SHEAR NONSENSE

The average man doesn't learn how to live until he is about ready to die.—Chicago News.

Diner—Isn't that a rather small steak? Waiter—Yes, sir; but you'll find it will take you a good while to eat it.

Chollie—She called me an idiot. Mollie—Indeed! I didn't think she knew you well enough for that!—Yonkers Statesman.

Nellie—Gracious! How do you manage to knit so much in so short a time? Ninette—Every time I do ten rows I give myself a chocolate cream.

Hoax (at the theater)—See those three fellows and three girls in the box? They are all engaged. Joax—Sort of a match-box, isn't it?—Philadelphia Record.

Charitable Old Lady—Poor woman! And are you a widow? Beggar—Worse than a widow, ma'am. Me husband's livin', an' I have to support him.—Glasgow Evening Times.

"What do you think of this scheme of telegraphing without wires?" "That's nothing new. My wife has kicked my shins under the table for twenty years."—What to Eat.

Harry—It was kind of you, old fellow, to look after my girl while I was away. How can I ever repay you? Fred—Well, I still owe the livery stable man.—The Smart Set.

"Are you suffering from cold?" "No. My trouble started with a cold, but I took all the remedies my friends prescribed and they are what I am suffering from now."—Washington Star.

Husband (returning from his first ascent in a balloon)—Just think of it, Alice; I ascended 25,000 feet in the air. Young Wife—And you brought back nothing for me!—Fliegende Blaetter.

Jane—It is always a surprise to me what a lot of homely women get married. Bertha—No doubt it is a reflection which gives you a great deal of encouragement, dear.—Boston Transcript.

When doctors say that an operation is successful, they mean that they found what they looked for and cut it out; they don't mean that the patient has recovered or will recover.—Atchison Globe.

"That woman made me what I am." "Ah, how long have you been married?" "Oh, we're not married at all. She wouldn't have me, and it made me so mad I got a move on."—Indianapolis Journal.

"Is there any danger of the boa constrictor's biting me?" asked a lady visitor at the zoological gardens. "Not the least, ma'am," cried the keeper; "he never bites; he swallows his wittles whole."—Tit-Bits.

Ethel—When a man talks all by himself, what is that called? Mamma—Why, that's called a "monologue." "Oh, I see. When the cats get to talking on the fence, that's a 'catalogue,' isn't it?"—Philadelphia Record.

Visitor (angrily)—See here, sir. You called me a political jobber in your paper this morning. Editor—Yes, but that was a mistake. Visitor—Ah! You admit that. Editor—Certainly. I wrote "robber" very plainly.—Philadelphia Press.

Poet—I've called to see about the poem I left here last week. Editor—What was it? Poet—It was a realistic piece, entitled "The Gallant Fireman." Editor—I'm afraid it was too realistic. It probably went to the fire.—Philadelphia Press.

New Reporter (tired out)—To-day is Saturday, and you know this State now has a Saturday half-holiday law which—— City Editor—By Jinks! I nearly forgot it. Rush out and get up a five-column article on how the day is being observed.—New York Weekly.

Mrs. Housekeep—Why don't you go to work? Weary Walker—Well, lady, yer see I'm wat yer might call an "unhappy medium." Mrs. Housekeep—Indeed? And what do you mean by that? Weary Walker—Why, I'm too heavy fur light work and too light fur heavy work.—Philadelphia Press.

Miss Bullion—No, Adolphus, I must not listen to you! My parents would never consent to my marriage with a man who had to work for his living! Adolphus—But I'm an artist, dearest. Miss Bullion—True—but you sell your pictures! Adolphus—Oh, darling you wrong me. I paint pictures that don't sell.—Tit-Bits.

Old Merchant—Before I answer your request for my daughter's hand permit me to ask what is your yearly income, sir? Young Man—All told, it amounts to £800. Old Merchant—H'm! To that would be added the interest at 4 per cent on the sum of £20,000 that I intend to give my daughter for her dowry. Young Man—Well, the fact is I have taken the liberty of including that in the calculation just submitted.—Fun.

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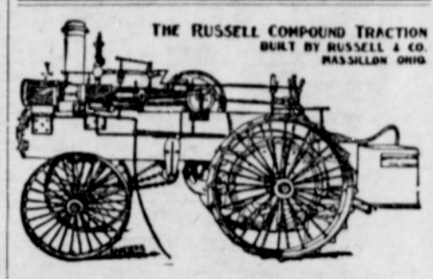

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