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## Light as Chaff

### Rather a Leading Question.

A colored woman had been haled before a police magistrate of a southern town charged with inhuman treatment of her offspring.

Evidence was clear that she had severely beaten the child, about nine years of age, who was in court to exhibit his battered person.



Before imposing sentence his honor asked the woman whether she had anything to say.

"Kin Ah ask yo' jes' one question, jedge?" inquired the prisoner. The judge nodded affirmatively. "Well, yo' honah, Ah'd like to ask whether yo' was ever the parent of a puffedly wuthless culled chile?"—Country Gentleman.

### The Bashful One.

"I wonder," said the youthful astronomer, who was slow to do what was expected of him, "if—if you would let me associate you with some star—Venus perhaps, the star of love?"

"Well, no," said the lady addressed thoughtfully. "I would rather you thought of me as Saturn."

"Indeed! Why?"

"Oh, well, you know, didn't you tell me that Saturn has a ring?" He bought one the next day.

### Slow Service.

Captain Sparks had just been placed in charge of the country fire station and looked a very important personage as he conducted a visitor around the premises. This, notwithstanding the fact that the engine resembled nothing so much as a sweet roast potato oven joined to a village pump, and other uncanny looking appliances which were neither useful nor ornamental.



The visitor was duly impressed, but one thing puzzled him.

"Why," said he, "you don't seem to have either a telegraph or telephone installation in the village. How do you summon your men when a fire breaks out?"

The captain was equal to the occasion.

"Oh that's simple enough," he replied. "We sends 'em all a postcard!"

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### A Matter of Stripes.

A St. Louis boy, who has often seen the convict labor of his state, was visiting a relative in Chicago, who one day took him to the zoo. Among the creatures that particularly interested the youngster was a zebra.

"Say, uncle," exclaimed he, pointing to the queer beast, "look at the convict mule!"—New York Times.

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