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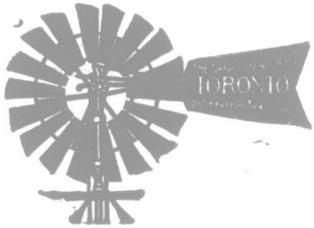


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"If your mother bought four baskets of grapes, the dealer's price being a quarter a basket, how much money would the purchase cost her?" asked the new teacher.

"You never can tell," answered Tommy, who was at the head of his class. "Ma's great at bargaining!"

The following dialogue may prove interesting to a certain class of people:  
Sportsman No. 1—"I was present at the weighing of a thirty-five pound pike." Sportsman No. 2—"I caught a thirty-seven pound pike myself." Sportsman No. 1 (enviously)—"Sorry I didn't hear your yarn first."

"What do you mean by riding behind my automobile?" demanded the angry chauffeur.

"Excuse me, boss," replied Dandy Bumpers, tipping his crownless hat, "but der was a slight grease stain on me starry vest an' I thought de fumes of de gasoline might get it out."

A hearty laugh had gone almost around over the story of the fisherman who, to locate the place on the lake where he had had good luck, cut a nick in the side of his boat.

"Almost around," for the Englishman sat solemn and silent. About five minutes later, however, he awoke, with a roar of laughter, and when asked the trouble, replied:

"Well, wouldn't it be a corking good joke if that fisherman got a different boat the next time he went out!"

An Irishman was one day told to put up a signboard on which were the words: "To Motorists—this hill is dangerous."

Away went Mike with the signboard and placed it at the bottom of a very steep hill. A few days later his employer went to see how the board was put up, and, finding it at the bottom of the hill, sought and found Mike.

"You blooming fool!" he cried, "why didn't you put that sign in the right place?"

"Shure and ain't it?" asked Mike. "Don't all the accidents happen at the bottom?"

Two clergymen were once discussing the process of sermon-writing, when one of them remarked that the only really hard propositions for him were the introduction and the conclusion.

"You remember," he said, "the sermon I preached at the installation of Brother Morley, not long ago? Well, I flattered myself that the exordium and the peroration of that sermon were pretty well done."

"Yes," responded the other divine, with a faint smile, "but, as I remember, they were awfully far apart."

**A POSER.**

A colored woman was on trial before a southern magistrate, charged with inhuman treatment of her offspring.

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"Kin I ask yo' honah a question?" inquired the prisoner.

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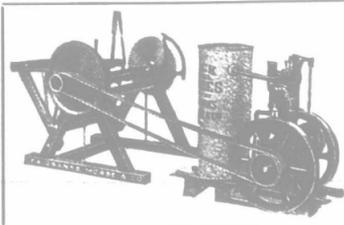
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