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The following from Our Young Folks shows how easy it is to speak words which may have a double meaning, and the embarrassment caused thereby:
A small boy had been in the habit of supplying the evening paper to a certain minister, who discovered one evening that he had not the penny for payment.
"That's all right," said the boy: "you can give it to me to-morrow night."
"But, my boy," interposed the minister, impressively, "I may not be alive to-morrow night."
"Never mind," answered the boy, cheerfully, "it'll be no great loss."
A shadow fell across the minister's face, and he is still wondering whether the boy, despite his look of innocence, was thinking solely of the penny.

Needlessly Alarmed.

In the midst of a dinner given once by the lord lieutenant of Ireland to a well-known archbishop of Dublin, the company was startled by seeing the archbishop rise from his seat, pale and agitated, crying:

"What has come, it has come!" eagerly inquired a half dozen voices from different parts of the table.

"What I have been expecting for years—a stroke of paralysis," solemnly announced the archbishop. "I have been pinching myself for the last ten minutes, and find my leg entirely without sensation."

"Pardon me, my dear archbishop," said the host, looking up to him with a quizzical smile; "pardon me, but it was my leg you were pinching."

What's in a Name?

Rev. C. E. Pettis states that when he was pastor of a church in a mining town where there were a large number of Cornish miners, he was called upon to baptize an infant at the close of Sunday-school one afternoon. That there might be no misunderstanding he carefully inquired the name of the child, and was assured that it was Anna Belle. Thus fortified, when the subject for baptism was presented, he proceeded with all confidence to perform the ceremony. When he said, "Name this child," the father responded quite clearly, "Anna Belle," and everything passed off smoothly. But after dismissal, an American neighbor came to him and inquired why he used the pronouns "she" and "her" in baptizing that child, and informed him it was a boy. "A boy!" he gasped; "impossible! Its name was Anna Belle." "Oh, no, it wasn't; it was Hannibal."

A Letter of Thanks.

An old gentleman, according to The Pittsburg Bulletin, is very proud of his nephew. At the same time, he realizes that he has his failings.

"My sister Mary was always a well-meaning girl," remarked the old gentleman, "but she would say the wrong thing, and she's got a boy who is going to equal her."

"I sent the boy a toy monkey that plays all kinds of pranks when it's wound up," said he, chuckling. "Sent it to him for his birthday. Now, you listen to this letter of thanks I got from him to-day. He's just eight years old."

"Dear Uncle Ned, I am delighted with the monkey, thank you. He makes me think of you very often. And whenever mother winds him up and he begins to jump, mother and I feel as if we were back at our house where all those toys are, and mother says, 'That's your Uncle Ned all over.' Good-by, from your grateful Hal."

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