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"Ivanhoe" is perhaps the only work of fiction which is entirely free from this objection. From the time that Ivanhoe meets Gorbuch, the swineherd, and Wamba, the jester, to the close of the book there is not a dull page in it.

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The course of true love never runs smooth, and it would not be half the fun if it would.—Elmira Free Press.

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It is better for a young man to have his trousers bag at the knees than to have his brains bag at the ears.—Boston Traveller.

Charles Lamb's humor never shows a taste of bitterness, but, then, Charles had a regular job as bookkeeper to fall back upon.—Puck.

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"I saw Chappie last night. He had a head on." "You don't say. Was it the same one he had on a real head?"—N. Y. Commercial.

The Enumerator (turning back)—"One question more, Mr. Blank." "Well, out with it." "Are you single or half-bred?"—Somerville Journal.

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