

**A Good Riddle and Answer.**

The following riddle is attributed to Mr. Macaulay, the essayist:  
 Cut off my head—and singular I am;  
 Cut off my tail—and plural I appear;  
 Cut off both head and tail, and strange to tell,  
 Although my middle's left there's nothing there!  
 What is my head cut off? A sounding sea.  
 What is my tail, cut off? A roaring river,  
 Within whose eddying deep I peacefully play.  
 A parent of soft sounds, though mute forever.

Shortly after the publication of the above, a correspondent furnished the following answer:  
 Eood! I've guessed it! 'Tis a Cod;  
 Cut off his head, he's very od;  
 Cut off his tail, and you have a Co.,  
 And that is "plural" all men know.  
 Cut off his head and tail, you leave  
 A middle nothing (oh), you perceive,  
 What is his head? A sounding C.  
 What is his tail the river (Dix).  
 And where's the Epicure, but cries: "Odd  
 Sounds,  
 I know the Cod produces most sweet SOUNDS."

**"Getting Even" with an Irishman.**

When I was at school there was one boy with whom I was always quarrelling. He was an Irish youth named Barney, and, like many of his countrymen, he had a fair share of mother wit. I believe I disliked him mainly because of his wit, which sooner or later made every boy in the school the butt of some joke. Never shall I forget how I tried to get even with him, and woefully he beat me with my own weapons. Laying my own plan carefully before-hand, I drew Barney into a controversy, in the presence of most of the boys, upon the comparative bravery of the Anglo-Saxon and Celtic races. After a warm discussion, in which history was largely drawn upon and much battering exchanged, I said:—"Look here, Barney—we can test the thing right here. You are an Irishman and I am a Yankee. Now I will engage to do something right here this morning that you will not dare to do."

"Go ahead!" returned he, defiantly, and the boys crowded around to see the fun. I took a large pin from my coat, and deliberately thrust it through to the head, and then drew it out. It hurt dreadfully, but I never winced. "There, Mr. Celt," said I, handing the pin to Barney, "dare you do that?" "Yes," he replied slowly, "I dare do it—but I'm not such a confounded fool!"  
 What a shout the boys did raise! I slunk away, looking and feeling silly enough. I had a sore ear for many days, and firmly resolved never again to out-brag an Irishman.

Mrs. Carlton an Ogdensburg (N. Y.) woman, one afternoon last week gave a tramp a hearty meal of fried cakes. When he had finished, the oppressed freeman said to his host: "There is something peculiar about those cakes. They have a peculiar flavor. Did you put something in them to poison me?" at the same time assuming a threatening manner. Seeing that he was an ugly customer Mrs. C. went to the bureau and took out her husband's revolver, when the tramp, putting his hand in his pocket, remarked: "That's a game that two can play at," but Mrs. C. was too quick for him, moved forward, and covering him to a dead certainty with her revolver, said: "You remove your hand from your pockets and you are a dead man instantly. Now move out!" The over-matched villain went.

**LABOR STATISTICS.**—The Boston Herald, which is eminently a paper of the people, and takes a lively interest in all that relates to the welfare of the laboring classes, has been investigating the condition of the working of Massachusetts, by the light of figures furnished by the bureau of statistics of that State. From these it comes to the conclusion that "in 1878 the weekly wages, on a gold basis, averaged twenty-four and nine-tenths per cent. higher than they did in 1860, while the advance in the prices of the necessaries of life, in shelter, food and clothing, between the same dates, was only 14 1/2 per cent. Thus, to speak roundly, the laborer has bettered his condition by ten per cent. In other words, he has gained very nearly five weeks in the year."

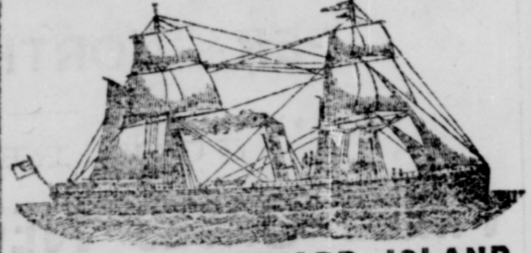
The poet's joke was not exact the thing—  
 That Winter lingers in the lap of Spring;  
 Just wicely wicely, et al nos inter,  
 'Tis Spring that lingers in the lap of Winter.

In 1795, in the township of Easbam, Mass. a regulation was made that every unmarried man should kill six black-birds and three crows a year as long as he remained single. If he neglected this order, and wished to marry, he was not allowed to do so till he had shot his full number of birds.

The anti-treating leauge, of Baltimore, is doing active work, procuring signatures to anti-treating pledge, which forbids drinking at another person's expense or inviting another to drink. Premiums are offered to members who secure the best list of signers.

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THE undersigned Executors of the Estate of Ralph Brecken Peake, late of Charlottetown, in the Province of Prince Edward Island, merchant, deceased, hereby notify all persons indebted to the said Estate to make immediate payment to them; and all persons having any claims against the said Estate are hereby required to render the same to the undersigned, duly attested, within one year from date.  
 Dated this twenty-first day of January A. D., 1879.

**EDWARD J. HODGSON,**  
**GEORGE W. DEBLOIS,**  
**THOS. HANDRAHAN,**  
 Executors.  
 Jan. 21, 1879. r g 3m

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