

The Spice of Life.

"What is the matter," said a man who was having a ride in a friend's automobile, as the chauffeur got out. "The engine is missing," replied his friend. "Is it really—I am almost sure we had it when we started."

"What?" exclaimed the motorist, who had run over a farmer's toe, "you want five hundred dollars for a crushed foot? Nonsense! I'm no millionaire."

"Perhaps not," cried the suffering farmer, "and I'm no centipede either."

Miss Angelina (to Captain Brown, who has been cruising in Alaskan waters): I suppose, Captain, that in those northern latitudes during a part of the year the sun doesn't set till quite a while after dark."

"What is all this war about, anyhow?" asked Pat, laying down his pick and wiping the sweat from his brow.

"Well, Pat," said his Reverence, "you see the Germans want a place in the sun—"

"Begorry, is that all?" cried Pat. "Sure, an' they can have moine! Phat Oi'm lookin' fer is a place in th' shade."

Pat and Mike were crossing the river on a ferryboat. They were watching intently a big dredging barge that was sending its mammoth scoops under the water and bringing up tons of mud. "Pat," says Mike, "wouldn't yez loike to be a workin' over there on that mud-digger?" "Yis," says Pat, "but, begorra, Oi'd hate to be wan of the fellers under the water that's fillin' up thim shovels."

Shronk stopped his motor car at a desolate crossroads and yelled to a farmer who lay on a cart of fertilizer: "Hey, Cornsilk, is this the way to Croydon?" The farmer raised himself from the fertilizer in astonishment. "By heck, stranger, how did you know my name was Cornsilk?" he asked. "I guessed it," said the motorist. "Then, by heck," said the farmer, as he drove off, "guess your way to Croydon."

"Mother," she began, "what does trans-Atlantic mean?" "Across the ocean," replied her mother. Then, "Does 'trans' always mean across?" "Yes, it does, always," and the mother added sternly, "If you ask me another question to-night I shall send you to bed!" The second silence lasted quite three seconds. It was broken at last by a plaintive, small voice which commented, "Then I suppose transparent means a cross parent!"

It was the polite Frenchman's first visit to a party in England, and he was very anxious to do the right thing, so when the hostess advanced to welcome him he gallantly saluted the astonished lady with a hearty kiss. Unfortunately her husband was a witness of the occurrence. "How dare you, sir, take the liberty of kissing my wife, and before me, too?" was his indignant exclamation. "One thousand pardons?" exclaimed the polite foreigner. "I do not know your English customs. Next time I keep you first."

"The advantage of censorship is that an army can thereby hide its mistakes. Like the case of the general and Aunt Jemima, you know."

The speaker was Gen. Charles B. Hall, of Portland. He continued:

"An old lady once died at Spa. Her nephew and heir ordered the body sent home. But when the young man opened the coffin to have one last look at the remains, he beheld, instead of his beloved Aunt Jemima, the corpse of a general, in full uniform, the breast covered with military medals.

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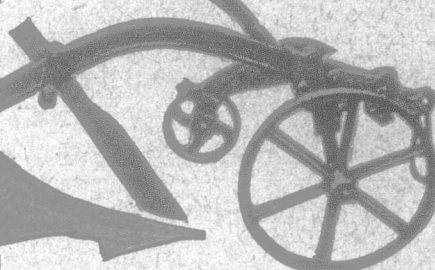
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