

Simple Storiottes

As she stood outside the little country inn two great tears shone in her innocent eyes, tears so large that the passing cyclist saw them. Beauty in distress caused him to dismount and ask if he could be of any assistance. "I'm afraid not, thank you!" replied the damsel, sorrowfully, as she pointed to an automatic chocolate machine attached to the wall of the inn. "I've just put a penny in that thing and nothing has come out." "That's soon remedied!" said the young man, confidently. He slipped a coin into the slot, and then another. After the sixth he muttered angrily, raised his cap, and pedaled wildly away. As he disappeared a female face peeped round the door. "Any luck?" asked the owner thereof. "Oh, yes, ma!" replied the simple damsel, gayly. "That's the tenth. I've netted 50 cents since dinner time."

Perfectly Natural.

Man—"Hey, there, how came you up in my apple tree?"
Boy—"Please, Mister, I just fell out of a flying machine."

An American tourist had been boasting again in the village inn. "Talking of scare-crows," he said with a drawl, "why, my father once put one up and it frightened the crows so much that not one entered the field again for a year." He looked triumphantly around his audience. Surely that had settled those country bumpkins. But he was to meet his match. "That's nothing," retorted one farmer. "A neighbour o' mine once put a scare-crow into his potato patch, and it terrified the birds so much that one rascal of a crow who had stolen some potatoes came next day and put them back."—The Argonaut.

Hard Lines.

There is in the employ of a Brooklyn woman an Irish cook who has managed to break nearly every variety of article that the household contains. The mistress's patience reached its limit recently when she discovered that the cook had broken the thermometer that hung in the dining room. "Well, well," sighed the lady of the house, in a resigned way, "you've managed to break even the thermometer, haven't you?"
Whereupon, in a tone equally resigned, the cook said:
"Yis, Mum; and now we'll have to take the weather just as it comes, won't we?"

Playbills.

The Actor Man (modestly)—"As a matter of fact, I could show you letters from—er—ladies in—er—almost every place in which I have appeared."
The Sport (with conviction)—"Landladies, I suppose?"—Tid-Bits.

Shrewd Bobby.

"Here's a nickel, dear, for doing that errand for me."
"Make it five pennies, please, auntie."
"Why, child, the amount is the same."
"Yes, but a nickel comes in too handy when mamma wants to go and telephone somebody."—Boston Transcript.

A Flying Start.

As a result of lectures administered to him by both his father and the young woman of his choice, a certain young man decided to turn over a new leaf and show some interest in business.
"Well, Molly," said he to the girl one evening, "I am really going into business in earnest. Made a beginning already to-day."
"Good!" exclaimed Molly. "And what was the nature of your start?"
"I ordered my tailor to make me a business suit."

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