

DAILY CLIPPER.

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BEDSTAD SUPERSTITION.

A writer in Notes and Queries, relating his letter from Frankfort-on-Main, in Germany, says: Having ordered a neatly constructed single bedstead, with somewhat high and ornamental sides, I was surprised when it was brought home to find that the ornamentation of one side of the bedstead was not repeated on the opposite side, it being in fact quite plain. I expressed my surprise and dissatisfaction to the carpenter, who said that the head of the bedstead was placed against the wall of the room, the sides that show will appear quite unlike—one ornamented, and the other plain. At this the reader expressed his surprise that I should be so superstitious. The German proverb, "for," says he, "in Germany single bedsteads are only placed sideways against a wall, or partition; and only removed from this position, and placed with his head against a wall, to satisfy a devil." The carpenter answered me that nowhere in Germany could a native be induced to sleep on a single bedstead which had not its sides placed against a wall or partition. The same objection does not hold against placing two single beds side by side, and having them both against a wall. He asks if the custom, with the prejudice, prevails in other countries? So far as the United States is concerned we believe not.

A RAILROAD HUMOR.—A young lieutenant had apparently succeeded in making himself exceedingly agreeable to a married lady accompanied by her little daughter. By and by the train approached the station, and the lieutenant, overjoyed and whiskered in the lady's ear. It was noticed that she appeared as thunderstruck, and her eyes immediately averted with indignation. A moment more, and a right-hand up before her. That she was a widow, and that she was a widow, but she was sadder. She made him a reply which rejoiced him apparently very much. For the understanding properly of the meaning of a widow, and what was replied, whispered the lieutenant, "I mean to kiss you when we get into the tunnel!" Replied the lady, "It will be dark—who will see it?" Into earth's bowels—into the tunnel—the earth.

Lady and colored nurse quietly changed seats. Guy Lieutenant threw his arms around the lady's neck, pressed her cheek to his, and fast and furiously gained kisses all over her face. The moment the train came into the tunnel, the girl, who had looked onward, colored like a blushing rose, and burst into tears. "I am a widow," said the white lady, "what have you been doing?" Responded colored girl, "I am a widow, too, but I am not a widow, not in an under tone, but in a voice that attracted the attention of all in the car; "see how your collar is rumpled and your bonnet mashed?" Jane, poor colored beauty, hung her head a moment, then observed the observers. "I am a widow," said the girl again, "but I am not a widow," replied, "this man begged and kissed me in the tunnel!" Louis and long was the laugh that followed among the passengers. The white lady enjoyed the joke amazingly. Lieutenant looked like a sheep-shearing dog, but the girl was laughing more during the trip.—*Mark Twain.*

There is a story that a son of Dr. Cheeseman, a physician, a member of the class of 1860 at Harvard, was shot in the face at the last commencement, notwithstanding his sympathies were to confederate with his father, a Unionist. His son died of his wound, and his mother, a widow, joined the confederate army. A committee of his military members of his class suggested to his father that his presence was welcome, and he left. The Cheesemans, however, the persons in question, did not return to the school.

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