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VARIETY.

The Louisville Journal says that R. H. Weed, a shoe maker, formerly living in Knoxville, was in Nashville on the 27th December last on business.

A SETTER.—A raw boy, coming into a printing office to learn the business, the foreman asked the question.

"Have you ever set any?" meaning type of course.

"Set I reckon I kin; haven't I set all our old hens, and didn't every one on 'em hatch out every egg put under 'em, except old Speckle, that went off and left her nest—concern her prier!"

"You'll do," said the foreman. "I don't want you to set hens, but to set at that stand."

"Waal, that's quare; I can't set at that stand, like the rest of fellers prier; I'm little jigamores, do you? Waal, here goes!"

John went to work, and "learnt his letters" at case, until he could compose and punctuate correctly—so that he is now a first setter and pointer.

PHILOSOPHY.—A love-smiten Professor in one of our colleges, after conversing a while with his Dulcinea on the interesting topic of matrimony, concluded at last with a declaration.

"I love you, madame," said the philosophical lover, "and now, suppose we change the subject."

"At a negro camp meeting near Plashing, the preacher in his discourse, said, 'I tell you, my Muddled brethren, that de debble is a big hog, an' one of dese days he'll come along here and root you all out!'"

A gentleman crossing the Severn, asked the waterman if accidents did not sometimes happen by boats being upset; and, in such cases, said he, "persons must be often lost." "Oh, no," said one of the watermen, "they are seldom lost. To be sure, my brother was drowned here, not long ago, but we found him again a day or two after."

THE SAME FIX.—A domestic, newly engaged presented to her master, a pair of boots, the leg of one of which was much longer than the other.

"How comes it, you rascal, that these boots are not of the same length?" "I really don't know, sir—but what bothers me the most is, that the pair down stairs are in the same fix."

A TOUGH CUSTOMER.—A Canadian bought a patriarch of a turkey, that had frightened every other purchaser off him; he said, afterwards, "I took him home—my wife killed him three hours, and den he crows." My wife put him in de pot wid de taters, and he hick 'em all out."

How beautiful are the smiles of innocence—how endearing the sympathies of love—how sweet the solace of friendship—how lovely the tears of affection! These, combined, are all characteristic of woman. They are the true poetry of humanity—rich pearls clustering around the altar of domestic felicity.

An old bachelor being ill, his sister presented him a cup of medicine. "What is it?" asked he. She answered, "it is elixir asthmatic, it is very aromatic and will make you feel very ecstatic." "Nancy," he replied with a smile, "you are very sister-matic."

A mother admonishing her son, a lad about 7 years of age, told him he should never defer till to-morrow what he could do to-day. The little urchin replied, "Then, mother, let's eat the remainder of the plum pudding to-night."

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Some men are like cats. You may stroke the fur for many years, and hear nothing but purring; but accidentally tread on a tail, and all memory of former kindness is obliterated.

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A GOOD SPECULATION.—A Yankee transported a couple of hogs to the "diggins" in California to root for the precious ore, and obtained every night from six to eight ounces of gold from their snouts.—Eos, Post.

RECORD.—The man who chews \$14 worth of tobacco annually, and stops his newspaper because he cannot afford to take it.

T. H. TOWNER, Attorney at Law, Shepherdstown, Jefferson Co., Virginia.

GEORGE W. RANSON, Attorney at Law, HAS removed his office to the building recently occupied by John R. Flagg & Son's Office.

JAMES McHERRY, Attorney at Law, HARPER'S FERRY, JEFFERSON COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

THE WILLOW HILL BOARDING SCHOOL, ONE mile from Kernyville, is a successful operation.

THE "GREEN HOUSE," THE undersigned looking to the comfort of the citizens of Harper's Ferry, and those visiting the place, has fitted up an EATING HOUSE.

Oysters in every variety, Either fried, roasted, or stewed—altogether with every other kind in season.

GOODS AT COST! HAVING determined to retire from the Mercantile business, I have sold my store-house.

My Goods, Hardware, Cloves, Glass, Queens, Stone and Wooden Ware, Castings and Groceries.

Parson's Universal Plough Cultivator and Seeder, For Corn, Sugar Cane, Potatoes and Tobacco.

THE undersigned begs leave to inform the agricultural community generally, that he has purchased the sole right of making and vending the above Plough, which can be metamorphosed into a great variety of shapes.

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