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"By observing the fall of an apple," remarked the moralizer, "Newton discovered the law of gravity."
"Yes," rejoined the demoralizer, "and thousands of years previous Mother Eve discovered the gravity of the law by merely biting an apple."—Chicago News.

Discouraging.
"Did you make any impression on the young professor?"
"Goodness, no!" Three of his aunts, his sister and a cousin were there listening to every word I said to him."—Detroit Free Press.

Satisfactory Division.
The old farmer and his wife had agreed to separate. They had only one child.
"Everything friendly?" inquired a neighbor.
"Oh, yes," replied the old man carelessly.
"No trouble about making a fair division of the property?"
"Oh, no. She gets the kid and the canned fruit, and I get the pig and the apples. That's even enough, ain't it?"—Chicago Post.

The Temperature.
"Why do you watch the thermometer on the wall so closely?" queried the invalid.
"Because," replied the untrained nurse, "the doctor said if the temperature got any higher I was to give you another dose of quinine."

Bewildered.
"John Henry, I'll thrash you soundly if I ever catch you telling another story that isn't true."
"And yet, ma, I heard you say to the minister that I had great imagination."

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At the Mountain House.
Ida—Jack and the young widow went up the stream trout fishing this morning.
May—Yes, and Jack forgot to take along his fly.
Ida—Oh, that doesn't matter. I heard the boys say the young widow is fly herself.—Chicago News.

When It's Necessary.
"Here's an article for women," he said, "on 'How to Make Yourself Attractive to a Man.'"
"Before or after marriage?" she inquired, thinking it was about time to have a little sport with him.
"After, of course," he replied promptly. "No woman ever loses the knack until after she's married."
No doubt he was, as she said, "a mean old thing."—New York Times.

No Kick Coming.
Mr. Roxe—This portrait doesn't look like my wife at all.
Artist—I know it doesn't, but it looks like she thinks she looks.—Judge.

Trying Times.
"It must be very trying for a modest girl," he remarked.
"Why?" she asked.
"She cannot turn from the naked truth without running into a bare lie."

How It Goes.
"This is an extravagant age. My father had a much better income than I have, yet I spend dollars where he spent dimes."
"Ah, yes; you mean at the saloon."

Close Enough.
First Cat—Willie Pussy and Tommy Kittie had a milk-drinking contest last night.
Second Cat—Which beat?
First Cat—Tommy Kittie, by a lap.
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Testing a New Excuse.
"Say, old man, let's go out and have a time tonight."
"What are you celebrating?"
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GOOD Short Stories

It is related that a woman, who visited the British Museum recently, said to an attendant: "I have been looking about for a skull of Oliver Cromwell. Have you no skull of Cromwell here?" "No, madam," the attendant answered. "How very odd," she exclaimed; "they have a fine one in the museum at Oxford."

On his first visit to London, an Aberdeen youth visited a refreshment parlor and, noting a woman eating an ice, said to the waiter: "Hi, man, g'te me yin o' thae." Being supplied, he took a spoonful, and made a wry face. "I'm dootin' it's a bit frost bitten, mister," said he. "Oh, no, sir," remarked the waiter. "It's an ice." "Gosh! Is that so?" asked the youth. "Man, we slide an' skate out in Aberdeen!"

James M. Barrie, the novelist, has no patience with reporters who try to pry into his private affairs. On one occasion he was asked to pen a short autobiography. At first he refused, and then, when the reporter began to coax him, he stopped him, took up his pen, and wrote as follows: "On arrival in London it was Mr. Barrie's first object to make a collection of choice cigars. Though the author of 'My Lady Nicotine' does not himself smoke, his grocer's message-boy does. Mr. Barrie's pet animal is the whale. He feeds it on ripe chestnuts."

Andrew Carnegie is only a few inches above five feet in height. Henry W. Phillips, his old partner, is not an inch taller, and John Walker, the other member of the trio who revolutionized the manufacture of steel, has perhaps a little the better of both Carnegie and Phillips. As for Henry C. Frick, his head would just about reach to the shoulder of a man of ordinary height. It is said that one day, when these four steel masters were walking together on the streets of Pittsburgh, a boot-black called out to his business rival further down the block, as the millionaires passed: "Eh, Jimmy, git onto der runts!"

Walking home from school, the other day, some children were discussing the perfection and usefulness of their respective fathers. "My father's the best man in the world," said one little girl; "he is a minister. He makes people go to church." "Mine is the best," piped up another; "he's a doctor. He makes sick people well so they can go to church." Three or four more enlarged upon the benefit the world derived from their fathers, when finally a sweet, blue-eyed little girl said: "My papa's the best of all. He's a poet." "A poet?" said another, in sympathetic surprise; "why, a poet isn't a profession! It's a disease!"

Some curious anecdotes are related of Hermann Zumppe, the Wagnerian conductor at Munich, who died suddenly a few weeks ago. He was well known to be a spiritualist, and believed that the ghosts of dead composers inspired his conducting of their works. One day Zumppe told another conductor of note how Beethoven's spirit was present during the performance of one of the symphonies, and so pleased was the ghost that, after the end of the first movement, he exclaimed: "At last!" "Ah, my dear fellow," exclaimed the other conductor, "surely Beethoven made a mistake. He thought it was the end of the last movement."

Like many other blind people, the late Mr. Milburn, chaplain of Congress, could identify people by their voices even when he did not know them well, or had not seen them for years. This is not strange when we remember that Helen Keller, who is deaf and blind, can meet ten people at once whom she has never "seen" before, and when they shake hands with her to say good-by, can call them all by their right names, identifying them by the feeling of their hands. The Boston Transcript tells a story which illustrates the power among the blind to recognize voices.

Once, when Mr. Milburn was out driving, a man stopped the carriage and beckoned Mr. Milburn's friend to come across the street. He went, and the stranger said:

"When I was 18 or 20 years old Doctor Milburn was in the habit of dining with my father. I want to see if he will know me by my voice."

"The two men went back to Mr. Milburn's carriage. The stranger said: "Dr. Milburn, do you know me?"

"Yes, sir, you are the son of my old friend, the publisher, Mr. Harper." Mr. Milburn had not heard the voice for more than thirty years.

Not long before Mr. Milburn died Bishop Cranston visited him and entered the room without having his name announced. When he spoke, Mr. Milburn called him by his name. They had not met for twenty-nine years.

Those Picture Puzzles.
"Oh, I know what's the matter with you!" cried Mrs. Tankley.
"Zat sho?" gurgled Mr. Tankley, behind his paper. "Wat's matter wiz me?"

"Oh, it's plain enough! You're holding that paper upside down."
"Yesh? Well—er—I'm tryin' solve a puzzle. Picture of Roosevelt wis out a hat; must find hat."—Philadelphia Ledger.

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Privates Are Treated with the Greatest Indignity by Their Officers. There have recently been a good many convictions of German army officers for abuse of military authority in the treatment of subordinates and have recently been exciting painful attention. Since January 1, 1903, there have been 150 convictions of officers and non-commissioned officers for cruelty to their men, and the sentences of imprisonment or incarceration in a fortress which have been imposed amount, when added together, to over fifty years. Between the end of June and the end of September there have been no fewer than eighty convictions of this kind, involving sentences of imprisonment the total terms of which amounted to over twenty-four years, to say nothing of condemnations involving incarceration in a fortress, degradation and other penalties. Eleven of these eighty convictions were against officers and as their punishments varied between four months' incarceration in a fortress and seven days' ordinary arrest it is assumed that their offenses were not of such a heinous character as those of the non-commissioned officers. In one case, however, an officer was sentenced to two months' imprisonment and was dismissed from the service. The heaviest sentence was that which was imposed upon the non-commissioned officer Breidenbach, of the Fourth Guards regiment, who was condemned to eight years' imprisonment for a very large number of aggravated cruelties inflicted upon the men of his company.

The cases have been most numerous among the infantry and artillery; there has been only one case in the cavalry. By far the largest number of cases were in the Prussian contingent, where the penalties inflicted amounted to a total of over twenty-three years' imprisonment in Bavaria and about five months in Saxony. It must be remembered, however, that the Prussian contingent represents more than three-fourths of the whole strength of the German army.

Blame All Upon the Berries.
A small parishioner in Aberdeen brought a basket of strawberries to the minister very early on Monday morning.

"Thank you, my little girl," he said, "they are very beautiful berries. But I hope you didn't gather them yesterday, which was the Sabbath day?"

"No, sir," replied the child, "I picked them this morning. But they was growin' all day yesterday."—Stray Stories.

Too Suggestive.
"That new waitress must go," said the landlord of the select boarding house.

"What has she done?"
"Why, when she was to ask the guests if they would have tea or coffee she said, 'Name yer drink order.'"
—Chicago Record-Herald.

Paper Clothes.
Paper clothes are the latest novelty. A Berlin tailoring house is now offering complete paper suits for \$2.50. The prospectus gives full instructions for measuring one's self, and the firm also advertises in foreign journals, evidently expecting to do an export business. The material is woven and pressed, of a dark cream color, and apparently not very light.—World's Paper Trade Review.

Childish Amusements in Boston.
"Are you going to play horse?" asked the benevolent gentleman who takes an interest in children.

"Certainly not," answered the little Boston boy. "We are amusing ourselves by the assumption that brother Waldo is an ichthyosaurus and that I am a prehistoric man in pursuit of him."—Washington Star.

At 2 in the Morning.
"Seen the comet?"
"Nope. No use to me. My wife never asks me for any excuses."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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