

Humorous Department.

A Courteous Repulse. There was an ignorant man who once applied to President Lincoln for the post of doorkeeper to the house...

Miscellaneous Reading.

WITH NEIGHBORING EXCHANGES. News and Comment Gleaned From Within and About the Country. YORK.

to Morganton for treatment. His many friends hope that he will soon be completely restored both in body and mind.

A STRENUOUS RULER.

Daring, Coolness and Bravery of James IV. of Scotland. One of the interesting characters of history is James IV. King of Scotland from 1513 to 1552.

NAGGING WOMEN.

What Petruchio, Solomon and Rip Van Winkle Have Borne. Even though young women are so unfortunate as to possess a shrewish temper, they take care not to display it too publicly.

LANCASTER.

News, February 11. Mrs. James W. Miller of Jefferson, who was called here by the fatal illness of her sister, little Hortense Gregory, returned home Thursday afternoon.

CHESTER.

Reporter, January 30. Officer J. J. Williams was feeling good a few days ago as the result of the capture of a negro supposed to be Fred Herbert.

AN ESCAPED HUSBAND.—One day a tall, gaunt woman, with rope colored hair and an expression of great ferocity, strode into the office of a county clerk in West Virginia.

AN AWKWARD DOG.—Milton D. Purdy, of the department of justice, said of a rumor brought to him for confirmation by a reporter of the Washington Star:

THE ORIGINATOR OF THAT RUMOR is as plainly ignorant of the law as a certain schoolboy was of French.

HE ANSWER CORRECTED.—A teacher in the Garfield school was teaching a primary class the beginning of arithmetic.

THE TEACHER FROWNED at the disrespectful answer, says the Kansas City Star.

THE MAN OPENED his tipsy eyes and saw the long black coat.

THE PRESBYTERIAN.—The late Rev. Dr. John Hall was once walking home from preaching at a Sunday night meeting out in the country.

HE WAS "N. G."—Dr. C. — who always employs two servants—man and his wife—was talking to a patient one day about a couple he had just discharged because the man drank.

THE PATIENT ASKED HIM, "How is it with you and Mrs. C.?"—Philadelphia Ledger.

THE BLANK PAGE.—A New Orleans woman, well known for her work for charity, recently accepted an invitation to speak at an anti-tuberculosis meeting.

THE RABBIT TURNED A SAD EYED GAZE upon her.

THE ALTERNATIVES.—The president of one of the minor colleges was sauntering down a shady lane one day in the early summer when he met a tall handsome youth.

HE WAS VERY POOR and very intelligent. In all his courses he had taken honors and in athletics also great honors had been his.

"Well, Allen," said the president "through at last, eh?"

"Yes, sir," said the young man smiling and blushing.

"And now what are you going to do?" "I hardly know yet, sir. I have had two offers."

"Two? One is from a scientific society offering me a secretaryship at \$5 a week and the other is from a baseball magnate offering a five years' contract to pitch at \$5,000 a season."—Philadelphia Ledger.

SEARCH OF THE RECORDS disclosed the name of James Jones, for whose marriage a license had been issued two years before.

"Married Elizabeth Mott, didn't he?" asked the woman.

"The license was issued for a marriage with Miss Elizabeth Mott."

"Well, young man, I'm Elizabeth. I thought I oughter come in an tell you that Jim has escaped."—Harper's Weekly.

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"This boy's father said to him one night at dinner:

"Well, how are you getting on with your French, my son?"

"Very well, thank you, sir," he had replied.

"The father beamed with pleasure. "Ask politely in French for some peas," he said.

"There was an awkward pause. Then—

"But, father," said the boy, "I don't want any peas!"

"Then one and one make two, do they not, my son?"

"Sure, Mike," shouted Jimmie in a tone of triumph.

"The teacher frowned at the disrespectful answer, says the Kansas City Star.

"That's hardly what you should have said," she said. "Will some one in the class tell Helen what her answer should have been?"

"There was a moment of silence. Then one brown fist shot confidently into the air.

"Ah, James you may tell what Helen should have said."

"Sure, Mike," shouted Jimmie in a tone of triumph.

FELLOW TRIPPER.—The late Rev. Dr. John Hall was once walking home from preaching at a Sunday night meeting out in the country.

In the moonlight he saw a man lying drunk in the gutter, and going up to him gave him a shake.

"Here!" he said. "It's a shame for a nice, respectable looking man like you to be lying in the gutter."

The man opened his tipsy eyes and saw the long black coat.

"Are you a minister?" he asked.

"Yes," said Dr. Hall, "come, get up!" "Presbyterian?" queried the inebriate.

"Yes," was the answer, somewhat impatiently. "I am."

"Then," said the other, "help me up. I am a Presbyterian myself."—Philadelphia North American.

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