

## THE CARPENTER'S WOOING.

Oh! beam my life, my awl to me!"  
 He cried, his flame addressing—  
 "If I 'adze such a love as yours,  
 I'd ask no other blessing!"  
 "I am rejoist to hear you speak,"  
 The maiden said with laughter—  
 "For though I hammer guileless girl,  
 I'ts plane what you are rafter.  
 Now, if file love you just a bit,  
 What further will you ax me?  
 Can—will you be content with that,  
 Or will you further tax me?"  
 He looked handsaw his words were square—  
 "No rival can displace me—  
 Yet one more favor I emlore,  
 And this is, Dear Em. brace me!"

—*St. Louis Times Journal.*

## THE SEQUEL.

She came full chisel to his arms;  
 It really made him stair  
 To have her make a bolt for him  
 Before he could prepare;  
 He tried to screw his courage up,  
 And did his level best  
 To nail the matter then and there,  
 While clasped unto her breast.  
 Says she: "It augurs well for me,  
 All seems to hinge on this;  
 And what is mortise plane to see,  
 The porch child wants a kiss."  
 He kissed her lip, he kissed her cheek,  
 And called her his adored—  
 He dons his claw hammer next week,  
 And she will share his board.

—*Yavocob Strauss.*

AMUSING ADVERTISEMENTS.—A London periodical recently offered a prize for the best collection of unintentionally amusing advertisements. Here is a part of one list. It embodies illustrations of the curious effect which the misplacing of a comma, or of a word or two, often has upon the meaning of a sentence: "Annual sale now going on. Don't go elsewhere to be cheated—come in here." "A lady wants to sell her piano, as she is going abroad in a strong iron frame." "Wanted, a room for two gentlemen about thirty feet long and twenty feet broad." "Lost, a collie dog by a man on Saturday answering to Jim with a brass collar round his neck and a muzzle." "Wanted, by a respectable girl, her passage to New York, willing to take care of children and a good sailor." "Respectable widow wants washing for Tuesday." "For sale, a pianoforte, the property of a musician with carved legs." "M. Brown, furrier, begs to announce that he will make up gowns, caps, etc., for ladies out of their own skins." "A boy wanted who can open oysters with a reference." "Bulldog for sale, will eat anything; very fond of children." "Wanted, an organist and boy to blow the same." "Wanted, a boy to be partly outside and partly behind the counter." "Lost near Highgate archway, an umbrella belonging to a gentleman with a bent rib and a bone handle." "Widow in comfortable circumstances wishes to marry two sons." "To be disposed of, a mail phaeton, the property of a gentleman with a moveable headpiece as good as new."

BULLS.—Inability to remember names causes embarrassments sometimes. There is a Boston society woman who cannot remember names; neither can her daughter. One day, according to the relater of the story, they met a Mrs. Howe, and afterward said to each other, "Now, we shall be continually seeing her, so do let us try to recall her name." "I know what we can do," remarked the daughter. "Howe invented the sewing machine, didn't he? Well, just think of machines, and we'll be sure to get her name." The two ladies went to a five o'clock tea a few days afterward, and Mrs. Howe was there. Up sailed the mother with her sweetest smile, and exclaimed, "My dear Mrs. Wilcox, how are you?"

A Yorkshire farmer named Gibson has just died at the age of 101 years. He shaved himself, drank his glass of beer and his nightcap of whiskey, and smoked his pipe till a few days before his death. His father lived to be 98.

THE GROWTH OF BOY CHOIRS.—The time was when a boy choir in cassocks and cottas was looked upon as the mark of a certain grade of churchmanship, and such choirs were only to be found in ritualistic or high church parishes, but in Massachusetts, at least, they have at length ceased to be regarded as marks of churchmanship and are to be found wherever the means are at hand for their equipment and training. They are as often found in broad church as in high church parishes, and they are regarded as a great accessory in religious worship. The processional and recessional hymns give a dignity to the beginning and to the close of ritual worship, which is appreciated by everybody, and the beauty and richness of the services where these boy choirs are engaged are very attractive to those who listen to them. It is a great gain in religious worship over the perfunctory and often overelaborate renderings of the musical part of the service by a church quartet, and these boy choirs are more and more appreciated.

BOYS WITH TAILS.—There are at Harrow, and at every other large school, many traditions that are handed down from generation to generation of boys concerning their predecessors who are usually represented as little short of demigods. One of them, said to be a fact, occurred during the head-mastership of the late Rev. Dr. Vaughan, one of Harrow's greatest benefactors who brought the school to its present state of efficiency. It is necessary to mention that from time immemorial tail coats have been worn by the upperform boys. One night, as the headmaster was walking out, he saw a boy who, contrary to rules, was also enjoying the evening air. On the boy taking to his heels he immediately gave chase, and was so successful as to get possession of one tail of his coat. He thought he would thereby be able to catch the culprit the next morning in form, but what was his surprise when the whole form came in minus one tail.

One of the most successful Toronto wholesale merchants some years ago stated that, after a twenty years' acquaintance with the career of men engaging in commercial life, he had found that ninety-five per cent. lost all or almost all of their money, or barely held their own, while only five per cent. actually made money. Yet there are scores of young men rushing from the country every day to the large towns and cities under the impression that life in shops or professions, which are equally over-crowded, is easier or more respectable than working on a farm. This is a great mistake; it is neither one nor the other. The happiest and most independent man in the country is he who owns his farm and gives his attention to it. The farmer is the backbone of the country.

On an ordinary dirt road a horse can draw three times as much weight as he can carry on his back. On a good macadamized road the animal can pull three times as much as on a dirt road, while on an asphalt pavement the power of the horse is multiplied to such a degree that he can draw eleven times as much as on a dirt road, or thirty-three as much as he can carry on his back.

The largest orchard in Great Britain is at Tottington, in the county of Gloucester. It is five hundred acres in extent, and in some seasons yields its owner, Lord Sudley, a profit of \$50,000. The trees are chiefly apples and plums.

The Joint Hymnal Committee of the Presbyterian Church of Scotland has unanimously appointed Mr. Henry Froude, of the Oxford University Press, London, to publish the new hymnal.

It is said that there has been of late an extraordinary increase in the number of foreign bandmen employed in the British navy. The majority of these are Maltese and Italians.

Her majesty has only four grandsons who have taken wives unto themselves—namely, the Duke of York, the German emperor and his brother, Prince Henry, and the Grand Duke of Hesse.



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