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To Be Sure!

Speaking of common sense, Dr. Faulk-
ner, head of the Vineland, N.J., Hospi-
tal, told the following story:

A mysterious building had been erected
on the outskirts of a small town. It
was shrouded in mystery. All that was
known about it was that it was a chem-
ical laboratory. An old farmer, driving
past the place after work had been
started, and seeing a man in the door-
way, called to him:

"What be ye doin' in this place?"

"We are searching for a universal solv-
ent—something that will dissolve all
things," said the chemist.

"What good will that be?"

"Imagine, sir! It will dissolve all
things. If we want a solution of iron,
glass, gold—anything, all that we have to
do is to drop it in this solution."

"Fine," said the farmer, "fine! What
be ye goin' to keep it in?"—*Everybody's*
Magazine.

Luther Burbank, "the wizard of horti-
culture," is subjected to constant annoy-
ment at home and abroad by obtrusive
and inquisitive strangers. He was walk-
ing on the street in San Francisco re-
cently when one of them seized him by
his arm, captured his reluctant hand and
pumped it vigorously.

"How are you, Burbank? How are
you?" he inquired effusively. "What
miracle are you working on now?"

"Well, it's a secret," replied the ex-
pert; "but I don't mind telling you. I'm
grafting milkweed on eggplant!"

"Yes—yes? What do you expect to
produce?"

"Gustard!"—*Saturday Evening Post.*

Bobby, aged four, often called on his
nearest neighbor, Mrs. Brown, who
usually gave him cookies. If she forgot
it, he sometimes reminded her. His
father told him he must not do so any
more. A day or two later Bobby came
home with cookie crumbs in evidence.
"Have you been begging cookies from
Mrs. Brown again?" asked his father
rather sternly. "No," said Bobby, "I
didn't beg for any. I just said, 'This
house smells as if it were full of cookies,
but what is that to me?'"—*C. E. World.*

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