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Shopping.

A LADY ambles to a store
To buy a spool of thread,
At first she looks at hats
galore
Then carving knives and bread.

From there she travels to the aisle
Where davenport are kept.
And then she lingers for a while
Around the ribbon dept.

She looks at frying-pans and lace,
Inspects the latest books,
She prices lotions for the face
And linen goods and hooks.

And when she's canvassed all the
joints,
And clerks are nearly dead,
She brings the matter to a point
And buys her spool of thread.
—Louisville Courier-Journal.



Eliminated Eggs.—Three Northern men were ordering breakfast—so George Ade says—at a small hotel in South Carolina. The first one ordered coffee, toast and eggs; the second ordered coffee, toast, bacon and eggs; and the third said:

"I'll take the same as this gentleman, but eliminate the eggs."

The waiter started off, but in a minute returned, scratching his head.

"Boss," he asked, "scuse me, please, suh; but how did you say you wanted dem aigs?"

The Yankee caught the point.

"I said I wanted them eliminated. Can't you understand plain English?"

"Yas, suh. I understan's now," murmured the waiter, and off he went.

Presently he came hurrying in from the kitchen.

"Mistah," he asked, "wouldn't you jes' as soon have dem aigs fried or boiled, or somethin'?"

"I would not," snapped the Northerner. "I'm on a strict diet and I have to have my eggs eliminated."

"Dat's whut I tole de cook," said the ducky; "but he say to tell you, please, suh, dat no longer ago 'n yistiddy he drap de 'liminator and broke de handle off. He say dey done ordered a new one, but it can't git here twell to-morrow. So he'd lak mightily fur you to tek yore aigs some other way to-day, suh."



Obedient Willie.—Willie was struggling through the story in his reading lesson.

"No," said the captain,' he read, "it was not a sloop. It was a larger vessel. By the rig I judged her to be a-a-a-a—"

The word was new to him.

"Barque," supplied the teacher.

Still Willie hesitated.

"Barquel" repeated the teacher, this time sharply.

Willie looked as though he had not heard aright. Then, with an apprehensive glance around the class, he shouted:

"Bow-wow!"—Detroit Free Press.



Ignorant Butcher.—Mrs. Putton-Ayres had picked up a few French phrases which she worked into her talk on every possible occasion. Entering the butcher's shop one day, she inquired if he had any "bon vivant."

"Bonned what, ma'am?" asked the butcher, puzzled.

"Bon vivant," she repeated. "That's the French for good liver, you know." —Boston Transcript.



Touching.—A teacher trying to impress on her children the rightness of kindness toward all animals, took them for a walk, to bring the lesson home to them.

Hearing a scream from little Johnny, she asked: "What's the matter, Johnny?"

"I've been sitting on a hornet," was the tearful response, "and I'm afraid I've hurt the poor thing." —Delineator.