



A PUZZLING QUESTION.

PAPA: Ethel, you must n't say "I won't" to Papa. It's naughty.
 ETHEL: Well, but Papa, what shall I say when I mean I won't?

Noticing a particularly healthy looking child the other day, a lady asked the nurse who had it in charge: "Is that a nursing baby or a bottle baby?" "Sure it's nayther, marm; it's a condensed-milk baby."

Mr. Chesley—"Quick, your decision, Louise!" Miss De Leigh—"Why do you hurry me so?" Mr. Chesley—"For two reasons. Prof. Barnard says that a comet is approaching the earth at the rate of three million miles a day, and—er!—ahem!—I think I hear your mother coming, too."

Lieut. Goldbraid (who is enjoying on the porch a delightful conversation with Miss Smith, but who is somewhat annoyed by the presence of young Robby)—Don't you get tired at times of playing, Bobby? Bobby—Yes, sir; tired of the game I'm playing now. Lieut. Goldbraid—What game is that? Bobby—Ma calls it propriety.

A Yale graduate, who was a student about thirty years ago, said, in speaking of changes that had taken place since his time: "I never knew whether to attach any significance to it nor not, but when I was there the law school adjoined the jail, the medical college was next the cemetery, and the divinity school was next the poorhouse."

She was a pretty salesgirl,
 He asked her for a kiss;
 For he was the accepted
 Of this fair and blushing miss.
 She gave him one, and as she drew
 Her rosy lips away—
 "Is there," asked she in trembling tones,
 "Anything else to-day."

A sleeper is one who sleeps. A sleeper is that in which the sleeper sleeps. A sleeper is that on which the sleeper runs while the sleeper sleeps. Therefore, while the sleeper sleeps in the sleeper the sleeper carries the sleeper over the sleeper under the sleeper until the sleeper which carries the sleeper jumps the sleeper and wakes the sleeper in the sleeper by striking the sleeper under the sleeper on the sleeper, and there is no longer any sleeper sleeping in the sleeper on the sleeper.

"If this is your final answer, Miss Jrobinson," the young man said, with ill-concealed chagrin, as he picked up his hat and turned to go, "I can do nothing but submit. Yet, has it ever occurred to you that when a lady passes the age of 37, she is not likely to find herself as much sought after by desirable young men as she once was?"

"It occurred to me with sudden and painful distinctness when you offered yourself just now," she replied. "Good night, Mr. Peduncle."

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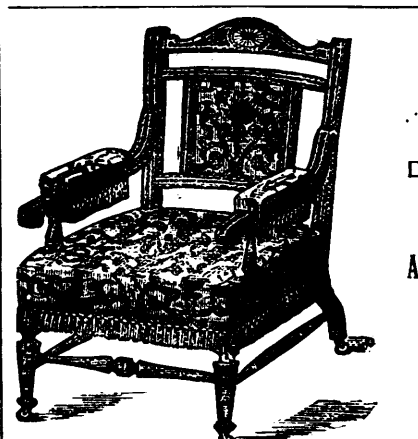
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Wednesday, the 7th day of November next.
 Plans and specifications will be ready for examination, at this office and at Sault Ste. Marie, on and after
Wednesday, the 24th day of October next.
 By order,
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 A map of the locality, together with plans and specifications, will be ready for examination at this office and at the Lock-Keepers house, Galops, on and after **Tuesday, the 16th day of October instant**, where forms of tender may be obtained by Contractors on personal application.
 In the case of firms there must be attached the actual signatures of the full name, the nature of the occupation and residence of each member of the same, and further, a bank deposit receipt for the sum of \$6,000 must accompany the tender for the works.
 The respective deposit receipts—cheques will not be accepted—must be endorsed over to the Minister of Railways and Canals, and will be forfeited if the party tendering declines entering into contract for the works at the rates and on the terms stated in the offer submitted. The deposit receipts thus sent in will be returned to the respective parties whose tenders are not accepted.
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 By order,
A. P. BRADLEY,
 Secretary.
 Department of Railways and Canals,
 Ottawa, 11th October, 1888.