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### Hodge Podge

A young mother who still considers Marcel waves the most fashionable way of dressing her hair was at work.

The precocious child was crouched on its father's lap, the baby fingers now and then sliding over the smooth and glossy pate which is father's.

"No waves for you father," remarked the little one. "You're all beach."

When a veteran business man died one of his friends who was away and could not return in time for the funeral telegraphed his home florist to prepare a suitable wreath. After consulting with his wife he wired that the ribbon should be extra wide, with the inscription, "Rest In Peace" on both sides, and, if there was room, "We Shall Meet in Heaven."

The florist was awfully and his new assistant handled the job. It was a startling floral piece which turned up at the funeral. The ribbon was extra wide and bore the inscription:

"Rest in Peace on Both Sides, and if There is Room We Shall Meet in Heaven."—Exchange.

"I'm wantin' to tell you, Davy," he said in a confidential way, as we trudged along, "about the gate o' heaven . . . And I been wantin' t' tell you," he added, "for a long, long time."

"Is you?"  
"Aye, lad; an' about the women at the gate."

"Women, Skipper Tommy?" said I, puzzled. "An, pray, who is they?"  
"Mothers," he answered. "Just mothers."

"What they doin' at the gate? No, no! They're not there. Sure they are playing harps at the foot o' the throne."

"No," said he positively; "they're at the gate."

"What they doin' there?"  
"Waitin'."

"What's they waitin' for?" I asked.  
"Davy, lad," he answered, impressively, "they're waitin' for them they bore. That's what they're waitin' for."

"For their sons?"

"Aye, an' for their daughters, too." . . .  
"Ah, but," I said, ". . . I'm thinkin' God would never allow it t' go on. He'd gather us there, at the foot o' the throne."

"Look you, lad," he explained, in a sage whisper, "they're all mothers, an' they'd be waitin' t' stay where they was, an' ecod, they'd find a way."—Norman Duncan ("Doctor Luke of the Labrador.")

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