

**An Effective Alarm.**

Flannigan had been discharged from the artillery and went to live in a cottage in his native village. One day he left on a week's visit to some distant relatives, and a day later the village constable was standing at his door when he heard the sudden boom of the rusty cannon Flannigan had mounted on his front hedge.

An instant later a brick whizzed past the constable's ear and smashed his door to smithereens.

The indignant officer, followed by the populace, rushed to Flannigan's cottage and found it still tenantless, but showing signs of recent burglary.

When Flannigan returned the next week he heard the news and was delighted.

"O! prepared for burglars afore O! went away," he said, "by thraimin' the gun on yer front door, constable, and connecting it by secret wires to the doors and windies and loading it wid a brick. An' it hit the door slap in the middle? Bedad, O! wasn't a gun-layer in the artillery for nothin'?"—Pearson's Weekly.

**Why Hale Would Not Do.**

When N. O. Nelson, the profit sharer, decided to transfer his co-operative business from St. Louis to the country he looked about carefully for a favorable location. His personal friend Dr. Edward Everett Hale accompanied him on one of his tours in search of this. A site was chosen, and a name for it was then in order. Among others, Hale was considered, but rejected because, as Mr. Nelson said, "the name differs from its distinguished owner in being only four letters long, while he was six feet four or thereabouts." So Leclair was chosen in honor of the pioneer French profit sharer.—World's Work.

**A Case of Overcrowding.**

"I don't see why I keep on getting so much fatter. I only eat two meals a day."

"I know, my love, but you shouldn't insist upon crowding your breakfast and luncheon into one meal and your dinner and a late supper into the other."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

**An Angel.**

"My wife always forgives my faults."

"I've got you skinned to death."

"How?"

"My wife forgets mine."—Cleveland Leader.

**No Glutton.**

The Unsuccessful Counsel—I'm very sorry I could not do more for you, my man. The Prisoner—Ho! Don't apologize, old sport. Five years is enough.—London Sketch.

Glory is, after all, the thing which has the best chance of not being altogether vanity.—Renan.

Lowney's candy at Marsters' drug store always fresh. d-ff

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Who are the "Merry Milkmaids"? Well come and see, May 3 and 4 at the Armory. m3

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