



LIKE TICKLING A RHINOCEROS.

"NOW THEN, THOMAS, IF YOU LIKE TO COME DOWN TO THE BREWERY I'LL GIVE YOU A PINT OF MY BEST BITTER."

"THANKEE, SUR, BUT I DOANT THINK MUCH OF THAT THERE BITTER HALF, IT'S TOO DELICUT; AND IF ALL THE SAME TO YOU, SUR, I'D RATHER 'AVE SUMMAT AS GRIPS THE MOUTH LOIKE—SUMMAT YEW KNOW AS 'AVE BIN SHOOK UP A LITTLE AND TAANES WELL OF THE CASE."

NEW LEAVES.

AMONG the American literary novelties which occasionally mark a new era in the history of light writing, we know of none which has achieved a greater or more deserved popularity than *Helen's Babies*, already noticed in these columns. To increase the claims of this popular little work, Messrs. Warne and Co. have found a way of adding novelty on novelty, and issue an illustrated edition which may be considered unique. The forty-two pictures are well drawn and capitally engraved, and as illustrations to a story-book should do, cast quite a fresh aspect on many of the scenes and make them doubly attractive. For this reason Warne's handsome new edition can be cordially recommended to those who have already an ordinary copy, as well as to those others who have not yet made an acquaintance with the now famous pair of precocious youngsters.

The *Nautical Magazine* has this month special claims on all who go down in the sea in ships.

There is a readable article on Dickens's *Hard Times* in the *Atlantic Monthly*.

Among the works of Gustave Aimard now being issued by Vickers under the editorship of Mr. Percy B. St. John is one never before

A VERY GOOD MAXIM!

I'm well aware that grief and care
Are apt to be unpleasant,
And well I know a spell of woe
Is not a wished-for present.
But why despair? Her sulky air
Fate soon will be resigning—
'Tis e'er allowed the darkest cloud
Can boast a silver lining.
When e'er upon misfortune's tide,
Look always on the brighter side!
Although your dreams of brilliant schemes
Misfortune oft may scatter,
Affect a smile, and all the while
Cry *à la Vie*, "No matter!"
And day by day pursue your way,
Let failure ne'er dismay you—
Though Fortune points, disperse your doubts,
She'll very soon obey you.
Though now she may your suit deile,
Look ever on the brighter side!
Suppose you woo, no doubt you do,
For courting's in the fashion—
'Tis daily shown that mankind's prone
To feel the tender passion.
Though *she's* inclined to seem unkind,
And may at times repel you,
Eschew distress, a loving "Yes"
Your sweetheart soon may tell you.
So persevere and win your bride,
And look upon the brighter side!
Yes, Fortune's still our slave at will—
If lovingly we treat her—
If we essay the proper way
And strive to gently greet her.
Oae soon forgets her frequent "pets"—
They're only meant to try us;
Our griefs anon will all be gone—
She can't for long defy us.
So let it always be your pride
To look upon the brighter side!

Turnspitz.

ACCORDING to Reuter "Prince Nikita wants Spitz." This is, of course, in consequence of his joint negotiations with Serbia; but he can't expect to rule the roast.

published in England, the *Missouri Outlaws*. With it come the *Indian Scout* and the *Prairie Flower*, both well known to lovers of this kind of literature.

Art Union of London.

THE subscription plate of this famous society for 1877 is for once the same as the principal prize, "Joseph and Mary," by E. Armitage, R.A., doubtless well remembered by the majority of our readers. We have seen a proof of the engraving, and need only say this year, as may in truth be said every year, that those who get nothing contained in the list of special prizes will still be in possession of an article well worth the money invested.

JONES had to put down his horses when he married, but he has a pair of nags still. His wife and mother-in-law.

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