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pupil, "if the cow didn't stand for Mary, how could she milk it?"

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Back to the Land.

POULTRY Enthusiast: "Have you read that article on 'How to Tell a Bad Egg?'"

Facetious Townsman: "No; but if you have anything important to tell a bad egg, my advice is, break it gently."

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"A Little Knowledge."

FRIEND of the Family: "And what are you learning at school now, Tommy?"

Tommy: "Oh, gozinter, chiefly."
Friend of the Family: "What's that? A new language?"

Tommy (wearily): "No, just gozinter—one gozinter two, two gozinter four, three gozinter six."

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The Gallantry of Mr. Knowles.

MR. W. E. KNOWLES, M.P., brother of the well-known Canadian author, has been visiting in the East and the Ottawa *Free Press* tells a story about the aggressive free-trader from Moose Jaw which has been told before but which is worth repeating.

It was during a debate upon the Grand Trunk Pacific, and when Mr. Knowles interrupted a Conservative who was speaking the retort came back that the member for Moose Jaw would do well not to interrupt, and that if he were wise he would hold his peace and advise his wife to buy G. T. P. stock as an investment.

Mr. Knowles did not say anything in the House; but, proceeding to the Parliamentary cafe, in a state of simulated indignation, went up to a crowd of Conservative M. P.'s who were enjoying a midnight supper, and expressed his anger at the statement of the man who was orating upstairs.

"How dare he drag my wife's name into a political discussion!" he said. "He must apologise or there will be trouble."

Mr. John Stanfield, of Colchester, N.S., who was among those at the supper table, and who is a stickler for the proprieties in debate, sympathised warmly with Mr. Knowles, and said that he would see that an apology was made. Forthwith he hid himself upstairs, and, proceeding to the desk of the man who had been speaking, told him that he had "made a bad break" and must apologise. The stalwart expressed his regret and promised to tender an apology, and did so when he met Mr. Knowles in the lobby when the House adjourned in the wee small hours of the morning.

But the joke came next day when the man who had apologised learned to his amazement that Mr. Knowles was not married, and had never been married. Then there were "wigs on the green."

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One Thing Lacking.

A DRILL sergeant was unpopular among his men. One day he was putting a party of recruits through the funeral exercise, and, by way of practical explanation, walked slowly down the lane formed by the two ranks, saying as he did so: "Now, I'm the corpse. Pay attention!" Having reached the end of the line, he turned, regarded the men for a minute, and then remarked: "Your 'ands is right and your 'eads is right, but you 'aven't that look of regret you ought to 'ave."

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Mutual Interest.

A FEW days after a farmer had sold a pig to a neighbour he chanced to pass the neighbour's place,

where he saw their little boy sitting on the edge of the pig-pen watching its new occupant.

"How d'ye do, Johnny?" said he; "how's your pig to-day?"

"Oh, pretty well, thank you," replied the boy. "How's all your folks?"
—*Wasp.*

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Too Awful!

ONE can sympathise with the English gentleman whose exquisite refinement was jarred at a week-end shooting party. "Oh, I say," he remarked, "one don't mind roughing it a bit, you know—luncheon without a band and all that—but fawncy drinking claret out of champagne glasses."
—*Argonaut.*

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THE other night, according to the story, Finley Peter Dunne wanted a taxicab at the club. He told John, who superintends the outside of the Brook, of his needs. The cab came. John thrust his head through the doors to notify Mr. Dunne. Mr. Dunne came to the door, getting into a broadtail overcoat. "This way, cabbie," said John in his most magnificent way, turning to address the chauffeur. John's foot slipped and he spilled himself down the steps on his ear. "Ah, John, John," said Mr. Dunne, shaking his head sorrowfully, "you must be more careful of your reputation, John. You ought not to come downstairs that way. People will take you for one of the members."

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WHEN Sir Andrew Clark, Mr. Gladstone's physician, recommended a patient to drink wine, the latter expressed some surprise, saying he thought Sir Andrew was a temperance doctor, to which Sir Andrew Clark replied: "Oh, wine does sometimes help you to get through work; for instance, I have often twenty letters to answer after dinner, and a pint of champagne is a great help." "Indeed," said the patient, "does a pint of champagne really help you to answer the twenty letters?" "No, no!" said Sir Andrew; "but when I've had a pint of champagne I don't care a rap whether I answer them or not!"

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An Emotional Witness.

A WITNESS in a railroad case at Fort Worth, asked to tell in his own way how the accident happened, said:

"Well, Ole and I was walking down the track, and I heard a whistle, and I got off the track, and the train went by, and I got back on the track, and I didn't see Ole; but I walked along, and pretty soon I seen Ole's hat, and I walked on, and seen one of Ole's legs, then I seen one of Ole's arms, and then another leg, and then over one side Ole's head, and I says, 'My heavens! Something must have happened to Ole!'"—*Everybody's.*

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Almost Impossible.

TWO Irishmen met a short time after the Messina earthquake. "Tis terrible, that news from Italy," said one.

"Indeed, an' so it is. 'Twas a terrible earthquake."
"So it was, so it was. But, thank Hiven, no such thing kin happen t' Ireland."

"Be aisy now. An' why couldn't an earthquake happen t' Ireland?"

"Tis this way: The Irish is a prayin' race. We believe in prayer."

"But so is the Eyetalians a prayin' race."

"Mebbe so, mebbe so; but who kin understand thim?"



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