

### A Ready Calculator

One day, as Pat halted at the top of the river bank, a man famous for his inquisitive mind stopped and asked, "How long have you hauled water for the village, my good man?" "In years, sor." "Ah! how many loads do you take in a day?" "From tin to fifteen, sor." "Ah, yes! Now, I have a problem for you. How much water at this rate have you hauled in all, sor?" The driver of the watering-cart jerked his thumb backward toward the river and replied, "All the water yez don't see there now, sor."

### Three to Two

Some little girls were boasting of their respective families. They had passed from clothes to personal appearance, and finally came to parental dignity. The minister's little girl boasted:

"Every package that comes for my papa is marked 'D.D.'"

"And every package that comes for my papa is marked 'M.D.'," retorted the daughter of the physician.

Then followed a look of contempt from the youngest of the party. "Huh!" she exclaimed. "Every package that comes to our house has three letters on it: 'C., D., D.'"

### Slightly Twisted

Two fishermen named Smith, living near each other, had met with misfortune, the one having lost his wife and the other his boat, says London Tit-Bits.

A lady visitor called on the one who had lost his boat, thinking it was the one who had lost his wife. "Good-morning, Mr. Smith. I am sorry to hear of your sad loss."

"Oh! it ain't much matter, mum. She warn't up to much."

"Dear me! you don't say so."

"Aye, she was a rickety old crock. When I went out with her I was always in danger of my life. Indeed, I offered her to my mate only last week, but he wouldn't have her. I have had my eye on another for some time now."

But the lady could stand no more of the old man's denunciations of the weaker sex, and hurriedly took her departure.

### The Types Get Astray

Eternal vigilance is the price of a good deal more than liberty. The changes which may occur in the most carefully prepared "copy" before it reaches the reader are many, and sometimes the results are ludicrous. Some time ago we wrote a paragraph about the honorary degrees conferred by the various theological colleges. Another paragraph told of the parole work done by Mr. Archibald among the inmates of the penitentiary. A corrected line in the latter paragraph by some fatality found its way into the former with this somewhat startling result: "Manitoba College, which has hitherto limited its honors to one of the inmates of the penitentiary, has this year chosen Professor B.— of Knox College for the distinction!" The lines read with such easy smoothness that the most eloquent counsel in the land could not have convinced a jury that they were not written with malice aforethought.—The Presbyterian.

### Diplomatic

Diplomatic bachelor (who has forgotten whether the baby is a boy or girl): "Well, well, but he's a fine little fellow, isn't she? How old is it now? Do her teeth bother him much? I hope he gets through his second summer without getting sick. She looks like you, doesn't he?"

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