

Would Help Her Out.
 Mrs. Hiram—You may stay until your week is up, Bridget, but when you go I must tell you I won't be able to write you a letter of recommendation.
 Bridget—Don't let yer want of education embarrass ye, madam. O'll write it for ye, an' ye can make yer mark to it.

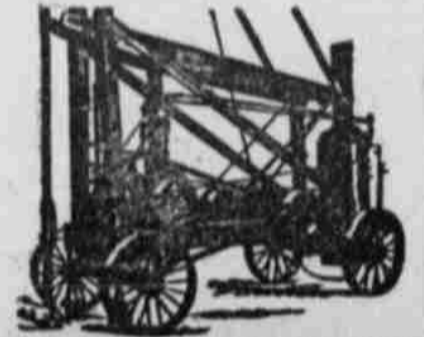
Taking Time By the Forelock.
 The cook—Would you mind giving me a recommendation, ma'am?
 The Mistress—Why, you have only just come.
 The Cook—But you may not want to give me wan when I do be leaving.—Life.

Japanese Names.
 Japan has a great variety of names for girls than we have. Most of them are in two syllables, and the given name is placed after the family name.

Important Part.
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 Husband—Don't you think that you are rather unreasonable to expect me to take you to a ball, stay awake until 4 o'clock and then get up at 8 to go to my work?
 Wife—I may be a little unreasonable, but it's perfectly brutal of you to mention it.—New York Weekly.

Cause for Alarm.
 "Say, doctor," exclaimed an excited man as he dashed into the pill dispenser's private office, "I want you to make an examination as to my sanity."
 "What reason have you for believing yourself a candidate for the padded cell?" asked the M. D.
 Well, I happened to run across a package of letters this morning that I wrote to my wife during our courtship, was the significant reply.

Indirect Answer.
 Borem—Do you believe that suicide is a sin?
 Miss Caustic—Well, in your case I think it would be permissible.

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 "Wow!" yelled the victim. "See here, barber! You've cut off part of my ear."
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A Quibbler.
 "Would you quit smoking for my sake?" asked she
 "Certainly," answered the cold blooded man; "if there was any occasion for it. But I fail to see why I should begin smoking for your sake in the first place."—Washington Star

The Human Stomach.
 Nature seems to have provided that no poison which acts externally shall have any effect internally and vice versa. Thus the most deadly snake venom can be swallowed with impunity, the juice of the stomach presumably decomposing it and rendering it harmless.—Journal of Science.

Sees Result of His Labors.
 A Methodist church at Red Wing, Minn., has been celebrating its semi-centennial. Rev. Chauncey Hobart, who preached the first sermon there April 26, 1853, is looking on at the "exercisers." He is now a patriarchal gentleman of 92.

American in Oxford "Eight."
 D. Milburn, son of the well known Buffalo lawyer in whose house President McKinley died, is a member of the Oxford boat crew this year. His almost equally athletic brother has missed the "eight."

Western Ranch Engines.
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One Man's Wisdom.
 Ping—There goes a man worth \$3,000,000 and he made every dollar of it in trade.
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She—Why do you suppose they have all the telephone wires so high in the air? He—Oh, that is so they can keep up the conversation, I suppose.—Yonkers Statesman.

Tramp—"Is dis all yer kin gimme—er cupful uv cold water?" Kind Lady—"Of course not. You can have as many cupfuls as you want."—Chicago Daily News.

Edyth—"Yes, Jack is inclined to flirt a little, but his heart is in the right place!" Mayme—"Indeed! How long has it been in your possession?"—Chicago Daily News.
 A rainy day race: "So you lost again?" "Of course." "Couldn't the horse you bet on run?" "Yes; he could run very well. But he couldn't swim."—Washington Star.

"A number of her old flames have combined to present her father with a fire badge." "Why?" "Because of the speed and completeness in which he put them all out."—Judge.

Frilla—"Was your dinner a social success?" Clorinda—"Yes, indeed. You see, I was careful to invite only people who have the same kind of nervous prostration."—Brooklyn Life.
 "Where did your daughter and her husband spend their honeymoon, Mr. Goldbug?" "Blest if I know. I can't even find out where they spent all the money they did."—Washington Times.

"He had three days of grace left in which to pay the note, and he moved at once to the Arctic regions. I wonder why?" "Well, you know the days there are six months long."—Town Topics.

Advantage of position: "Hold on!" exclaimed the boy who was under; "let's arbitrate this thing!" "There ain't nothin' to arbitrate," panted the boy on top, pummeling him vigorously.—Chicago Tribune.

Ready for Easter: Deacon Cobbs—"William, if your father should have \$10 and some one should give him \$5, what would he have?" William—"Nothing. But ma would have a new hat."—Chicago News.

She—"The milliner told me that she had been down to the dentist's to have a nerve killed." He—"Well, from the prices she asks for hats, I should say the dentist must have killed the wrong one."—Yonkers Statesman.

"Oh, let me like a soldier die!" exclaimed the leading man of the barnstormers. "Oh, if I only had a gun!" exclaimed some one in the gallery, in a tone that savored of genuine sympathy.—Chicago Daily News.

"To what do you attribute the properties of your springs?" asked a visitor at a health resort. "Well," answered the proprietor, thoughtfully, "I guess the advertising I've done has had something to do with it."—Puck.

Automobile perils: "Yes, our 'Black Spook' was demolished by running into a barn." "Then I suppose you had to walk?" "No, we had to run. The farmer came after us with a pitchfork and a bulldog."—Philadelphia Record.

Overwhelming evidence: Judge—"You deny persistently that you committed the act, and yet the description fits you exactly—a beautiful face, youthful appearance, pretty little foot." Woman defendant—"Judge, I confess all."—Tit-Bits.

New phase of it: "Yander goes another specimen er de race problem!" exclaimed Brother Dockey. "Where?" "Right yander—dat man behind der nigger is de sheriff, en de nigger is leadin' him by one hundred yards!"—Atlanta Constitution.

"So you are not going to Europe again?" "Not for a long time," answered Mrs. Somrox. "It is our intention to live in America, thereby calling attention to the fact that we can afford to pay the highest prices for everything."—Washington Star.

Mrs. Hiram Offen—"That will do! You'll leave on Saturday, and you needn't bother me about a recommendation." Bridget—"Shure, Oi hav no intention of givin' ye a recommendation. O'll tell the truth about ye to ivery gurl that axes me."—Philadelphia Press.

"That first wife of mine never could take a joke." "But she took you once." "Don't get personal. When she got her divorce from Belmoollt last week I sent her a message wishing her many happy returns of the day, and now she refuses to even nod when we meet."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Dealer—"These are the most beautiful cutglass tumblers we have; \$18 a dozen." Mrs. Housekeep—"I'll take them, but I want you to label them 'Seconds. Imitation cut-glass, \$1.50 a dozen.'" Dealer—"That's rather a remarkable request." Mrs. Housekeep—"Yes; it's merely to deceive the servant girl."—Philadelphia Press.

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Doing His Best.
 "In order to be successful these days," remarked the west side philosopher, "a young man should apply himself constantly."
 "That's me," rejoined the youth with the short-order salary. "I've been calling on an heiress every evening for three months."
 The Four Minute Egg.
 Cynical Boarder—Here, waiter!
 Waiter—Yes, sah; yes, sah!
 Cynical Boarder—When I asked you for a four-minute egg you evidently misunderstood. I meant one that has been in boiling water for that period and not one that lacked four minutes of hatching.

Important Omission.
 Pa—Ostend, in the front of this dictionary you will find "the flags of all nations." It is complete.
 Ostend—Complete nuthin'! Why, they ain't even got the baseball pennant among dem.

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