

OUR SPICE BOX.

Why is a man who falls in kissing a lady like a shipwrecked fisherman? Because he has lost his *smack*.

"Do you think that raw oysters are healthy?" asked a lady of her physician. "Yes," he replied:—"I never knew one to complain of being out of health in my life."

A WESTERN editor provokes suspicion regarding his own domestic happiness, by placing above the marriage notices in his paper a cut representing a trap sprung.

A SHARP talking lady was reproved by her husband, who requested her to keep her tongue in her mouth. "My dear," responded the wife, "it is against the law to carry concealed weapons."

A YOUNG girl one day asked, "Do tell me why it is Cupid continues so long after the invention of powder to use arrows!" "To avoid the report of fire-arms, which would attract the jealous," was the reply.

A LADY, stepping into a railway car, said to her little son:—"Aren't you going to kiss your mother before you go?" The little rogue could not wait, and called out:—"Conductor, won't you kiss mother for me?"

A YOUNG lady possessing more vanity than personal charms, remarked, in a jesting tone, but with an earnest glance, that "she traveled on her good looks." A rejected lover being present, remarked that "he could now account for the young lady never having been far from home."

A LOVER who was slighted by the female, very modestly asked a young lady if she would let him spend the evening with her. "No," she angrily replied; "that's what I won't." "Why?" replied he, "you needn't be so fussy; I didn't mean this evening, but some stormy one when I can't go anywhere else."

ONE of the fair sojourners at Long Branch, on being introduced to Gen. Grant, gracefully bowed her head and kissed his extended hand; upon which one of the bystanders playfully inquired why he did not reciprocate the obsequious salutation? "Oh," promptly responded the imperious hero, "I never stoop to conquer!"