

A baby who kisses his mother and fights his father, may be said to be partial to his ma and martial to his pa.

An Indian poured nitric acid into his lady love's ear to prevent her marrying anybody but himself. His efforts were eminently successful.

An Omaha paper advises the people "not to make such a fuss about the shooting of one constable, as there are over forty candidates for the position."

Henpeck, which is the name of a new village in Illinois, is said to be a bad name for a post-office. Males avoid it.

Why does a coat get larger when taken out of a carpet bag? Because, when you take it out you'll find it in creases.

Sixty-eight colleges for females in the United States—and yet they continually crave admittance into male colleges.

The girl of the period is accused of being too practical. And yet a glance at her chignon shows how fond she is of building castles in the air.

"Don't you take rather too much spirits for a single man?" asked a kind man of one who was indulging rather freely. "I beg pardon, sir; I have been married these ten years," was the answer.

A cow in Sheldon, Vt., is carefully bringing up a pair of twin lambs; they lost their maternal parent in infancy, and care nothing about who keeps house as long as they get good board.

An Irishman, quarreling with an Englishman, told him that if he didn't hold his tongue, he would break his impenetrable head, and let the brains out of his empty skull.

The latest story from the rural districts, according to the New York Sun, is that sheep fatten on grasshoppers. After the insects have settled for the night the sheep go about and eat them with great avidity.

A young man in a camp-meeting asked the prayers of the assembly because he "could not sit down to a meal without eating three times as much as he ought."

At Lawrence, Kansas, on Sunday, while a minister was holding forth in the church a crowd got up a cock fight in the yard. The people who had congregated in the church went out to stop the fight, but waited until the battle was over before objecting. The minister looked out of the window at the crowd and said: "We are all miserable sinners—which whipped?"

There is a fable among the Hindoos that a thief, having been detected and condemned to die, happily hit upon an expedient which gave him hope of life. He sent for his jailor and told him he had a secret of great importance which he desired to impart to the king, and when that was done he would be prepared to die. Upon receiving this piece of intelligence the king at once ordered the culprit to be conducted to his presence, and demanded of him to know his secret. The thief replied that he knew the secret of causing trees to grow that would bear fruit of pure gold. The experiment might be easily tried, and His Majesty should not lose the opportunity; so, accompanied by his prime minister, his courtiers and his high priest, "I remember in my younger days that I often filched money from my father's treasury, which was not mine. I have repented of my sin, but yet I hardly dare say my hand is clear. I pass it, therefore, to my Prime Minister."

The latter, after consideration, answered:

"It were a pity to break the charm by a possible blunder. I receive taxes from the people, and, as I am exposed to many temptations, how can I be sure that I have remained perfectly honest? I must give it to the governor of our citadel."

"No, no," cried the governor, drawing back. "Remember that I have the serving out of pay and provisions to the soldiers. Let the high priest plant it."

And the priest said:

"You forget I have the collecting of tithes, and the disbursements for sacrifice."

At length the thief exclaimed: "Your Majesty, I think it were better for society that all five of us should be hanged, since it appears that not an honest man can be found among us."

In spite of the lamentable exposure, the king laughed, and so pleased was he with the thief's cunning expedient that he granted him a pardon.

he went with the thief to a spot selected near the city wall, where the latter performed a series of solemn incantations. This done, the condemned man produced a piece of gold which he declared should be planted and every branch of it would bear gold.

"But," he added, "this must be put into the ground by a hand that has never been stained by a dishonest act. My hand has, therefore I pass it to your Majesty."

The king reached out his hand for the gold, but he hesitated. Finally he said:

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