

BRIDGET'S IDEA OF DRESSING A GOOSE.

FACETIE.

FOR BACHELORS.—A man whose knowledge is based on actual experience says that when calling on their sweethearts young men should carry affection in their hearts, perfection in their manners, and confection in their pockets.

AN EPIDEMIC.

BROWN "Oh, I say, 'Arry, seen Jones lately? He is a caution; buys up old pots and chairs and—"
SMITH "Esthetic, eh?"
BROWN "He's thetic, is he? Perhaps he is. Idunno. There's something the matter with him."

They feel pulses by telephone now. By the same process they should soon be able to raise bees, if accuracy is any thing.

MEMENTO MORI.

"You low, bad, wicked boy, Tom, to throw sich a great big stone at my little brother; I do believe you've killed him!"
"Then I say, Mary, if he's really dead, give us his hoop and stick, cos I should loike summat to remember 'im by."

An irascible old gentleman, who holds the position of justice of the peace, was recently accosted in the street by a youth in a manner that did not come up to his honor's idea of the respect due to him.
"Young man," said he, "I fine you five dollars for contempt of court."
"Why, judge," said the offender, "you are not in session."
"This court," replied the judge, thoroughly irritated, "is always in session, and consequently always an object of contempt."

A PREFERENCE.

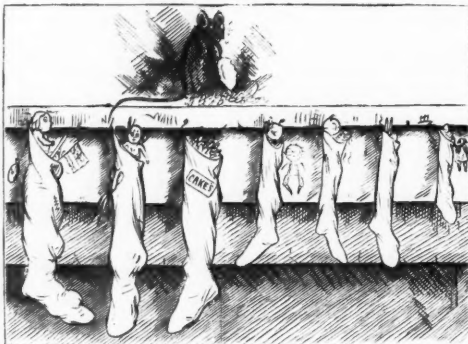
SALLY "Wouldn't you like to be an angel, Polly, to have wings and fly?"
POLLY "No; I'd like to be suthin better as that, Sally."
SALLY "Why, what?"
POLLY "Oh, I'd like to be a ickle Moses in the bulrushes."

FORCE OF HABIT.

"Surely you must be tired, aunty. I can't think how it is you are able to work so long."
"Lawks bless you, my dear, when I onst sits down to it like, I'm just too lazy to leave off."

The following challenge, headed "Gale Outdone," has been put forth by Mary Jane:

"Sir,—As an example of pluck and endurance, I am willing, for a wager of \$2500 and two-thirds of the money taken at the doors, to wear corsets measuring only fifteen inches in the waist, night and day for three months without loosening the lace. Of course I shall be on view at all times during the period, first of all to show the public the utility of my performance, and secondly, the intensity of my anguish.
"Yours obediently,
MARY JANE."



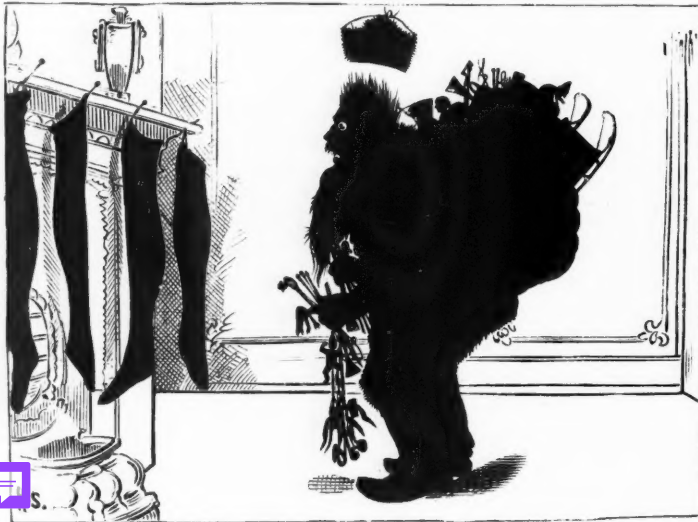
NATURAL SELECTION.

"We had short-cake for tea," said a little girl to a neighbor's boy, to whom she was talking through the fence.
"So did we," he answered; "very short—so short it didn't go round."

SEASONABLE REFLECTION.—Acorns have a lively time of it, for they are always in their cups until they drop.

RATHER TOO FRUITFUL.—Our own market-gardener says that he has effected a strange metamorphosis with fruit lately. He had an apple, which, as he forcibly puts it, was an apple; he added another to it, and they became a pair. We have done the same ourselves—strange coincidence!

THE LATEST.—"Just keeping it lighted for another boy," is the latest juvenile invention when a mother suddenly comes upon her little boy with a cigar in his mouth.



A CHRISTMAS CONSPIRACY.

DISGUSTED OLD GENTLEMAN. "Well, now, this is a little too much."

ATHLETIC SPORTS FOR LADIES.—Jumping to conclusions; walking around a subject; running through a novel; skipping full descriptions.

A SIGN OF INDIGESTION.—"Gone to dinner. Be back in five minutes."

THE RECENT GALES.—The sea may be assailed with such epithets as greedy, furious, mad, wild, raging, and so forth, but it can never be called wreckless.

NOT GENERALLY KNOWN.—People who run up accounts have always one resource—they can put matters right by coming down with some money.

OLD SAWS.

BY A PROVERBIAL PHILOSOPHER.

"Of two evils choose the least." For my part, I prefer to choose neither.

"Help yourself, and Heaven will help you." It will be as well, though, to help yourself only to what belongs to you.

"You must cut your coat according to your cloth." Not at all. If there seems to be a danger of having to scrimp at all, make a jacket of your material.

"He gives twice who gives quickly." But the banks only cash these promptly forwarded checks at their nominal amount, for all that.

"Wine drowns care." And serves care right. Care should not have killed the cat.



"I's jest gwine to find out who Santa Claus is this time, sho!"

An Irishman, being recently on trial for some offense, pleaded "not guilty"; and the jury being in the box, the District Attorney proceeded to call Mr. Furkisson as a witness. With the utmost innocence Patrick turned his face to the Court, and said, "Do I understand, yer honor, that Mr. Furkisson is to be a witness foreenest me again?"
The judge said, dryly, "It seems so."
"Well, thin, yer honor, I plade guilty, sure, an yer honor please, not because I am guilty, for I'm as innocent as yer honor's suckin' babe, but jist on account of savin' Misher Furkisson's soul."

THE SINGING QUADRILLE.

(Which threatens to be the fashionable idiosyncrasy of the season.)

VICTIM. "Sing—aw—nursew ymnes? Good gwa-cious! What is a nursew ymne? Can't you suggest something appropwiate?"
FIRST PARTNER (with emphasis). "Yes—Goosey, goosey."

SECOND PARTNER (more emphatically). "GANDER." (The victim has a dim notion that somehow there is something personal somewhere.)

BARBEROUS IDEA.

GOVERNOR. "Now, Harold, tell me who was that famous Greek who was exposed to constant peril in consequence of a sword being suspended over his head by a single—"

HAROLD. "I know. Old Damocles, who was always afraid of having his hair cut."

A FACT.

ARTIST (who has borrowed a celebrated Rembrandt to copy). "Good gracious, nurse! how on earth did this happen?"

NURSE (sympathetically). "Well, Sir, it's a pity. Master Frank was having a game, and his bat went through the picture. But, lor, Sir, you needn't take on so, it's only the old one."

DISCOURAGING.

SCHOOL-TEACHER. "I've called round to hear why you have not been to school lately, Bridget Malone."
B. M. "Sorra a bit o' good me comin' to school, me lady, when it's three times this week I've looked in at the door, and bedad but every empty sate in the room was full."

FAMILIAR SAYINGS—DUTCH VERSION.

Von tich quick already by der glock vill make dat you don't shall more os nine all der dime sew.

Id makes noding already ov you schnefel about dot ven der milk bail ish out ehplid.

Id ish a streed dot ish pooty long ven he don't vill hav by some dimes dose gorners grooked mit himself.

Dis ish a sick vind ov id don't by some oder vellers dings blow pooty good.

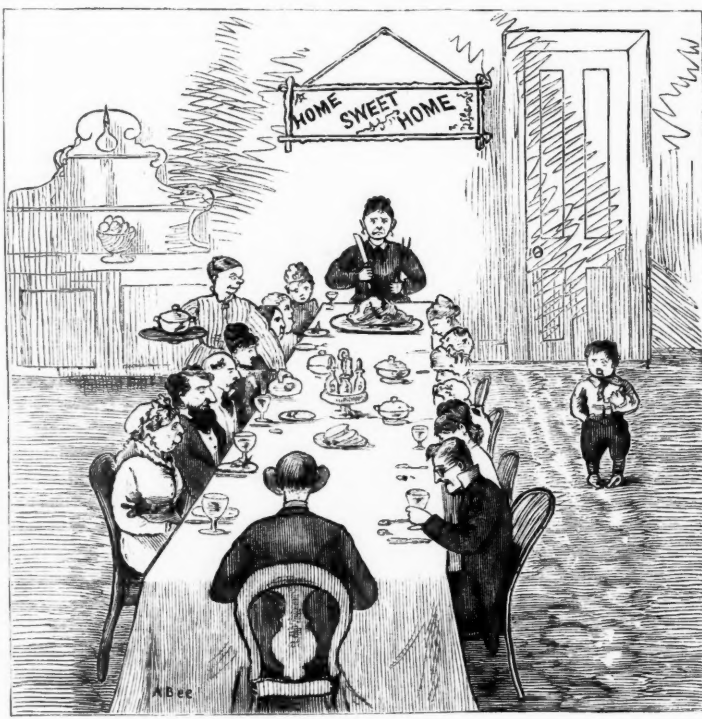
Ven der old cat is gone outside mit herself von der house, dem leetle rats vill all along mit demselves play just de same like dot.

Ov a veller ish got a bird mit his handt already, he don't vos schnardt ov he let em got away mit der same price os two ov dem birds by a grape-vine-dree.



A SOCK-DOLOGER.

HOW TO GET THE TOYS INTO THE STOCKING?



CHRISTMAS REVELS OF THE PRESENT DAY.

BOARDERS CAROUSING.