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erty and independent Christian worship at
once existed in America."

It was on Friday, that Henry VII., of
England, gave John Cabot his commission
to proceed on a voyage of discovery to the
North American continent.

Saint Augustine, in Florida, the oldest
town in the United States, was founded by
Melendez on Friday, September 7th, 1565.

George Washington was born on Friday,
Bunker Hill was seized, Saratoga and
Yorktown, were surrendered, on Friday.
On the same day of the week, the treachery
of Arnold was discovered.

—It was on Friday that John Adams
moved, and Richard Henry Lee seconded
a resolution in Congress that the United
Colonies were, and of right ought to be
free and independent.

It may be looked upon by some as a re-
markable coincidence that on the two-hu-
dred and forty-ninth anniversary of
signing of the Cape Cod Constitution
(General Assemblies of the P.
Church should sign the "August 17th"
of perpetual Union.

We may add that it was on Friday the Pilgrims landed finally on Plymouth Rock. Who will say then that Friday is an unlucky day in American history? We have the strongest faith that the marriage of the two assemblies yesterday will be productive of the most blessed results; that more abundant fruits even than those projected by the landing of the Pilgrims will flow from their cordial and fraternal Union.—*Pittsburgh Gazette.*

WIT AND HUMOR.—A New York Bohemian, speaking of the price of meat, said that "beef was never so high since the cow jumped over the moon." Now this is pure humor, and the author of it laughs with everybody, and he laughs at nobody. I shall not attempt the difficult task of defining wit and humor. Hazlitt says: "Dr. Fuller's remark, that the negro is the image of God cut in ebony, is humor; and that Horace Smith's inversion of it, that the task-master is the image of the devil cut in ivory, is wit." Wit and humor are as closely related as the Siamese twins, and like

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use that couple they go together, and it requires a sharp blade to separate them. Fun is a fine art, and he who is master of his wit will know how to stop short of that line which separates it from the absurd and the ridiculous. Wit is crank, scornful, analytical — It makes invenditions, contrasts, tosses analogies in your teeth, spigols no good stories for relation's sake. — It shoots a feathered shaft before you can lift a shield, and expects you to sit hilt a tender spot. If a man were as invulnerable as Achilles, whose soft spot was in his heel, it would be sure to wound him unless he wore thick boots, which, unlike his lip, should be water-proof. Americans do not laugh enough. We scarcely recognize the comic side of life. Artemus says “the delicious,” as the author “Griffith Grant” calls him; shook our sides with laughter, and a few others did so all at once; however, can't be counted on the fingers of two hands. These jokers have made us laugh a little when out of the range of the roars of bulls and bears in Wall Street; but we, as a people, have failed to sustain a first-class comic journals. The humor of Lowell and Holmes, and the wit of Sw-

are appreciated by a few—the choice few—because the aroma of their poetry gives a pleasant odor to their merriment. Mirth follows us in the street, and overtakes us at our occupations; it tickles the ribs of sleep, even. Why, then, do we not respond to her exhibitions of cheerfulness?—From "The Comic-Side of Life," by GEO. W. BUNAY, in *Harper's Magazine* for January.

Household Receipts.

GINGER SNAPS.—One pint molasses and one cup butter boiled together; when cold add half a cup of ginger, one tablespoonful soda, and flour to roll; roll thin and bake.

POOR MAN'S BEER.—Strew over slices of boiled beef, arranged on a dish, salt, pepper, parsley, scallion and a small quantity of garlic, chopped together; moisten with a little soup or water; cover with bread crumbs, place on hot coals for a quarter of an hour and serve.

GINGERBREAD LOAF.—Take

LUKE-WARM BUTTER.—Two pounds of flour, two pounds of molasses, half a pound of coarse brown sugar, ounce and a half of ground ginger, one ounce caraway seeds, six ounces of butter, eight eggs, and a small tallow-spoonful of soda; melt the butter and mix with the other ingredients. Bake three hours.

MUFFINS.—Mix a quart of flour with a pint and a half of lukewarm milk, half a cup of yeast, two eggs, tea spoon of salt, and the few spoonfuls of luke-warm melted butter, set in a warm place and let it rise. Bake in cups, and bake a light brown.

STUFFING FOR TURKEYS.—Chop fine one quarter of a pound of suet, and with it double the quantity of bread crumbs, a large spoonful of chopped parsley, nearly a spoonful of thyme and marjoram mixed, one eighth of a nutmeg, some grated lemon peel, salt and pepper, and bind the whole with two eggs. A tea-spoonful of fresh shredded shallot or onion may be added at pleasure.

VERY NICE CHIFFARD CAKE.—Take

eggs, beat the whites and yolks separately, use half cup of flour, ten-spoonful of cream tartar, half a tea-spoon of soda. *Milk cake.* For the custard use pint of milk, two-ounce of sugar, two eggs, two table-spoonfuls of corn starch, or flour, flavor with extract of lemon. Make two loaves. When the cake is nearly cold, split the loaves, and fill with the custard.

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