

## A Little Nonsense

The Hen (in Life)—I am the only shell factory that has no trouble getting on a peace basis.

"What are you going to the doctor about?"

"Loss of appetite."

"Great Scott! Can't you play up a bit of luck when it comes to you?"

"Huh! England is a small country."

"Yes."

"I could walk over it in a few weeks."

"Maybe you could, but 70 million Germans tried for four years to walk over England and failed."

"Why don't you go into politics?" "Can't afford it," replied the cautious citizen, as quoted in the Washington Star. "It has become almost a custom for a statesman to leave office a poorer man than when he entered it. And I'm in debt now."

Some one who was at work on a Christian hymnal for the Zulus was unable to proceed with the line, "Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing," because the language has no equivalent either for "dismiss" or blessing." The nearest he could get was, "Kick us out softly."

An Australian digger consulted a doctor, and then went to get the prescription. "How much?" he asked the chemist. "Well, let me see. There's seven-and-six for the medicine and a shilling for the bottle." He hesitated, as if uncertain. "Oh, hurry up, boss," said the impatient miner; "put a price on the cork and let us know the worst."

At a church conference a speaker began a tirade against the universities and education, expressing thankfulness that he had never been corrupted by contact with a college. After proceeding for a few minutes, the bishop, who was in the chair, interrupted with the question:

"Do I understand that Mr. Dobson is thankful for his ignorance?"

"Well, yes," was the answer; "you can put it that way if you like."

"Well, all I have to say," said the prelate, in sweet and musical tones—"all I have to say is that he has much to be thankful for."

The candidate was rather surprised when he faced the "audience," to find it consisted of one solitary person. Realizing, however, that an election may be won by one, so to speak, he braced himself up, and delivered his address as to "a packed house."

After an hour and a half of pledges and promises, he wound up with:—

"And now, my dear sir, I will not encroach upon your valuable time any longer—"

"Oh, it's all right, guv'nor," interrupted the "audience." "Fire away! Don't mind me; I'm only your taxi-driver."

Everything in the dear old village seemed the same to Giles after his absence of four years as a prisoner of war in Germany. The old church, the village pump, the ducks on the green, the old men smoking their pipes while the women talked—it was so restful after the treatment he had received at the hands of the enemy.

Suddenly he missed something.

"Where's Hodge's other windmill?" he asked in surprise. "I can only see one mill, and there used to be two."

The native gazed thoughtfully around as if to verify the statement. Then he said, slowly:

"They pulled one down. There weren't enough wind for two of 'em!"

## TROUBLE IS BOUND TO COME.

It is the man who is down that the church should help. If there has to be a choice, I say let the rich go," declared the Rev. C. A. Williams, formerly of Montreal, now pastor of Eaton Memorial Church, Toronto, in an interview, by way of reply to the statement of S. R. Parsons that the churches would lose the support of its wealthy members if it persisted in meddling in economic affairs. "But I do not think the choice need arise," said Mr. Williams. "Both Prof. Michaels, my assistant, and myself have preached on behalf of the down trodden and there has not been the slightest criticism. On the contrary, the wealthiest members of our church, and we have some very wealthy members, are, in my judgment, most eager to find how to do the right thing. My experience has been, and I say it quite honestly, that in the sermons making a plea for the application of the principles of the Lord Jesus for every day life, always met with approval. The man in the industrial system of to-day is not anywhere within a mile of where Jesus would have him. Is it common justice to allow ten per cent. of the people to own ninety per cent. of the wealth of the world? I don't think that is right. I am strongly in favor of a movement, sane and wise, that will improve the lot of the common masses. All my sympathies are with the down trodden, and I do not hesitate to say so. The present system is absolutely un-Christian. We have been drifting to trouble. It is bound to come because the workers of the world will not tolerate the present system," concluded Mr. Williams.

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