

Fond mother: "Little Dick is a perfect gentleman, bless his little heart. Coming down stairs he politely stepped aside and allowed Mrs. Heavyweight to precede him, didn't you, darling?" Little Dick: "Yes, mamma; I was 'fraid she might stumble."

"Yes," said a lecturer in a country town to a large and intelligent audience, "the people of the United States owe more to the newspapers than to any other cause for their advancement." And the editor remarked, parenthetically and pathetically: "You bet they do, if subscribers elsewhere are anything like mine."

Fannie: "So you are married, Hattie, and have wealth and all its possibilities." Hattie: "Yes, my husband is very rich." Fannie: "And you enjoy it very much?" Hattie: "Very much indeed." Fannie: "And your husband?" Hattie: "Oh, well! you know in this world, dear, we have to take the bitter with the sweet."

Edward: "I love you, Miss Claribel. Will you be my wife?" Claribel: "Certainly; right away." Edward: "But—the necessary delays—the minister?" Claribel: "Oh, that's all right. Papa is in the next room. He's the mayor, you know. I've made the mistake of a long engagement once or twice before. Come!" They stampede.

An old lady, brought up as a witness before a bench of magistrates, when asked to take off her bonnet, refused to do so, saying: "There's no law compelling a woman to take off her bonnet." "Oh," said one of the magistrates, "you know the law, do you? Perhaps you would like to come up and sit here and teach us!" "No, I thank you, sir," replied the old lady; "there are old women enough there already."

We have heard of the woman in a picture gallery who asked the subject of a fine painting, and, on being told, "Nydia of Pompeii," immediately shouted to her deaf companion the supposed information, "An idiot from Bombay." Almost equal to this was a comment overheard at the Metropolitan Museum recently. A buxom lass from down East, who was viewing the Wolfe collection, said: "Did Catherine Wolfe paint all these? Wasn't she a genius?"

Here are some things a man cannot do: Smile through his tears. Make a crying baby smile. Put in a pin that will hold. With a rival with a glance. Talk with his mouth full of pins. Carry his car fare in his mouth. Make love to two girls in the same room. Get a number six foot into a number three shoe. Remain self-possessed when there is a pin sticking in him. Read a book at the window and scrutinize everybody that passes. Spend the whole day shopping when he doesn't want to buy anything.



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