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**A Work of Necessity.**

A very small girl was observed by a friend of the family eating a certain cereal preparation. She seemed to eat with great effort.

"Don't you like that, my dear?" inquired the friend.

"Not pertickly," replied the little maid.

"Why do you eat it then?" persisted the inquirer.

The daughter of the house paused with spoon on the edge of bowl.

"It's got to be eaten," she answered gravely. "The grocery man gives mamma a rag doll for every two packages she buys, and it's got to be eaten every morning."

And she continued to eat the cereal.

**Slightly Ambiguous.**

Professor William Clark, D.C.L., in his very interesting papers on "People and Places I Have Known" in the Westminster, recalls many amusing stories of celebrities. Of Charles Kingsley, Professor Clark writes: In spite of a slight stammer, which he nearly overcame, he was popular in the pulpit, and on the platform. He once lectured in Toronto, but with no great success. In seeking to stimulate the Toronto youth, he recommended every young man to make it his ambition to "have a bust in Westminster Abbey." The young gentlemen had their own notion of a "bust," and broke into fits of laughter, which were redoubled when Mr. Kingsley repeated with still greater emphasis—"I say a bust in Westminster Abbey."

**Her Father's Strength.**

Recently in a Sunday-school the teacher was telling her class of small pupils the interesting story of Samson, of whom she spoke as being the strongest man that ever lived.

Little Ethel, a golden-haired new recruit, listened to the story with great interest. After the teacher had finished Ethel held up her chubby hand.

"Well, Ethel," asked the teacher, "What is it?"

"Samson wasn't as strong as my papa is."

"Is your father so strong?" queried the teacher, smiling.

"Oh, my papa's offal strong," replied Ethel with emphasis, "Why, I heard mamma say that he had an ellyfant on his hands."

**Punctuation Makes a Difference.**

It is related that the Dowager Empress of Russia once saw on her husband's table a document regarding a political prisoner. On the margin Alexander III. had written: "Pardon impossible; to be sent to Siberia." The Czarina took up the pen, and striking out the semi-colon after "impossible," put it before the word. Then the endorsement read: "Pardon; impossible to be sent to Siberia." The Czar let it stand.

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