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"And do you think," he asked, "that men progress after death?" "Well," she replied, "if they don't it would aimost seem useless for some of them to

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hat! Mulligan-And suppose Ol refuse? Mahoole-Then, bedad, ye've got to remove yer cont.—Chicago News. Ernie-No, she isn't going to marry Claude after all. Ida-But they say he can quote Emerson and Browning. "Yes; but the other young man can

quote Sugar and Steel."-Chicago Dally News. How He Lost Her: She-I suppose if a pretty girl should come along you wouldn't care anything about me any more. He-Nonsense, Kate! What do I care for good looks? You suit me all

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