

HOFFMAN'S COLUMN.

During the absence of the great and only hand-trained Whitehead, I shall endeavor to manipulate the treaty favor as well as an honest hand will permit, and should you desire to test the hand of assistance, I will grant it with a vengeance not unlike that of a hog. (C. H. H.)

GOSE BEY NOT FORGOTTEN.

Last week Mel Sly and Whitehead took the train for the south intending to be absent two weeks or more. During their absence they will visit Cincinnati, Louisville, the Mammoth Cave, Deane, Mobile, and perhaps do Florida before coming home.

Their departure was solemn and sad. As they boarded the train there was a tear in Whitey's eye and a grip in his hand. He was clad in his bright, new Sunday pants, and took with him a pack of cards, bottle of Sanford's Jamaica ginger for his cholera, box of prescription pills for rheumatism, his alligator gun, a clean paper collar and a Western Union telegraph blank filled out as follows, omitting the date, to be used if necessary, in a Franklin style:

To A. Partridge, Birmingham, Mich. Come tonight to my house for my sister's sake. (Signed) Mel Sly.

This trip is for sight-seeing only and Whitey promises for the ELECTRIC readers a series of letters called "Sly and I," which I have no doubt will be read with interest by all.

I WOULD LIKE TO SEE Ned Dalms make a good landlady. Jim Beattie ought to be appointed deputy sheriff.

Thomas M. Wiley has had an increase of pension. Will Hamilton has gone to Marquette for the winter.

We ought to have water works and a toboggan slide. A. T. Crosby, formerly of Toiy, has secured a pension.

The next town treasurer ought to be a Democrat and S. C. Milk. The man who patronizes a home merchant has the most friends.

Turk is the best doctor in Pontiac and Hudson lives in Detroit. A. VanEvery would not be a good weather-vane for the Presbyterian church steeple.

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Every business man in town ought to advertise and let people know where he is and what he is doing. The sleigh load that went to Pontiac last week, as I said, came and got on its way and soon on the way home.

John T. Brown's wife lately presented him with twins, boy and girl, and it is a further fact that John is the father of a nice family of five youngsters as ever gladdened a father's heart.

The next village board should be as follows: For President, O. Poppleton; for trustees, Horace Hall, H. Irving and A. C. Walker. For treasurer, one who is likely to be legitimated again; the village for more lawyers' fees, these gentlemen will see that the fees are earned before allowing any claims. See?

I DON'T KNOW AS E. J. O'NEAL ever married, but I think he would like to be. As the next club hop will be by no other than the others, but it will be just as good.

As Mr. Clement can not see shoes in a day than one else, but his work is always first class. As Will Hamilton will stay at Marquette all winter, but if he goes home I will match him against Weston, the great politician.

As that was burglar around Whitehead's residence the other night, but it makes 'em sleep four in a bed over there. As I will live long enough to help get out another issue of this of this great batch of literary productions, but I will gladly bring in as long as my legs hold out.

A Judge that ever felt cheaper than "our Judge" after telling her that he was once in love with her mother and then found out that the young lady was not who he supposed she was.

A more popular young business man than Ed. H. Smith, Jr. had a competent book keeper. Like the proverbial hen's teeth, they are few and scattering.

The widows of our village all married, the bachelors of the old mills—no, great Scott no—the unclaimed blessings all claimed, the girls widows all—well, hardly a burnt child dreads the fire.

All the Birmingham girls wear cream colored satin dresses at the next club hop and take advantage of the cheap colored things by their year, and—pop!

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