

Smiles!

A woman is a thing, they say,
Of moods. To be explicative—
She points out to a man the way
To go—and that's INDICATIVE.
At first she does it gently, just
To save a wince compunctive—
Says that he "may," not that he "must,"
And that's her mood SUBJUNCTIVE.
If he demurs, does she give way?
Nay, never for a moment! I've
Known her to work for a day
To win. And that's her INFINTIVE.
But if suggestion, patience, tact,
Fail, she becomes declarative.
She orders—and you'd better act.
Good, when her mood's IMPERATIVE!
—Cleveland Leader.

A worker at Hull House, Chicago, who is what she herself calls an "unappropriated blessing," finds much that is amusing in the point of view of many married women toward spinsters. One afternoon Mrs. Donovan appeared at the Settlement House meeting in her best clothes and an aggressive air. One eye was almost closed and one side of her face horribly disfigured. "Why, Mrs. Donovan, what has happened?" cried the worker; then, realizing that her question might embarrass the woman, hastened to add, "Well, never mind; it might have been worse."
"Surr, an' it might," responded the matron. "I might never have been married at all."

"Is Mr. Bromley in?" asked the caller.
"He is not, sorr," Pat answered politely. "Shure he won't be in till four o'clock, or mebbe after."
"Where's he gone?"
"He went to ride in his interm, sorr."

"His what?"
"His interm. 'Tis a tony name for buggy, I'm thinking. Half an hour ago Misher Bromley says to me, 'Pat,' says he, 'I'm i'plicitin' Misher Dobbs here sometime this afternoon, but I guess he won't be after gettin' here yet awhile, so I'll go down town in the interm.' An' with that he druv off in his buggy."

Recently an automobilist ran down and killed a hen. He was a conscientious automobilist. So, instead of racing along, un-mindful of the grief of the owners of the hen, he immediately stopped, got out, tenderly poked up the unfortunate fowl, and raised the door bell of the farmhouse from the vicinity of which it had emerged. A woman opened the door.

"I am very sorry to inform you," remarked the automobilist, "that I have unintentionally killed this hen of yours." He held the fowl up to her view. "Now I am quite willing to pay whatever the value is."

But she checked him with this joyous exclamation:
"O, I'm so much obliged to you! I've been trying to catch that hen for three days to cook it for dinner, and I never could so much as lay a hand on it. Thank you, sir, thank you!"

There was a certain minister who was not very eloquent. One Sunday morning, in the midst of the minister's sermon, a head poked itself through the door of the vestry, and a low and tremulous voice said, "Minister, the church is on fire."
"Very well, Brother Spriggins," the minister answered, "I will retire. Perhaps you'd better wake up the congregation."

A teacher had told a class of juvenile pupils that Milton, the poet, was blind.
The next day she asked if any of them could remember what Milton's great affliction was.
"Yes'm," replied one little fellow, "he was a poet."

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