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Two tramps, says an exchange, approached a railroad telegraph office not far from New York, the other day, and looked hungrily through the window. One of them finally tapped on the window, and the operator left his key long enough to inquire:

"Well, what can I do for you?"

"Just report two empties going east," replied the tramp with a grin, and started down the track toward New York.

### Battlefield Logic

Among the men who served with Roosevelt's Rough Riders in Cuba was a little Dutch Jew, who, according to the men in his own troop, was "the very incarnation of cool, impudent bravado in a fight." He was a consistent fatalist.

One day he observed a comrade dodging a spent bullet that had whistled uncomfortably close to him.

"Va's the use to lodge dem bullets?" sang out the little Jew. "Dey'll hit you shust as vell vere you are as vere you ain't!"

### "Poor John"

As an illustration of woman's wit Mr. Depew, who is still Senator from New York, cites the following:

A man once found that his wife had brought a few puffs of false hair. This displeased him. So one day he hid in the hall outside of her room, and, just as the lady was adjusting the false puffs, he darted in upon her.

"Mary," he said reproachfully, "why do you put the hair of another woman upon your head?"

"John," retorted Mary, with a glance at her husband's shoes, "why do you put the skin of another calf upon your feet?"

### Leading Up Gradually

"Beg pardon, sir," said the man in the suit of faded black, "but are you carrying all the life insurance you want?"

"Yes, sir," answered the man at the desk. "I am."

"Could I interest you in a morocco bound edition of the works of William Makepeace Thackeray?"

"You could not."

"Don't you need a gum proof filter at your house?"

"I do not."

"Would you invest in a good second-hand typewriter if you could get it cheap?"

"I have no use for a typewriter."

"Just so. Would an offer to supply you with first-class Havana cigars at \$10 a hundred appeal to you?"

"Not a cent's worth."

"How would a proposition to sell you a Century dictionary, slightly shelf-worn, for only \$40 strike you?"

"It wouldn't come within 40 miles of hitting me."

"That being the case," said the caller, "would you be willing to buy a 10 cent box of shoe polish just to get rid of me?"

"Great Scott! Yes."

"Thanks. Good-day."

### The Retort Courteous

The fresh-complexioned, merry-eyed maid of the farm was showing the town visitor over the pretty orchard.

"This tree, now," he said, stopping before a fine specimen, "seems to be fairly loaded with apples."

"Yes, sir," assented the maid. "This is a good year for apples."

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