifty years of married life on Sunday, and commenced on their second with unusual demonstrations of joy.

Colored "repeaters" were "spotted" on election day, in Mobile, by putting diamonds in their coats, so that when they came a second time they were detected.

Small Nursery Drama. Now, I'll be sure, going to fix the furnace. Salie—Oh yes! and I'll be the new nurse, and you must kiss me behind the cellar door.

At a recent fashionable ball in New York, a well-mannered man approached an elaborately dressed lady and said: "Will you please tell me what you have on?" a fashion reporter wants to know."

Newfoundland is no longer under the military protection of England, the last of the garrisons removed recently from St. John's after an occupation of more than a century.

New York economists, according to the *Commercial Advertiser*, employ the cracked tip-ends of cigars, picked up in the streets and gutters, as "fillings" in the making of cigars, and thus a cigar may often do duty twice.

"Call that a kind man," said an actor, speaking of an absent acquaintance, "a man who is away from his family, and never sends them a farthing." Call that kindness?" "Yes, unremitting kindness," Jerry told.

The favorite design for the back of the new issue of gold or coin notes consists of a grouping together in a very artistic manner of all the gold coins of the United States in such a manner as to show both sides of every coin.

A man in Essex, Mass., refused to have the pegs of a new pair of shoes he was buying for his boy rasped off, because in that case the boy would walk all over town and the shoes wouldn't last him three weeks.

An architect tells of a traveler who was prepared for escape from burning hotels by carrying in his pocket a coil of half-inch rope forty or fifty feet long, knotted every two feet, to give a better hold. On two occasions he has found it serviceable.

Startling statement of the difference between Universalists and Unitarians, replied that "Universalists believed that God was too good to damn men eternally, and Unitarians believed that men were too good to be eternally damned."

"ACKNOWLEDGE THE CORN."

This popular phrase, it seems, was first used in Congress, being a remark made by Hon. Charles A. Wickliffe, member of Congress from Kentucky. It was in acknowledgment of the deductions of an argument for protection made by Hon. Andrew Stewart, just elected from the Westmoreland district (Twenty-first) of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Stewart was in Congress when Henry Clay and Daniel Webster were recently made speakers, in which he referred to the fact. At the same time he related an incident which gives the origin of the well known phrase. "I acknowledge the corn," is as follows:

In 1838—forty-two years ago—this subject (protection) was before Congress, and we were discussing it. I was trying to show the farmers of the country that they were purchasing foreign agricultural productions in the form of goods, while they left their own produce at home without reward. I said Ohio, Indiana, and Kentucky, had their haystacks, corn-fields, and food to New York and Philadelphia for sale.

Mr. Wickliffe, of Kentucky, jumped up and said:

"Why that is abuse. Mr. Speaker, I call that gentleman in order. He is stating an absurdity. You send your haystacks or corn-fields to New York of Pennsylvania."

"Well," I said, "what do you send?"

"Horses, Mules, cattle and hogs."

"Well, who makes your horses, cattle, mules and hogs? You feed a hundred dollars' worth of hay to a horse, you just animate and get up on the top of your haystack and ride it off to market." (Laughter) How is it with your cattle? You make one of them carry the Eastern market."

Then comes the big question. Said:

"Mr. Wickliffe, you send a hog worth ten dollars to the Eastern market; how much corn does it take at thirty-three cents per bushel to fatten it?"

"Why thirty bushels."

"Then you put that thirty bushels of corn into the shape of a hog and make it walk off to the Eastern market."

Mr. Wickliffe jumped up and said:

"Mr. Speaker, I acknowledge the corn." (Laughter.)

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