



SHE MEANT IT.

LADY (in an angry and shrill voice): Conductor! why don't you stop the car when I tell you?
 IRASCIBLE BACHELOR: Conductor, the lady wants to know why the d—v—l you don't stop the car?
 LADY (more angrily still): I didn't say so, sir.
 IRASCIBLE BACHELOR: No, madam, but that's what you meant.

He—How beautiful Miss Arrowsmith's back hair is?
 She—Yes. Much prettier than her front hair is. I wonder she didn't get it all at the same place.
 Old lady—I'm going down to the sea-shore and I want suthin' nice and roomy to bathe in. Fresh clerk—Yes, ma'am; how would the Atlantic ocean do?
 Chicago poets who are trying to find a word that will rhyme with "Old Hutch" have thus far only struck on the phrase "None such." But they think it will do.
 A tramp's note book, picked up on the Essexroad, contained, among other sage reflections, the following bit of wisdom: "Its a great eel better to have yure shins barked than bit."
 "And what do you expect to make of your son when he comes of age, Mr. Smith?" "Oh, I don't know," replied Mr. Smith, despondently. "I think he'd make a good husband for a rich girl."
 There was confusion in the faces of George and Matilda, who sat in intimate proximity on the sofa, as Harry entered. Matilda was the first to recover her selfpossession. She said, "We are engaged in a little game at cards." Harry—"And a mighty close game, too, eh?"
 Customer—"Waiter, bring me some rice pudding."
 Waiter—"I can't just recommend the rice pudding to-day."
 Customer—"What's the matter with it?"
 Waiter—"Nothin'—'cept there ain't none."
 "What is your husband's business?" asked the inquisitive woman on the train after she had exhausted all the other questions in the Yankee catechism. "Oh," said the other woman wearily, "he's a lawyer by profession. He spends his time in minding other people's business, too."
 "The great objection I have to the house," said the new tenant, "is that I can always hear vague murmuring caused by the people talking next door." "Well, ma'am," said the agent, "we can have the walls made thicker for you." "Thicker!" she exclaimed "why then I couldn't hear a thing!"
 First preacher—"You appear to be having remarkable success, brother."
 Second preacher—"Yes, my people have been liberal since I changed my plan of taking the collection. I have it done before the sermon."
 "Has that made a difference?"
 "A great difference. If I find the collection is small I preach a two hours' sermon on charity, but when it is large I give them a twenty-minute sermon on the delights of Heaven."

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Wednesday, the 7th day of November next.
 Plans and specifications will be ready for examination, at this office and at Sault Ste. Marie, on and after
 Wednesday, the 24th day of October next.

By order,
 A. P. BRADLEY,
 Secretary.
 Department of Railways and Canals.
 Ottawa, 27th September, 1888.