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When M. Viviani, the famous French
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annoyed because no one heard of him
and everyone had heard of Joffre, and
he (the statesman) had only his elo-
quence to gain a reputation among
people who did not understand his
language.

There had never been any love lost
between the two, the Hon. Neville
Lytton says, in his book, "The Press
and the General Staff." It was evident-
ly humorous to find that in the au-
dience of M. Viviani addressed the only
person who was moved was Joffre,
who, while annoyed at the "civilians,"
could not remain dry-eyed.

On the other hand, Viviani, mad at
finding himself second fiddle, threw
the utmost passion into his speeches,
only to succeed in moving the one man
whom he probably wished at the bot-
tom of the sea.

What Actually Happened

A farmer sued a railway company
for damages resulting from the death
of one of his cows, the poor animal
having been run into by a goods train.

The engine-driver was giving evi-
dence. The barrister for the farmer
heckled the witness on all kinds of
technicalities, but kept reverting to
his one pet question, which was:
"Now tell me, was the cow on the
line?"

The engine-driver became peeved
and, having been asked the same
question so often answered: "Well,
if you want me to tell the real truth,
the cow was bathing in the stream on
the other side of the bank. But the en-
gine saw it, left the rails, dashed over
the bank, and landing clean on the
cow, strangled it to death without a
word."

Sold!

Past stall after stall went the rich
merchant, followed by a smart foot-
man in livery, for the annual bazaar
was in full swing.

"Ah, Mr. Goldington," gushed a
pretty girl at one of the stalls, "what
are you going to buy? Auntie and I
are in charge of this stall. We have
cushions, pen-wipers, and all sorts of

"There's one thing I should like to
buy," said the amorous visitor. "Do
you sell kisses at your stall?"

"Oh, certainly," came the prompt
reply. "A sovereign each!"

"Right!" said the merchant. "I'll
take two, please."

"Auntie," cried the wily damsel,
"forward, please. Two kisses for this
gentleman!"

For a moment the wealthy one was
nonplused, but only for a moment.

He turned to his footman.

"James," he said, coolly, "just take
this purchase, please."

"Not Worth His Salt."

With salt numbered among the
cheapest articles of food, to say that
a man is "not worth his salt" sounds
like a very radical expression of
worthlessness.

It should be remembered, however,
that there was a time when salt was
a highly-prized commodity. An ex-
amination of the word "salary" will
prove in what esteem salt was held,
for the Latin salarium was the allow-
ance made to the Roman soldier in
order that he might provide himself
with salt.

Moreover, the ceremonial impor-
tance of salt is shown in the salt-stand
which appeared on the Saxon table.
Its position marked the upper and
lower board, separating the lord of
the house and those who shared his
salt as honoured guests from those
who earned their salt.

Very Queer Cargoes.

The oddest cargo on record was
probably that carried lately by a
British steamer bound for Morocco.

It consisted of some two million
gallons of water. To carry that
amount of water a distance of fifteen
hundred miles sounds too absurd, but
the matter becomes clearer when we
are told that the water was specially
purified drinking water for the use
of the Spanish troops fighting the rebels
in Morocco.

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sisted of an immense quantity of
bank notes. There were several mil-
lions of these, most of them of small
value. It is a testimonial to our print-
ing that Spain gave us such an order,
and is due to the fact that notes
printed in Spain have been so largely
counterfeited.

A master stevedore, working at the
Albert Docks, recently received com-
pensation for being hit on the head by
a bundle of old horse-shoes which
were being loaded into a steamer's
hold.

In court the judge asked the season
for sending old horse-shoes out of the
country. Counsel told him that they
were being sent to China, where they
were made into spades, a purpose for
which they were specially suitable.

Speaking of exports to the East,
there is a certain English firm which,
in the course of its ordinary business,
produces large quantities of waste
spelter and lead. This material is
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