The Scrap Book

The Weather.—As to the weather for the next "Signal Year," the weather bird refused to commit himself. He bird refused to commit himself. He O.K.'d the following, however:

"Expect the worst weather, and you won't be disappointed."

"It's likely to be a cold day when you get another raise."

"Better take a raincoat and umbrella with you on your vacation."

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"The nicest days will be the ones you see through the window."

"The best day in each month will be pay day."

"You can avoid the big storms by getting home early nights."

"The hardest day to live through will be—the day before pay day."

"The home team will always win on rainy days."—The Signalman's Almanac.

Shocked.—One hostess who lacked tact at dinner placed a learned and somewhat deaf college professor beside a debutante. The girl found the professor very unresponsive, but finally she noticed a dish of fruit, and in desperation asked if he liked bananas. After being asked several times to repeat the question, her voice being raised each time, attracting the attention of the whole table, she was horrified when the learned man riveted her with a disapproving look, and remarked

with a disapproving look, and remarked with a disapproving look, and remarked very distinctly: "My dear young woman, I had hoped that I had misunderstood your question; but, since you persist, I must say that I prefer the old-fash ioned nightshirt."—The Argonaut. **35** 35

Protecting Themselves.—An Arkansas preacher pawned his watch and the following Sunday preached four hours because he had no timepiece. At the conclusion of the sermon there was a special collection raised and sent to the pawn-broker.—New Orleans Picayune.

End of Friendship.—She—"How did they ever come to marry?" He—"Oh, it's the same old story. Started out to be good friends, you know, and later on changed their minds." —Puck.

Another Definition .- "Pa, what is an

"An optimist, my boy, is a woman who thinks that everything is for the best, and that she is the best."—Judge.

An Old Hand.—"Have you had any experience as an office-boy?"
"I should say I had, mister; why, I'm a dummy director in three mining companies now."—Brooklyn Life.

Had His.—"Going to get out here and stretch your legs?" asked the travelling man of his companion, as the train stopped

stopped.
"What place is it?" inquired the

"What place is it?" inquired the other.

"Chicago."

"No, I had one leg stretched here once!"—Yonkers Statesman.

That Settled It.—Two men were hotly discussing the merits of a book. Finally one of them, himself an author, said to the other: "No, John, you can't appreciate it. You never wrote a book yourself."

"No," retorted John, "and I never laid index of an

"No," retorted John, "and I never laid an egg, but I'm a better judge of an omelet than any hen in the state."—The

Irresistible.—"However did you reconcile Adele and Mary?"

"I gave them a choice bit of gossip
and asked them not to repeat it to each
other."—Fliegende Blaetter.

A Mean Man.—"Kindly return my

Were a blonde?"—Washington Herald.

Excellent.—Friend—"How are you getting an with your play?"

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Dramatist—"Almost finished; I have only two more people to kill off."
Fliegende Blaetter.



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