

In a heap o' ways she thess perzactly suits Sonny. Lookin' at it from one p'int o' view, she 's a sort o' dictionary to him.

Whenever Sonny finds hisself short of a date, f' instance, or some unreasonable spellin' 'll bother 'im, why, he 'll apply to her for it an' she 'll hand it out to him, intact'. I ain't never knew her to fail.

You see, while Sonny's thoughts is purty far-reachin' in some ways, he 's received his education so sort o' hit an' miss thet the things he knows ain't to say catalogued in his mind, an' while he 'll know one fac', maybe he won't be able to recall another thet seems to belong hand in hand with it. An' that 's one reason why I say thet little Mary Elizabeth is thess the wife for him.

She may not bother about the whys an' wherefores, but she 's got the statistics.

It 's always well, in a married couple, to have either one or the other statistical, so thet any needed fac' can be had on demand.

Wife, she was a heap more gifted that-a-way 'n what I was, but of co'se hers was n't so much book statistics.

She could give the name an' age of every