



pences into the plate hissef, just to give them a start. Of course he took the saxpences awa' with him afterward."

The new minister tried the same plan, but the following Sunday was a repetition of the others—a dismal failure. The entire collection was not only small, but to his great consternation his own coins were missing.

"Ye may be a better preacher than the auld minister," exclaimed the elder, "but if ye had half the knowledge of the world an' o' yer ain flack in particular, ye'd ha' done what he did an' glued the saxpences to the plate!"

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#### SOMETHING TO PINCH

An Italian who kept a fruit stand was much annoyed by possible customers who made a practice of handling the fruit and pinching it, thereby leaving it softened and often spoiled. Exasperated beyond endurance he finally put up a sign which read:

"If you must pincha da fruit, pincha da cocoanut!"

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#### A SLIGHT DIFFERENCE

The southern ducky's love of putting off till next spring or later what should be done on the spot is as well known as it is vexatious. One day Major Jackson, a contrac-