Again the Christmas holidays have come, We now shall hear the trumpet and the drum; We'll hear the merry shout of girls and boys Rejoicing o'er their gifts of books and toys.

Old Santa Claus comes at dead of night, And down the chimney creeps—a funny sight! He fills the stockings full of books and toys, But puts in whips for naughty girls and bovs. One Christmas eve the moon shone clear and

bright;
I thought I'd keep awake and watch all night,
I it was silent all around and stilled,
It in the morn I found my stockings filled.

wonder where that queer old fellow lives, and where he gets all the fine things he gives? me children thinks one thirty some an other.

BIJAH'S ELIXIR.

The Old Man's Receipe for Taming a

A woman and boy slowly approache They were mother and son.

The boy looked serious and the mother was doing a great deal of talking. She said she heard that they had opened a museum at the station, and she asked John Henry if he'd like to go and see the animals.

"'Spose they've got any snakes?"

"Lots of 'em."
"And baboons?"

"More'n a dozen."
"And stuffed bridegrooms?"

"Yes, heaps of 'em."

The boy had his suspicions, but curiosity overcame them, and he finally consented to go in. As he entered the parsented to go in. As he entered the par-lor the mother winked at Bijah over his head, whispered the one word "elixir," and she was gone before John Henry could realize the situation.

"I am glad to see you, my boy," re-marked Bijah, by way of breaking the

the boy, as he looked around. "My son, the way of the transgressor is hard, no matter whether the spelling

"Where's that stuffed bridegroom?" shouted the boy.

"He has gone out for a walk in the mellow suninght, Johny, buy come up stairs and 1'll show you the enxir."
"You can't fool me!" "You can't fool me!"

"There's no fooling about this. On the contrary, this is the very solemn oc especially in its influence upon the

set it and came near getting out doors. He was finally secured and elevated to the second story, the door locked, and as he was placed in the big chair labeled "Meditation," he had made up his mind to die in the last ditch.

"Your mother didn't have time to explain your conduct nor detail your history," remarked Bijah in a fatherly tone, "but I think she wants the elixir applied

tried to get out of the chair.
'I should like to sit here and study your disposition,' mused Bijah, but time flies, and I'm a leetle bit anxious to try this new spanker."

'Don't you dare!' shouted the boy, having a dim idea of what was coming. You observe, my son, that I fasten this sheet-iron pad around my left leg as a protection. If you feel like biting bite away.

Then I place the clixir handy, bring

you out of the chair, so, bend you over in this shape, and now we are ready for business. Let me remark at this stage said, "Ye shall in no wise los of the proceedings that my heart aches ward."—Country Gentliman.

for you.' Maw! screamed John Henry Your dear maw is far, far away, my boy and I am now ready for business.

Here I go!

He went. The sound of a shingle love truer and hate worse than the man striking a boy was heard at the land of ordinary culibre.

It was also felt in the land; but from the first stroke the boy shut his teeth together hard and refused to utter a sound. He had been there before, and he didn't lar bill go up, O! so quick.

With a steady, even motion, Like the roll of mother ocean, And with no undue commotion, The spanker fell.

'I hate to do it, but—!' remarked Bi-jah, as he worked his elbow with more zeal, and the silence was broken only by the deep toned wbacks of the shingle. It was shingle vs. boy, and the boy had bet ten to one that he would come in ahead. After two minutes' steady mo-tion Bijah let up and kindly inquired:
"My son, do you now feel as if you owned this town?"

'I feel as I'm a mind to!' was the brief

feelings yit! Jist wait a minute!"

The lad was adjusted and the elixir again applied. The arm rose higher and came down faster, and at the fith stroke a new stratum of soil reached. At the tenth the boy wasn't sure which would beat. At the fifteenth he goodluded that he was a goner, but just then Bijah halted and asked:

'My son, do you think you run the

"I kin run half of it,' replied the lad, 'Am I growing week in my old age?' sighed the janitor, as he reached for a new spanker, 'or is this an unusual case?'

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A Dissipated Dog.

It was simply an unsual ease. The new spanker started off like a dose of buckehot and had only got the regular spite of John B. Gough and a core of other eloquent temperarce oramotion when the boy gave in. Before the shingle let go he was ready to do any thing. He took the most solemn a dog has so far forgotten his inborn dignity and pride of birth as to become intoxicated. Things of this kind ought, according to the fitness of things to have vow to stay in at nights, quit fighting and earn money for his mother, and as a proof of his firm desire to reform, he took a tablespoontul of castor oil without

and earn money for his mother, and as a proof of his firm desire to reform, he took a tablespoontul of castor oil without a wince.

'Don't you shudder when you realize what a narrer escape you've had from the gallus?' querried Bijah, as he wiped off the spoon on his elbow.

'I do; and I shall always love you.'

'One day longer and you might have turned out a pirate. I tell you, boy, a shingle of the right size, will put new and better thoughts into a boy's mind as sure's you're born. You can't mention shingle of the right size, will put new and better thoughts into a boy's mind as sure's you're born. You can't mention a single great man in this country who didn't get a regular dose of the elixir You can now sit with me You can now sit with me he would never awaken. He recovered he would never awaken, and immediately a stupor from the barrance of the single great morning, however, and immediately a stupor from the barrance of the single great morning, however, and immediately a stupor from the barrance of the single great morning as a stonishing rate. The first debauch had apparently a very injurious effect upon him, and he fell into a stupor from which his master feared he would never awaken. He recovered diately upon awakening, and presumably with a headache, lapped ur a supply of beer. The saloon keeper, being a man of philosophical and inquiring mind, tendered the pup a little whisky by way

When the mother came softly in, a look of maternal anxiety on her countenance, Bijah was pushing a darning needle threaded with a pink twine through an 8x10 hole in the heel of a of experiment. The liquid was swallow-ed with even a keener relish than the beer had been. A series of experiments soon convinced the owner of this dissi-puted dog that he had a liking for every is on her nest. Is the sun up? Yes, the sun is up, and no good boy will laugh at a man who is blind.' ntoxicating beverage in his saloon, from beinthe to porter, and so far from being dwarfed or injured from their use he grew larger and stronger every day. On the morning after a spree the dog (nam-ed "Whisky Straight") appears morose and sullen until he has a round or two of whisky, when he cheers up wonder-fully and frisks around in the liveliest manner imaginable. Additional pota-

tious, however, change his mood; he

becomes cross and quarrelsome, and finally falls into a condition of drunken

Now It is Done.

Scene in a library-gentleman busy

'But father, I wan't it. Something

'I tell you I haven't got one about

'I must have one; you promised me

'I did no such thing-I won't give

o you, so go away? Child begins to whimper. 'I think you

'No-go away-I won't do it;

come back again to day.'

Child smiles, looks shy, goes out con

querer-determined to renew the strug-gle in the afternoon, with the certainty

Scene in the street-two boys playing

mother opens the door, calls to one of

'Joe come in the house instantly,'

Joe pays no attention.

Joe do you hear me? If you don'

Joe us you hear the 't' you do not be some I'll give you a good beating.'
Joe smiles and continues his play; his sompanion is alarmed for him, and ad-

vises him to obey. 'You'll catch it if

Oh no, I won't; she always says so, but never does I ain't afraid'

Mother goes back into the house, put out, thinking herself a martyr to bad

That's the way parents; show you

children by your example that you are weak, undecided, untrothful, and they

learn aptly enough to despise your au-thority and regard your word as nothing

They soon graduate mockers and liars, and the reaping of your sowing will not

The Course of True Love.

The ceremony was soon over, and in a voice that could be heard all over the

church, and that gave rise to much sup-pressed laughter, the groom said to the minister, aside, "I'll make that right

Lovers in the mining country have a

here's an end of it.'

Child cries, teases, caxes-

of like results.

then -her son:

you don't go, Joe.'

stupidity .- Exchan e.

riting-child enters.

'Father, give me a penny ?'

'Haven't got any now, don't

The clixir is a success. All orders by mail promptly attended to — Detroit Free Press. How to Make a Place Prosperous. There can hardly be a greater sign of

sky-blue woolen sock, and the boy was

Is the hen on her nest? Yes, the her

while. I darn my socks.'

reading aloud:

prosperity in a community than a disposition to help one another—lift a little when a neighbor's wheel gets stuck in We know of a place where a man's barn, with all its stores of grain and

hay, was consumed by fire.
Immediately all the men of the county side mustered and hauled up timber for a new barn, and then a big raising came off. After that the sound of twenty or more hammers was heard until the whole was shingled and sided. But their deeds of kindness were not done yet; one after another they offered to take a head or two of his stock and winter them for him, thus greatly reducing his los and assuring his heart of the more dur able riches of brotherly love and neigh-borly good will. No one can compute

The boy suspected the worst, and ma Where this spirit prevails there the impr veneats are in their infancy People will come and settle in a place which bears such a good name Now it you desire to see your place growing popuiar. do what you can to show yourself a good neighbor, especially to those who may need a little extra help.

If a man starts a tin shop or a black smith's shop in your place, don't harness up and drive off five miles to buy your pans and get your horses shod, just be cause you have been in the habit of do-

Patronize the new comer when you want anything done in his line. Speak encourageingly to him and well of him to your neighbors. Little words of approval or censure go a long ways; when once you have spoken them, you cannot call them back.

Help the sick, especially if they are poor, for poverty and illness are indeed a heavy burden. Perform all acts of loving charity which fall day by day in your path, remembering who it is has said, "Ye shall in no wise lose your re-

A woman in a neighborhood is only exceeded by another woman. She can love truer and hate worse than the man

lar bill go up, O! so quick. She can drive a man out of a her tongue be working all right, quicke: than Beast Butler could get away with

plain and blunt way of getting married in spite of the old folks. A young man in Gold Hill wishing to wed a certain girle in Virginia City, the parents opposed the match. In spite of this a few days ago the couple went to a church in Gold Hill, and many people hearing of their determination, followed them in. for keeping a neighborhood boiling hot and home more unendurable than a burn on your first thumb joint, all the time making you think she is a package of refined innocence, a saint, a favorable angelic advertising agent for Gabriel.

She can kiss another woman sweeter, and then talk about her worse than one of these Reform Republicans can talk

ond then talk about her worse than one of these Reform Republicans can talk about the President.

And she knows more by intuition of all the affairs of the neighborhood than Grant knows about his relations or the cost office presents he receives, or is to She can be nicer to a woman she nates than a carpet bag politician is to a segre before he has voted.

She am well further to disclare the my wile, and I want her myself."

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hates than a carpet bag politician is to a negro before he has voted.

She can walk further to display a

She can walk further to display a new dress than a loyal or disloyal contraband could travel for chickens in the night.

And God love her, if she loves a man she will stick to him longer than the Dent family will to the immortal Ulys ses!

Like dollars, godd women are hard to get, hard to keep, bothersome to look after, but here is a c-nundrum: How can we get along without them?—Brick Pomeroy.

Edison's Courtship.

The story of Edison's courtship, while it lacks the roseate tinge of romance, illustrates the man's faculty for going to the heart of things with the smallest possible amount of circumlocation. When he was experimenting, some years ago, with the Little automatic telegraph system, he perfected a contrivance for producing perforations in paper by means of a key-board Among the young women whom he employed to manipulate those machines, with a view to testing their capacity for speed, was a rather demure young person, who attended to her work and never raised her eyes to the incipient genius. One day Kdison stood observing her as she drove down one key after another with her plump fangers, until growing nervous ander his prolonged stare, she dropped her hands idly in her lap and looked up helplessly into his face. A genial smile, such as irreverent paragraphist have referred to as the "Edison grin," overspread Edison's face, and he presently inquired, rather abruptly:

"What do you think of me, little girl?"

rather abruptly:
"What do you think of me, little girl? Do you like?"
"Why, Mr. Edison you frighten me.

"Don't be in a hurry about telling me. It doesn't matter much, unless you would like to marry me."

The young woman was disposed to laugh, but Edison went on : "Oh, I mean it. Don't be in a rush though. Think it over; talk to your mother about, it, and let me know as soon as convenient—Tuesday, say. How will Tuesday suit you—next Tuesday, I

Edison's shop was at Newark in those days, and one night a friend of his, em ployed in the main office of the Western Union Telegraph Company, in New York, returning home by the last train, saw a light in Edison's private laboratory, and climed the dingy stairs to find his friend in one of his characteristic stupors, half awake and half dozing over some intricate point in electrical science which was baffling him. "Hello, Tom !" cried the visitor cheer-

ily, "what are you doing here this late?"
Aren't you going home?"
"What time is it?" inquired Edison,

"What time is it? Inquired Edison, sleepily rubbing his eyes, and stretching like a lion suddenly aroused.

"Midnight, easy enough. Come along."

"Is that so?" returned Edison, in a dreamy sort of way. "By George, I must go home then. I was married to-day."

day"
Marringe was an old story with himyou any m re pennies; you spend too many. It's all wrong—I won't give it he had been wedded to electrical hob-bies for years. But in spite of his seem-ing indifference on the "most eventful day" of his life, he makes a good hus-band, and the demure little woman of ing indifference on the "most eventful day" of his life, he makes a good husband, and the demure little woman of the perforating machine smilingly rules domestic destinies at Menlo Park, and proudly looks across the fields where proudly looks across the fields where the chimneys rise, and where her husband still works on the problems that made him a truant on his wedding day. out of patience. puts his hand in his pocket, takes out a penny, and throws it at the child. There, take it, and don't A swarm of children pluck her gown to share their mother's smile, and lay in wait to climb into their father's lap, and

Josh Billings' Philosophy.

I have objecthun to a man's parting his hair in the middle, but I shall always his hair in the middle, but I shall always insist upon his finishing us the job by wearing a short gown and a petticoat.

I respekt a corpse, but a ded and a live man I despise for the space ov one minit and then forget him forevermore

Det.iz bondage into which a man sells imself and pays 7 per cent for the priv

ilege.

Thar is such a thing as too much energy. I have seen those like a young hound in the chase; they get away ahead of the fox.

The fust thing that presents itself to our conshience iz the truth; we lie upon

There are a great menny roads that lead leaven, but after you get there, only

ne gateway to enter.

"What's the woman charged with?" aid the court.

"She's a dead beat and vagrant your onor." said the officer who arrested her. Then the woman spoke up and said:
"It I can prove that I'm all right, "Of course said the court.

"Then," said the prisoner, "here's the family Bible, by which you'll see that I'm Moll Wright—" "Saw my leg off," shouted the officer, who saw the point, "if she hasa't best

And the court rubbed its nose with Darlington et, D D Dantsler; S forefinger and gently murmured :

Two good-natured [rishmen, on a certain occasion, occupied the sam bed. In the morning one of them inquired of

Discharge the priso

"No. Pat; did it raily thunder?"
"Yes, it thundered as if hiven and

nirth would come together."
"Why in the divil thin didn't ye wake me. for ye know I can't slape whin it

No wonder Proctor asked, 'Is the Mean dead?' It takes no care of its heath. It never gets up till evening, and then knocks around all night.

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