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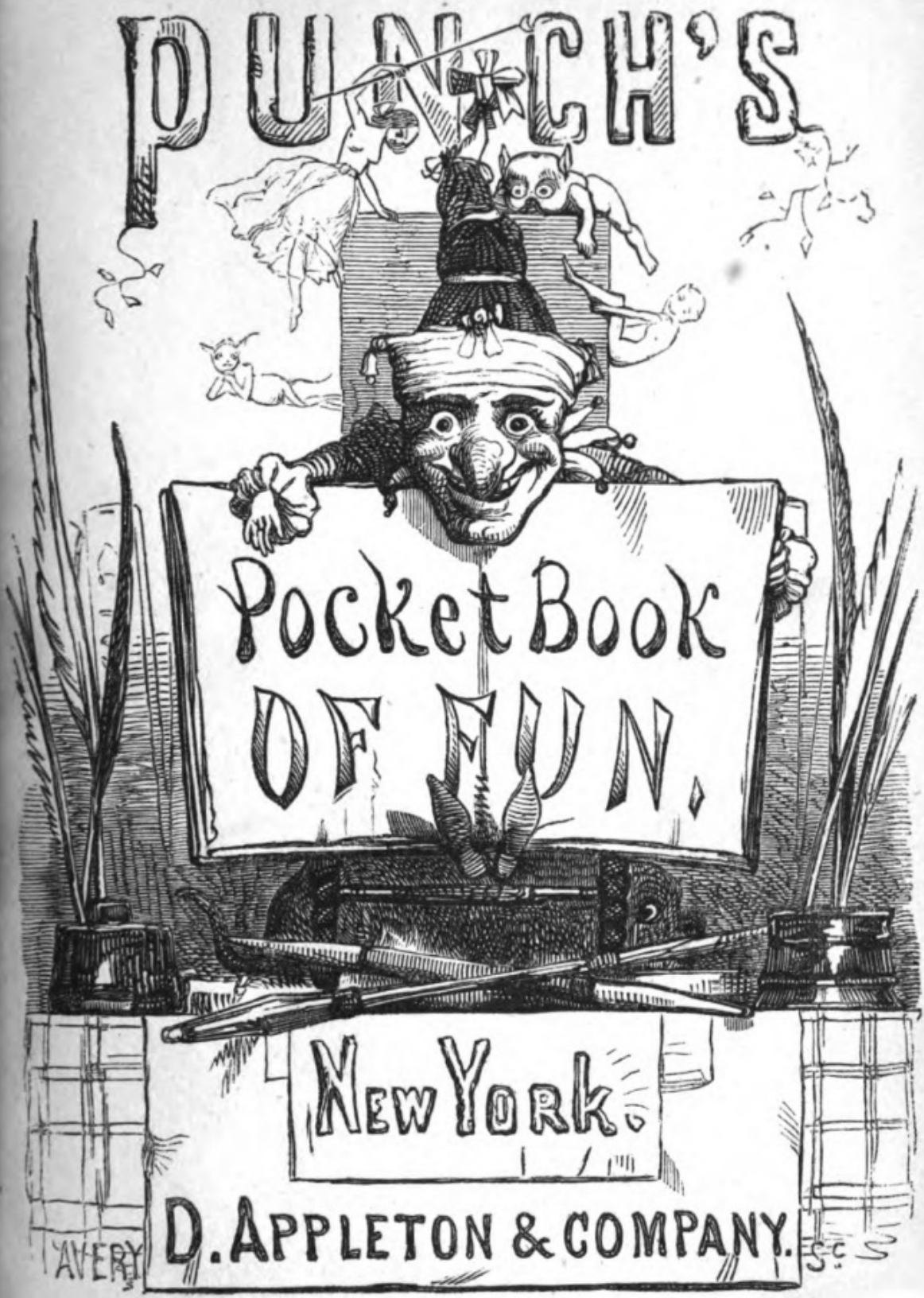

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Explains that you can't choose but see that the Mantchews
Must soon be entirely driven from China,
And that a high price on our Pekoe and Hyson
Must be the infallible end of the clatter,
Mr. Punch, who's a strong *goût* for Souchong and Congou
Determines to go and see what is the matter.
It boots not to say *how* he goes; for to-day
Young and old, grave and gay, so affect locomotion,
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WHOLESOME PREJUDICE.

"RAILROADS, SIR? I HATE RAILROADS, AND I SHALL BE VERY GLAD WHEN THEY'RE DONE AWAY WITH, AND WE'VE GOT THE COACHES AGAIN."

KNOWLEDGE.—The offspring of Thought, but much oftener an Adopted Child.

THE MOST CURIOUS THING.—A woman not being curious!

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Spirit Rapping.

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CURIOUS CHINESE DEFINITIONS OF WOMAN.

HE Strong-Minded Woman is a dragon in a nightcap.

The Stupid Woman hatches egg-plums.

The Obstinate Woman goes to sea in a bandbox.

The Patient Woman roasts an ox with a burning-glass.

The Curious Woman would like to turn the rainbow, to see what there was upon the other side.

The Vulgar Woman is a spider attempting to spin silk.

The Cautious Woman writes her promises on a slate.

The Envious Woman kills herself in endeavoring to lace tighter than her neighbors.

The Extravagant Woman burns a wax candle in looking for a lucifer match.

The Happy Woman died in a Blind, Deaf and Dumb Asylum years ago.

THE WORLD'S VERDICT.—In all delicate cases where blame is due, you will generally find the following law acted upon:—the poor man is accused, the rich man is excused.

EVILS ATTENDANT ON WEALTH.—Attendants.

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ENTIMENTALITIES.

WHITE hair is the chalk with which Time keeps its score—two, three, or fourscore, as the case may be—on a man's head.

Two's a secret, but three's none.

The heart-strings will snap, just like harp-strings, from excess of cold and neglect.

Good-nature is a glow-worm that sheds light even in the dirtiest places.

Man has generally the best of every thing in this world—for instance, in the morning he has nothing but the newspaper to trouble his head with, whereas poor Woman has her curl-papers.

Kindnesses are stowed away in the heart, like bags of lavender in a drawer, and sweeten every object around them!

A CASE OF CHLOROFORM.

IT is mentioned in the papers that a tiger recently had his diseased nails extracted whilst under the influence of a powerful dose of chloroform. A wretched punster of our acquaintance, on being told of it, remarked that this was certainly the most extraordinary case of *claw-reform* he ever heard of!

A PHENOMENON.—A Barrister refusing his Fee.

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Fast Nursery Rhymes.

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THE FOX AND THE GRAPES.

Elderly Spinster. "SO YOU'RE GOING TO BE MARRIED, DEAR, ARE YOU? WELL, FOR MY PART, I THINK NINE-HUNDRED-AND-NINETY-NINE MARRIAGES OUT OF A THOUSAND TURN OUT MISERABLY; BUT OF COURSE EVERY ONE IS THE BEST JUDGE OF THEIR OWN FEELINGS."

SHABBY INGRATITUDE.—Men get drunk, and then lay the fault on the wine!

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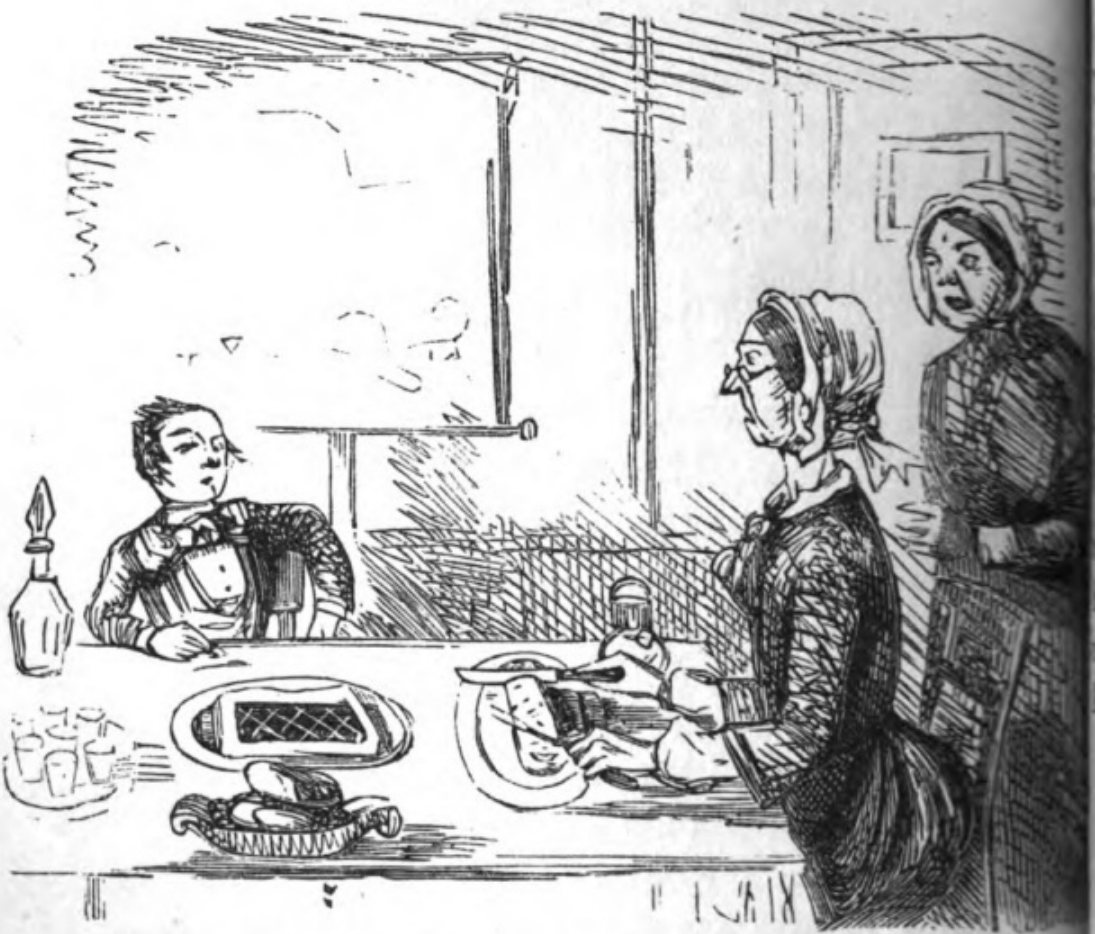

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FILLING UP THE CENSUS PAPER.

Wife of his Bosom.—"UPON MY WORD, MR. PEEWITT! IS THIS THE WAY YOU FILL UP YOUR CENSUS? SO YOU CALL YOURSELF THE 'HEAD OF THE FAMILY'—DO YOU—AND ME A 'FEMALE?'"

THE ART OF PERFORMING.—Promise little, that you may perform much; but if you want to perform little, you can promise as much as you like.

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Master Tom (to Old Lady who is very nervous about fire). "IT'S ALL RIGHT, GRANNY; THE CANDLE IS OUT. I'M ONLY SMOKING MY USUAL WEED!"

AN UNKNOWN BENEFACTOR.—The man who plants a birch tree little knows what he is conferring on posterity.

HAPPINESS is a perfume that one cannot shed over another without a few drops falling on oneself.

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SICK BACHELOR.

WHAT a snug room! Every comfort is there that can make the heavy wheels of time roll on as softly as possible. What a nest of a bed! and at the head of it he sees his mother, leaning over him, parting his hair, kissing his forehead, and every minute asking him in a voice through which the affection gushes like tears, "if he feels any better?"—he sees his sister, nature's kindest nurse, sitting up with him all night, moving if he moves, anticipating every one of his wants, gazing into his face for hope, and smiling at him sometimes in spite of it, coaxing him, like a child, to go to sleep, and holding his hand between hers till he falls into a gentle slumber again—he sees his father coming into the room the first thing in the morning, and treading on tiptoe lest he shall awake him—he recollects what a moment of anxiety it was when the Doctor paid his daily visit, and how every one waited in silence round the curtained bed, to hear what he said, and then rushed to cheer him and kiss him full of hope—he recollects all these, and

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To mind your own business, or if you have no business, then to make it your business to leave the business of others alone.

To be cautious how you sit next to a lady of an uncertain age with green spectacles and inky fingers, and who shaves her hair to get up an intellectual forehead.

To pay no visits to such persons as never return them; *viz.*, to your Lawyer, your Pawnbroker, your Physician, your Magistrate, your Commissioner in the Court of Bankruptcy or Insolvency, much less your Judge in any Court, Central, Criminal, County, Common Law, Consistorial, Chancery, or otherwise.

"RUN, BILL—RUN AND BRING HISABELLER!—HERE'S A CHIMLEY A-FI-ER!!"

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THE LAW OF DOMESTIC STORMS.

By a long series of observations it has been found that Domestic Storms, like other storms, are rotatory; or, in other words, they move in a circle, and come round at regular intervals. The Domestic Storm, as we have already seen, rages frequently very high at about Christmas time, when the trade winds are prevalent. There is reason to believe that these trade winds, which come in counter directions, are preceded by much heavy swelling, and by the extreme latitude into which the master has been driven by the eccentric action of his craft. This was the case in the instance of the *Eliza*, which, after being first set in motion by gentle airs, gave her head completely to the wind, and the mate lost all control over her. An extract from his log—or diary—is full of instruction for those to whom the Law of Domestic Storms is a matter of interest.

Monday.—Light breeze, with a cloudy aspect.

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