



Mickey: "Now, Chimmie, blow de horn, and dey'll t'ink we'er coatch-in party."
-Comic Cuts.



"But what will your wife say?"
"Oh, that's all right. I told her I had a pressing engagement at the office."
-New York Journal.



Friend: "Hello, Herr Biertank! Why don't you walk in the road instead of in the ditch?"
Biertank: "Savesh (hic!) savesh time! Don't keep falling into (hic!) into ditch!"
-Flegende Blatter.



"Well, I must be orf."
"What for?"
"It's gettin late."
"Where do you live?"
"Next door."
"Garn. What's your 'urry? You can fall 'ome."
-Dick M. Th.

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"The people are patient. They are rational. They don't expect miracles, but they are tired of adversity. They are not looking for the miraculous draft of fishes or the change of water into wine, but they want to see credit and business raised from the dead. They would like to have idle men who are willing to work earning wages. It does not console them to be told that there is surplus of money in banks to loan at small interest. They don't want to borrow money, but to sell corn. The man who mortgaged his farm five years ago for a fourth of its value would like to have it sell for enough at least to pay the debt. They will give the Republican party a fair chance, as they gave the Democrats four years ago. Should we fail to secure public revenue and restore prosperity they are likely to try some other experiment. Sometimes a sick man who has found no relief from the regular physician buys a bottle of patent medicine or consults a faith doctor and gets well."

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