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If Bismarck bars our barrels, tubs, or cans,  
Forcing our pork to make its way incog.,  
Upset his schemes and overthrow his plans,  
And clear a pathway for the native hog!  
—Ex.

HEARD in a hotel office:  
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"Yes, sir."  
"And fire-escapes on all sides of the build-  
ing?"  
"Yes, sir."  
"And extinguishers at every door?"  
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"And rope-ladders in every apartment?"  
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"Well, if you can give me a room on the  
first floor, with a window opening into a back  
alley, I will stay all night."—*Phila. News.*

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him: "There's an egg in your hip-pocket!"  
The slipping man didn't have time to reflect  
that the statement was not true, but the frantic  
efforts he made to save himself were terrible to  
witness.—*Boston Post.*

FROM the West comes the sad news that a  
minstrel troupe went to pieces recently, and the  
company were obliged to go to chopping wood  
in order to keep from starving. This proves  
that even in the dramatic profession there's  
often "a nigger in the wood-pile."—*N. Y. Com-  
mercial Advertiser.*

"The Pendleton civil service reform bill has  
passed," remarked Mr. Wigglesworth, from the  
interior of his paper.  
"Well, I'm glad of that," said his wife:  
"and now I hope our hired girl will have a lit-  
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