

**Very Truthful.**

A jocosse old fellow declared his wife told the truth at least three times a day. Said he: "Before rising in the morning she says, 'O, dear, I must get up, but I don't want to.' After breakfast she adds, 'Well, I suppose I must go to work, but I don't want to.' And she goes to bed saying, 'There, I have been on the move all day and haven't done anything?'"

**Went With the Majority**

A well-known English surgeon was imparting some clinical instruction to half a dozen students, who accompanied him in his rounds, the other day. Pausing at the bedside of a doubtful case, he said: "Now, gentlemen, do you think this is, or is not, a case for operation?" One by one the students made their diagnosis, and all of them answered in the negative. "Well, gentlemen, you are all wrong," said the wielder of the free and flashing scalpel, "and I shall operate to-morrow." "No, you won't," said the patient, as he rose in his bed; "I am in one is a good majority; gimme my clothes."

**A Brave Hen.**

An Oregon woman is the owner of a hen that she would not trade for an entire flock of poultry. A Philadelphia daily declares this hen to be the only one in the United States that ever fought and killed a hawk.

The hen was tending her brood in the usual way, when a chicken-hawk made its descent. The hen did not squawk and run, but with a fierce and well-directed blow buried her bill under the hawk's left wing.

It may have been a chance blow, but it did its work. The hawk seemed surprised and dazed. It rose feebly, and slipped against a clothesline, and dropped dead.

**Its First Use.**

"Maria," said a business man, residing in the suburbs, to his wife, "if you have been wanting a telephone in the house for a long time. The workmen will come and put one in to-day. Call me up, after they have gone away, to see if it works all right."

Late in the afternoon there was a call at the telephone in his office down-town.

Putting the receiver to his ear, he recognized the voice of his wife, pitched in a somewhat high key. "Is that you, James?" she asked.

"Yes."

"Will you please go out right now and mail that letter I gave you this morning?"

He had forgotten it, of course, and he obeyed.

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