

Humors of the Week

A Disgusted Thief.

An incident occurred in one of the Philadelphia courts on Tuesday, illustrating the peculiar notions of dignity prevalent among the "professionals." In the dock were two individuals charged with burglary. They were new to the business, and none of the detectives could recognize them as before in their clutches. They pleaded "not guilty" when arraigned, and no more was thought of the case among the spectators in the court room. About an hour after the plea had been entered, a "professional," who is fortunate enough to be at liberty at the present time, stepped up to a well known member of the bar, and handing him \$25, requested him to give his services to the two unfortunates about to be tried. He accompanied the fee with the remark that he had no acquaintance with the fellows, but for the honor of the profession he wanted them defended. The lawyer took the money, and stepping into Court, examined the bills of indictment, and discovered that they were charged with burglary in entering a dwelling and stealing five pounds of butter and several quarts of milk. The lawyer reported the state of affairs to his principal. Imagine his astonishment at the answer of the would-be friend of the strange burglars: "Let the fellows go up. If they stoop to stealing butter and milk they deserve all the Judge can give them. Keep the \$25, and go to the Judge and tell him to give them another year!" The disgusted professional turned on his heels and marched away, cursing the meanness of the men who had descended so low as to steal provisions rather than more substantial plunder.

A Laughable Incident.

One evening, at the theatre, John Phoenix observed a man sitting three seats in front, whom he thought he knew. He requested the man sitting next to him, to touch the individual with his cane. The polite stranger did so, and the disturbed person turning his head a little, John discovered his mistake—that he was not the person he took him for. Fixing his attention steadfastly on the play, and affecting unconsciousness of the whole affair, he left the man with the cane to settle with the other for the disturbance, who, being without excuse, there was of course a ludicrous, embarrassing scene, during all of which Phoenix was profoundly interested in the play. At last the man with the cane asked rather indignantly: "Didn't you tell me to punch that man with my stick?"

"Yes."

"And what did you want?"

"I wanted to see whether you would punch him or not!"

Waiter (to a party from the country, just seated). "Here's a bill of fare, sir."

Zekiel Green. "Now, look a-her! Do you think I'm going to pay any bill o'fare till we've had a bit to eat?"

An Irishman on being told to grease the wagon, returned in an hour afterwards, and said:

"I've greased every part of the wagon but them 'sitks the wheels hand on."

Two scholars passing by a wind-mill, stood for some time viewing it. The miller, looking out of a little window, seeing them, asked them what they would have, and what they started at.

"Why," said one of them, "we are looking at this thing; pray what is it?"

"Why," said the miller, "don't you see? Where are your eyes? It is a wind-mill."

"We crave your mercy, sir," said the scholar; "we took it for a jail, seeing a thief locking out of the window."

A theological student, supposed to be deficient in judgment, was asked by a professor in the course of class examination, "How would you discover a thief?"

"By the position he would sit in."

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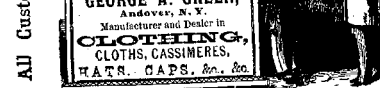
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About the Rotation of Crops. Frequent attempts are made to reduce the crops of a farm; but there are many circumstances which necessarily lead to the necessity of deviating from any one system, that it seems to us more useful to state the principles of the necessity for rotation is to attempt to prescribe a fixed system. There are various objects to be attained by means of rotation. The most important of these are the improvement of the condition of the soil and the adjustment to the demand. All other matters are incidental. It is, of course, the question of the crops, that is, the crops of that which will yield the most without injury to the land, is the most consequence.

It is perfectly well known that farmers who know nothing of raising the same crop year after year, it is permanent pasture for many successive years on the same land, gradually injure it. Not only are certain fertility that the soil contains of all proportion to the quantity of other available elements crop requires; but, as each year, these elements are gradually exhausted by its peculiar peculiar insects, these insects back to the success of our crops are increased in length of portion to the length of which a single crop is grown; for, we should constantly rotate our cropping, the year's crop may make a demand on the phosphorus of the soil, that of the next year less of this ingredient, and some other; and so that the year's crop may, by the cultivation of the next year, be exhausted. It will be found that the greater the number of crops that enter into provided they are such as with success and disposition, the better will be the result; and especially if some other deep-rooting prominent place in the plants obtain a large portion of their matter from the surface soil, while the deeper reaching roots of the channels for the descent of more delicate plants.

It is not always, however, possible to adopt a rotation as shall develop the most productive land, even in those cases where the supply of manure is abundant. The reason for this is the more productive large amount of manure that the chief laborer receives differently crops in the same day. It is, therefore, to take into account the amount of labor that any crop will require; and matters also so far as possible (due to the fact that, from the first of the year, the soil is not until the final setting, regular force of the constantly employed; and the requirement for extra labor during certain seasons met by the supply within reach. For the sake of roots and end highly important, and a very valuable addition of winter food, but the oil through the need, requires that of hand labor be

When the ground is very manure, the best crops, as