

### Selected Spice.

A San Francisco attorney has a new office boy. The last boy with whom he was associated resigned a few days ago, because the law business did not suit his peculiar temperament.

"How long have you been here?" asked the lawyer when the small boy made known his intention to seek a different vocation.

"Six weeks," replied the boy.

"And you don't like the law business?"

"Naw, it's no good. I'm sorry I learned it."

While inspecting examination papers recently a teacher found various humorous answers to questions. A class of boys, averaging about 12 years of age, had been examined in geography, the previous day having been devoted to grammar. Among the geographical questions was the following: "Name the zones." One promising youth of 11 years of age, who had mixed the two subjects, wrote: "There are two zones, masculine and feminine. The masculine is either temperate or intemperate; the feminine is either torrid or frigid!"

A well-known novelist was touring through Lancashire in order to learn something of the lives of the inhabitants when he came upon an old man breaking stones on the roadside, and, thinking he might gain some knowledge from him, addressed him thus:

"How far is it to Fleetwood, my man?"

"You'll see a milestone a bit farther on," was the gruff reply.

"What's the use, if I can't read?" said the novelist, eager to draw the old man into a conversation.

"Then it'll just suit you, for there's nowt on it," said the old fellow.

The little Wabash River was on a rampage. Its waters were all over the bottom-lands and many farms were inundated, in some cases the water coming up 16 and all around the farmers' homes. Among the houses to be completely surrounded was that of one Patrick O'Brien. A neighbor of Pat's, rowing a boat down the middle of the road during the flood, perceived Pat wading around out in the back yard, a tin bucket in one hand and a long stick in the other. He was advancing cautiously, and at the same time poking about in the water with the stick at every step. Wondering what Pat could be about, the rower shipped oars and called out:

"What's the matter, Pat?"

"Sure an' I'm a-lookin' fer me well, to get a pull o' wather out!" was O'Brien's reply.

Riding across the country one day, Dr. Blank noticed an old negro who had been for quite a while perched motionless upon a little bridge, fishing silently from the stream beneath. For some time he watched him from a distance, but finally, overcome by the old fellow's unmoved patience, he rode up and accosted him:

"Hello, Wash! What are you doing up there?"

"Fishin', sah," came the reply.

"Not getting many, are you?"

"No, sah."

"Well, it seems to me you'd get tired fishing so long without a bite."

"I doesn't want no bite, cap'n."

"Well, that's funny. Why don't you want a bite, Wash?"

"Hit's this-a-way, cap'n: when I gits a lots o' bites hit takes all meh time to get the fish off'n meh line, an' I doesn't have no time fo fish him."

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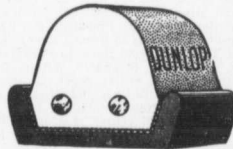
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