

Artemus Ward's Brother.

The following quaint letter, from a gentleman who professes to be the brother of the celebrated Artemus Ward, says an eastern exchange, reached us the other day by regular mail; and we give it because it embraces so much of the special kind of humor for which Artemus is so much renowned. The whole family seems to be laboring under a very bad "spell," which is a disorder that in their case, however, seems to operate as disease does on certain mystics, in producing a pearl where we might only expect putridity:

SHREWD, March 11, '65.

To the Editor of the Sunday Times, N. Y.—4 years ago, while in Indianapolis, Indiana, I wrote to Mr. Prentiss, of the Louisville Journal, regarding the whereabouts of my brother Artemus Ward, off whom I have not heard since he was a boy.

"And we roamed the fields together,"

happily as a Mackerel in Kachmere Sox.—There was four of us brothers, all boys. The fathering is a pedagog off our family. Our parents off which there was 2, consisted of our father and mother, namely:

Hanner and Erysipelas Ward. The latter (my father) was given heavily to Plagg tobacco, of which he chewed incessantly, though biled bacon done rare was his best bolt. He was a man that could not go long between drinks; the kanid did not predominate in him, and G. Hover took him at the age of sickness, and after 2 days sickness. The following is applicable to his case:

"Oakum! Oakum with me!"—S. Spore.

After the old man's death, our mother was left with the four boys aforesaid, white, namely, i. e.:

Erysipelas (named after father.)

Artyimus (the long lost)

Rodney, and myself.

Olonzo (named after olonzo of pizzarne celebrity.)

My eldest brother, Ery, went into the wool bizzness, while Rodney went out to Orignone territory and Mbarred in the Fur trade. Ery did poorly in the wool, and busted, but Rodney is still in the Fur coining money.

Artyus, at the tender age of eleven, was suddenly mist from home. In this connexions I would remark an old stockin belonging to mother, containing four dollars in Silver and fifty two cents in Copper disappeared about the same time. There was a party of akrabwats, or double sonor proklyvits, in our naborhood a few days previs, and by many it was supposed that Arty had been invigilated.

"To love his gr and happy home
Hands eyes, sands teeth brushes,
Sands pale etc.

The world is all a stage,

The rest is lemon and vanila."

Shakespere.

At all evinks I have never heern of him but once, i. e., when I wrote to Mr. Prentiss, who did not answr my letter, he being engaged in translating a French letter sent to him by Miss Soosan Monday, a noted gorilla of the femal gender. Off her more hereafter; but *Raceours or our matto*, as the French have it. I heard that my brother, A. Ward had become sitch, he having been to Salt Lick City, among the Mormon and women who was allus given to the latter, even from a child; and that moreover and above; he got a sho of was diggers, and nevertheless was perfectly decayed with money, in which event I would remind him.

"I still live."—Webb.

And as his absents caused me many tears (I carried out the water and chopped out the wood for 2 years after his leavins us) and as I am his only surviving brother in poor circumstances (Ery being rich and Rodney when last heard from was in a big contract for furnishing plumb toothed koms for the Confederate army, with his head quarters in Richmond.) therefore I think Arty might come and see me. He is ever welcum to mi poor but happy home. My own brother! if this should meet your i, think kindly of one who loves not wisely but too well; but ows, owe, dear Arty, mus! do not try to shake me.

OLONZO WARD.

Dear Berother, don't go back onto me.

O. W.

"Who do I wepe 4 thee." O. W.

CLOSING ADVICE.—Keep your mouth shut when you read, when you write, when you listen, when you are in pain, when you are running, when you are riding, and, by all means, when you are angry. There is no person in society but will find, and acknowledge improvement in health and enjoyment from a temporary attention to this advice.

An able physiologist has written that one-fifth of the human body is composed of phosphorus. Punch remarks that this most likely accounts for the number of matches made.

An old maid, speaking of marriage, says it is like any other disease—while there's life there's hope.

An elderly gentleman went to hear Artemus Ward, but by mistake entered a hall where the Rev. H. W. Beecher was lecturing. On leaving he said, "if that's Artemus Ward he's not worth a d—n."

"Now, then, my hearties," said a gallant captain, "you have a tough battle before you. Fight like heroes till your powder's gone, then—run! I'm a little lame, and I'll start now."

The horse "warranted to stand without tying," which a man bought at an auction the other day is offered for sale by the purchaser, with the additional guarantee, that he will not move without whipping.

"Now, children, who loves all men?" asked a school inspector. The question was hardly put before a little girl, not four years old, answered quickly, "All women!"

Lady Yarmouth asked Garrick one day why Love was always represented as a child? He replied, "Because Love never reaches the age of wisdom and experience."

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