

THE SPICE OF LIFE.

"I wish you'd turn to milk," she said. "And save me all this clutter." And Mooley winked the other eye. And turned instead to butt her.

"Did you see a man and a woman drive past here in a trap about an hour ago?" a detective asked Mrs. Blank. "Yes," answered Mrs. Blank. "Ah!" said the detective, "now we're getting on the right track. What kind of a horse was it?" "They were driving so fast I didn't notice that," replied Mrs. Blank. "But the woman had on a Scotch mohair and a jacket of turquoise blue (last year style), stitched lines, a white pique skirt with deep circular flounce, a satin straw hat, tilted and rather flat, trimmed with hydrangeas and loops of pale blue surah, and her hair was done up Pompadour. That's all I had time to see."

A large German woman held up a long line of people at the money-order window in the Boston post office the other day, and all because her memory went back on her. She wanted to send some money to her son, a sailor on a merchant steamer then in foreign waters, but when she presented the application at the window the clerk noticed that the address was lacking. "Well, where do you want to send it?" he asked. "We can't give you the money-order unless you know the name of the place." "Yah, dot's de trouble," she replied. "I didn't pring his letter and I can't remember der name of der town, but it's some place out by China, dot sounds like der noise an automobile makes." "The two clerks looked at each other dubiously. "What kind of a noise does an automobile make?" asked one. "Honk, honk," suggested the other. "Yah, dot's it!" exclaimed the woman. "Honk, Honk, dot's de place." "Fill it in Hong Kong," said the clerk, and she paid over her money with a smile of relief.

TEACHING THE JUDGE SENSE.

An amusing anecdote is told of the celebrated Chief Justice John Marshall. Returning one afternoon from his farm near Richmond, Va., to his home in that city, the hub of his wheel caught on a small sapling growing by the roadside. After striving unsuccessfully for some moments to extricate the wheel, he heard the sound of an axe in the woods, and saw a negro man approaching. Hailing him, he said: "If you will get that axe and cut down this tree, I'll give you a dollar." "I c'n git yer by 'thout no axe, ef dat's all yer want." "Yes, that's all," said the judge. The man simply backed the horse until the wheel was clear of the sapling and then brought the vehicle safely around it. "You don't charge a dollar for that, do you?" asked the astonished chief justice. "No, massa; but it's wuf a dollar to learn some folks sense." The quick-witted darkey got his dollar without further questioning.

Who Bides His Time.

Who bides his time, and day by day Faces defeat full patiently, And lolls a mirthful roundelay, However poor his fortunes be— He will not fail in any quail Of poverty—the paltry dime It will grow golden in his palm, Who bides his time.

Who bides his time—he tastes the sweet Of honey in the saltiest tear; And though he fares with slowest feet, Joy runs to meet him, drawing near; The birds are heralds of his cause; And like a never-ending rhyme, The roadsides bloom in his applause, Who bides his time.

Who bides his time, and fevers not In the hot race that none achieves, Shall wear cool-wreathen laurels, wrought With crimson berries in the leaves; And he shall reign a goodly king, And sway his hand o'er every clime, With peace writ on his signet ring, Who bides his time.

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