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Stranger—Are there any fish in this stream, little boy? Little Boy—Yes, sir. Stranger—Will they bite? Little Boy—I dunno. None of 'em ever bit me.

Small Johnny—Mamma, I can't tell a lie. I took a piece of pie from the pantry and gave it to a poor little boy who was nearly starved. Mamma—That's right, dear. And did the poor little fellow eat it? Small Johnny—You bet I did.

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Bowers—She was safe in challenging that fellow to guess her age. Powers—Who is he? Bowers—The weather man.

Mrs. Bills—Did you have any trouble in firing the servant girl that you had the scrap with? Mrs. Wills—No, my husband used his pull to have the cop on the corner transferred to another beat.

Boyce—I never heard of a man like Jones; he goes home every night and tells his wife about the bargains he has seen advertised for the next day. Joyce—Yes; he is trying to keep her from cleaning house.

### How to Save Quail in Winter.

General Speaks, our efficient state game warden, is receiving hundreds of letters asking for advice as to how to save the quail from starvation in the old-fashioned winter. The quail is about the most helpless bird we have in Ohio. Although it winters in this latitude, it hasn't the slightest idea how to take care of itself when the deep snows come. When the ground is covered and the ready food supply is shut off, these beautiful and useful birds huddle together and wait in miserable motionless flocks for death by freezing or starvation. The only way to save them is to scatter on the snow near their haunts liberal allowances of grain or other suitable food. A few of the bolder or tamer birds will find it and go and tell the others. It is gratifying to learn from the volume of the game warden's mail on this subject that farmers in all parts of the state are keenly interested in the conservation of the quail, whose value to the farmers as an insect destroyer can hardly be estimated.—Columbus Journal.

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## SUMMER GIRL HAD VISIONS.

**She Was Thinking of Matrimony, While He Could Imagine Nothing but Mosquitoes.**

It was not leap year, but she had visions of becoming a summer bride and she was not backward by any means.

"George," she whispered, nestling closer on the moss-grown log, "this is summer."

"What of it?" asked George, somewhat mystified.

"Well, er—what does summer bring that begins with an M?"

Now, she was thinking of matrimony, but George was not. He sat in puzzled silence for a long while and then his face brightened.

"Oh, I know what summer brings that begins with an M."

Ah, at last! Her heart throbbed with expectancy.

"I knew you would catch on, dear. Now, what is it summer brings that begins with an M?"

"Why, mosquitoes! Ha, ha!"

And the look she gave him would have frozen radium.

### Always Praises.

Gyer—That fellow Merriam reminds me of a tombstone.

Myer—Because he is dead set in his ways, eh?

Gyer—No; because he always has a good word for a man when he's down.

### The Scapegoat.

Limpy Bill—I had to split up twice as much wood as usual afore th' old lady would gimme a hand-out.

Blinky Bob—What's th' cause of it, Limpy?

Limpy—Th' increased cost of livin', I s'pose.

### A Man of Sense.

Mrs. Naggs—My husband is a man of sense, anyway.

Mrs. Waggs—Oh, is he?

Mrs. Naggs—Yes. Every time I let him have his own way he sees afterward how he could have improved upon it.

### Domestic.

Hubby—We must be economical.

Wife—Why?

Hubby—If I should die I wouldn't be able to leave you much.

Wife—That's right. Whereas, while you're alive you leave me most of the time.

### HE KNEW HER.

Hix—We are in love with the same girl.

Nix—How shall we end the matter?

Hix—Suppose you propose to her.

### A Sense of Superiority.

"How many times have you been arrested?" asked the court.

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### The Sageville Sage.

"What is the secret of happiness?" asked the young person.

"The secret of happiness," replied the sage of Sageville, "consists of being perfectly satisfied with what you haven't got!"

### Can They Display the Givers?

At a class dinner fifteen graduates of a woman's college exhibited engagement rings, thus proving that a higher education is no bar against a quick start toward the matrimonial goal.

### A Come-Back.

"Hello, old man!"

"Pardon me, sir; I don't know you. You have the advantage of me."

"Not at all. I know you. The disadvantage is all mine."

## IS VICTIM OF BEES

**BOER WAR HERO ENDS LIFE AFTER BEING ATTACKED.**

**Capt. Brady Stung by His Pets, Driven Temporarily Insane—Leaves Note Saying "So Long" to Friend.**

London.—After being severely stung by bees, Capt. Hugo Frank Henry, who served bravely with the New Zealand contingent in the Boer war, has committed suicide near his home at Bath.

Bee-keeping was Capt. Henry's hobby, and he rented a garden for his beehives. As a result of stings inflicted, his head and face became much swollen, and his housekeeper found him dead in a summer house with part of his head blown away and a revolver by his side.

"Despite the fact that the poisonous action of a bee's sting has been extensively studied," writes a medical correspondent, "our knowledge of the true physiological effect is practically nil. Undoubtedly a strong irritant poison is formed in the tissues at the point of the sting, and, like other poisons which have beneficial effect in moderate doses, this poison might induce serious temporary brain derangement in excessive cases.

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Capt. Henry left two notes. One provided for the leaving of his estate and the other ran: "This Mauser should make a fair shot. So long."

## HAS BEARD 45 YEARS OLD

**Old Confederate Sympathizer Puts Up a Fight When Surgeons Try to Shave Him.**

Lexington, Ky.—Refusing to part with his long flowing whiskers, untouched by shears since Lee surrendered at Appomattox, Robert Dedman, eighty-six years old, stood off a corps of surgeons at a local hospital who desired to remove the beard in order to perform an operation upon Mr. Dedman's eye.

Mr. Dedman, who is a wealthy resident of Lawrenceburg, Ky., was brought to the local hospital for treatment. Explaining to the surgeons his reasons for refusing to be shaved, he said:

"When the war broke out I was an ardent sympathizer with the southern cause. I came in contact with a bunch of Yankees, and, as young men sometimes do, I talked too much, with the result that they chased me ten miles, and in addition to shaving me, gave me a sound thrashing.

"I swore right then that a razor should never touch my face again until the south had won her cause.

"There doesn't seem to be much chance of this coming true, so I reckon you will have to get along wthout shaving me this time."

The surgeons gave in and the operation was performed, leaving the venerable old man's beard intact.

## TROUSER GIRLS OUT OF JOBS

**Milking Machine Now That Displaces Western Fair Ones Who Wore Men's Togs.**

Seattle, Wash.—One of the model dairies in this state, located near North Yakima, has received a shipment of modern milking machines. As a result of this move toward increasing the efficiencies of the pure milk tests, more than 50 pretty white-trousered girls are thrown out of employment.

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## FROG IN A WOMAN'S STOMACH

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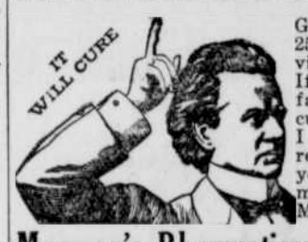


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