

# NOTES AND NOTIONS

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## HOUSE-CLEANING TIME.

Come, masters of the city, come, men in places high,  
The times are getting ticklish, for a sharp reform they cry;  
So disdain not from the women, take a hint of what to do,  
Adopt a plan authentic, and one that's tried and true.  
Just about this time the women start a plan which twice a year  
They put in practice with the vim to womanhood most dear;  
No small detail of labor in its thoroughness they shirk,  
But never stop their cleaning up when once they get to work.  
They search each nook and corner with a sharp and eagle eye,  
There's not a hidden cobweb but out its place they spy;  
They pull up rugs and carpets to see what is beneath,  
No thing's so hidden from them but they drag it from its sheath.  
Water floods each inch of house room, cleansing soap is everywhere,  
Mop and broom and brush and duster flourish strenuous in the air;  
Every object is examined, be it great or be it small,  
Yea, the way this cleaning's managed doth the male mind much appal.  
Yet a regular house-cleaning on this comprehensive plan,  
To take in each department and miss no single man,  
Would be a first rate model for the people to install,  
And keep in working order within the City Hall.  
There might be dirty corners and neglected spots, 'tis true,  
But the half-year overhauling would bring them out to view,  
And no chance would then be given these big scandals to carouse,  
If the city followed housewives' thorough way of cleaning house.

## A CRUEL AWAKENING.

Miss Oldgirl--That rich young Mr. Cash--  
It was so infatuated with me that I had hard work to convince him I could not marry him.  
Miss Pert--How lucky for yourself you succeeded.  
Miss Oldgirl--For myself?  
Miss Pert--Yea; the laws now are so severe about kidnapping.

## TRYING IT ON THE DOG.

Manager (effusively)--We have selected your town, Mr. Grimm, for the first production of our play.  
Editor (sarcastically)--Then I feel sorry for you, Mr. Tryout.  
Manager (uneasily)--Why so?  
Editor--The local S. P. C. A. is especially active here.

## A WIDE DIVERGENCE.

P'hunny--What is the difference between the paternal shingle and a sunburn cure?  
P'unny--I suppose it is that one tans the hide while the other hides the tan.

## UNAVAILING PRECAUTION.

"Miss De Style's make-up is so loud."  
"Yet I am sure she uses noiseless powder."

## HUMAN WOES.

Father (of strenuous collegian) It is not the animal creation only which suffers from the foot and mouth disease. There is a kindred human trouble.  
Friend (of the family)--Dear me! What is it?  
Father of Collegian--To hand out money to foot the bills.

## A NATURALIST PROBLEM.

"What color is a river horse?"  
"I don't know, but I hardly suppose it is a bay."

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