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Pleasant Old Gentleman—Have you lived here all your life, my little man? Arthur (aged 9)—Not yet.—Illustrated Bits.

Mrs. Pine—How many times have you been married? Mrs. Goughly—I'm ashamed to tell you; only once.—Town Topics.

Prospective Husband—What marriage ceremony do you prefer? Prospective Bride (the fourth time)—Catch an catch can.—Ex.

Parker—I understand your wife is pretty literary? Barker—Well, she can read Henry James in the original without a pause!—Puck.

"If it's a nice day, come and take me out in your auto, Wednesday." "But suppose it's not a nice day?" "Come the day before."—Ex.

Johnny—Come in, Sister's expecting you. Mr. Stoptate—How do you know she is? Johnny—She's been sleeping all the afternoon.—Cleveland Leader.

"Do you believe in marrying a girl for her money?" "Not as a general thing, but sometimes that's the only way you can get it away from her."—Ex.

Mrs. Economy—How much are the spectacles? Oculist—Two dollars. Mrs. Economy—Can't you knock off one dollar? I'm blind in one eye.—New York Mail.

Gypsy Fortune-teller (seriously)—Let me warn you. Somebody's going to cross your path. Motorist—Don't you think you'd better warn the other chap?—Punch.

She (thinking to take his mind off)—How restless the waves are, did. They always seem to be clamoring for something. Dad—Well, they won't get it if I can help it.—Rama's Horn.

"I have no home—" began the beggar. "Sorry, old man," said the brick pedestrian, "but I have only one. However, if you'll pay my bills, I'll give you that."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Redd—Fine air up there in the country where I've been. Greene—Why didn't you bring some of it back with you? Redd—I did. It's in my automobile tires.—Yonkers Statesman.

"I hear that the new star's acting brought down the house." "Yes, it did. In one week it brought down the house from eight hundred to ten people and the ushers."—Cleveland Leader.

Tired Thompson—Wuz ever before a judge? Frozen Stiffe—I wuz. Tired Thompson—What did ya get? Frozen Stiffe—Life at hard labor. I wuz married by a judge.—Judge.

A man lost a leg in a railway accident, and when they picked him up the first word he said was: "Thank the Lord, it was the leg with the rheumatism in it!"—Atlanta Constitution.

Wife (to husband standing in front of mirror with razor in hand)—Are you shaving? Husband—No, I am blacking the kitchen range. Where are you—out driving or at a matinee?—Detroit Journal.

De Style—My wife tells me while out in her auto you did lots of damage. Chauffeur—But, sir, when you hired me you said your wife wanted me to run her auto in the worst way.—Lippincott's Magazine.

She—We ought to have an upright piano for our new flat. It would take up less room than our square one. He—I can't afford to buy a new piano. You'll have to turn the square piano on end.—Yonkers Statesman.

The Wife—What luck. The Husband (wearily)—None whatever. The Wife—Were there no servants in the intelligence office? The Husband (sadly)—Lots of them; but they had all worked for us before.—Woman's Home Companion.

Lady—What is the real difference between an apartment, a flat, and a tenement house? Janitor—In an apartment the ladies don't have no children; in a flat they has one or two. More than two makes any house a tenement, mum.—Judge.

The regular patron, a little pale and wan, dropped wearily into a chair, and took out his newspaper. "Steak, as per usual?" said the waiter. "No; I am tired to-night," the patron answered; "bring me a plate of hash."—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Little Brother—Do you know what I think? Sister—No; what is it? Little Brother—I think if I were not in the room Mr. Jones would kiss you. Sister—You impudent boy! Leave the room instantly!—Translated for Tales from Moggendorfer Blatter.

Old Lady (to chemist)—I want a box of canine pills. Chemist—What's the matter with the dog? Old Lady (indignantly)—I want you to know, sir, that my husband is a gentleman. Chemist puts up some quinine pills in profound silence.—Plek-Me-Up.

"Say, boss," said the ragged individual, "are you a philanthropist?" "Yes, my man," answered the well-groomed one, "I believe I may say that I am." "Dat's wot I wuz afraid of. Kluz yer put me wise to some common gent that would give a poor devil a dime?"—Cleveland Leader.

Tourist—What's the crowd down at the court house? Native—Oh! they're tryin' the case of Sam Johnson, sub. Tourist—Sam Johnson? Why, he was the man who was lynched yesterday, wasn't he? Native—Yans, sub, but to-day some of the boys got to feelin' curious to know whether he was innocent or guilty, sub.—Philadelphia Press.

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Between Friends.
Mayme—Fred says when we are married I can have everything I want.
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