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## In Lighter Bein.

Aunt Mandy's Bule for Batter Bread.

"De way I mek's my batte' braid— Laws me! Miss May is dat er fac', You wants my jes perzackly rule Ter tell de folks w'en you goes back!

"Suah, Honey! Dis de way—it jes De plainest kin' ob t'ing ter mek. Efen you do like w'at Mandy says, 'T ain' no sech chence es er mistek.

"Fust sif' yo' meal en drap in salt,
Den beat yo' algs—how many? Sho!
Dat 'pends depletely on de hens,
En you 's de pusson ought ter know.

"Efen aigs is scace, I uses one.
"T ain" bes', but I kin mek it do;
But efen de hens is layin' peart—
Laws! chile, I nebber stops at two!

"Den melt yo' sho'tnin'—mos' ob times Er spoonful be ernough ob dat. Some folks like mo'—ole marsteh he Say good t'ings teks er heap ob fat.

"Mos' ways I uses sweet milk, but Efen you has butte'-milk ter spar', 'T ain' nuffin' hef es good es dat. Jes spill yo' soda in wid car'.

"How much ob soda en ob milk?
You sho'ly ain' no cook, Miss May,
Ter need ter ask 'bout t'ings like dat.
Whar has you lived erfore ter-day?

"Dat's easy es ole Moses' shoes. I tek's er spoonful, mo' or less, Efen so's de milk am right sma't sour Efen 't ain', I puts er smaller guess. "I'mos' fergit de oben, chile— De mostes' 'tickler t'ing ob all! Be suah it jes perzackly right, Er else de batte' braid mought fall.

"Real hot? Ob co'se; jes hot ernough.
You'll hab ter be de jedge ob dat.
Onless it suit, de braid won' riz.
Too col', be suah ter send it flat.

"En now, Miss May, you knows it all.
I'se proud ter see you writ it down
To show de folks how Mandy cooks
W'en you gits back ter Boston town."

Mrs. Jay.—"Don't you find Doctor Sawyer rather exorbitant in his prices!" Mrs. Kay—"Not at all. Why, he frequently drops in to spend the evening with us and doesn't charge a cent."

When the Heart is Full.

The Fiancee—"When a man accuses a woman of saying things that you know very well I never even thought, if he really was a man, and had any respect for me, you'd beg my pardon."

The Voice of Experience.

Soulful Person—"Ah, yes; the instruction of the young man must be a delightful occupation! Is it not, Pro-The Professor—"Yes, madam—it is not."

Appearances Against Him.

Brown-"Is that Smithers an honest fellow?"

Black—"He may be. But you never see him without an umbrella."

Same Old Price. Hewitt—"A doctor is going to perform an operation on me tomorrow."

Jewett—"What for?"

Hewitt—"The usual rate—two hundred dollars."

Marked Down.

Ella—"Life is what we make it."

Stella—"But you make yours ten years less than it really is."

A Lady Bountiful.

Tramp—"Kin you give a poor feller a cold bite, mum?"
Housewife—"Yes. On your way out you'll find some icicles on the gate."

Bails 'Em Out. De Style—"Gotrox gets his chauffeurs from France; where do you get yours from?"

Gunbusta—"From the station-house, generally."

"Say, pa?"
"Well, what is it?"
"Can a near-sighted man have a faraway look in his eyes?"

Too Much for 'Em.

First Baseball Player—"We don't seem to be able to hit that country pitcher." Second Baseball Player—"No. he's got one of those 'rural free deliveries."

While those who gamble with the cards May win by trick unfair; The chess and checker players try To do thinks on the square.

Identity Revealed.

Visitor (surveying a canvas at the portrait painter's)—"What a queer getup. She'd have looked bad enough without doing her hair in that outlandish way. Who is the frump, anyway?"
The Artist—"My wife."

His Money's Worth.

"What's the matter, old chap? You look thin."

ook thin."
"I am. I've taken a bath every hour of the day and night for a week."
"What for?"
"I'm staying at a New York hotel where they charge me twelve dollars a day for a room with a bath, and that's the only way I can get even."

On 'Change.

"You say Smith leads a dual life?"
"Yes. He's a bull on the Stock Exchange and a bear at home."

A Period of Probation.

Bobbie (aged seven, concluding his evening prayer)—"And Dod b'ess papa an' mamma, an' sister Ellen, an'—an' Aunt Marjie—an' Buvver Bill—but I dess Buvver Bill better look out for hisself till he puts back the hole he kicked in my drum."

Arboreal Advice.

She—"Reginald, when you are gone from me I shall simply pine away."
He—"Ah, don't pine away, dear; spruce up!"

Landlord Ornithology.

Mrs. Gramercy—"New York landlords are getting very strict. A friend of mine couldn't even keep a parrot in her arrottent"

Mrs. Park—"Most of the landlords I've met seem to object more to the stork."

Degrees in Marriage.

"Papa, what is it when a man marries two wives?"
"Bigamy."
"And when he marries three is it trig-onometers."

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The Unadusterated Word.

"When de in-fiddle and de prognostic 'sail yo', muh friends," said good old Parson Bagster, in the course of a recent sermon, "don't extemporize wid 'em. Don't apologize for de faith dat am in yo', but dess give 'em de Word —de plain, unsophisticated Word wid de bark on! On'y dess yiste'day, down by de post office, I locks hawns wid a prognostic—one o' dese yuh half-educated yaller nuisances dat's puffed up like toad-fraugs uh-kase dey think dey's 'most white—and he wanted to 'spute about de Holy Scriptures. He don't b'lieve dis, he don't b'lieve dat, and he has grave doubts about de tudder. I dess cl'ars muh th'oat, I does, and says I:

"'Little man, down dar, how old is yo'?'
""Twenty-fo' yeahs, sah!' says he.

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"Twenty-fo' yeahs, sah!' says he.
"'Twenty-fo' yeahs, sah!' says he.
"'Uh-huh!' says I, dess like dat.
'Uh-huh! Yo' has been in de business of doubtin' de Lawd and his works for twenty-fo' yeahs, is yo'? Well-uh, de Lawd has done been uh-runnin' de universe twenty-fo' million yeahs, and den some; and does yo' reggin, little man, dat a newcomer like yo'se'f knows mo' about the operation of de great and mighty cataplasm of creation dan de Creator hisself?

"Well-uh, and yo' dess ort to seed him crumple up and crope off! Dat's de way to do it, muh bruddren and muh sistahs! When de prognostic 'sails yo', give him de Word, and give it to him loud and c'oase! De choir will now vociferate."

Ahead. Yet Behind.

The nervous foreigner got up and went back to the conductor of the

street car.
"Pardong, m'sieur," said he, "but zee "Pardong, m'sieur," said he, "but zee car, he run slow, and why, if you pleeze? Ees it not so?"
"Yep," replied the conductor. "We can't help it, though. You see, the car ahead is behind."
The foreigner's eyes opened wider. "Would you mind saying him again?" he asked, apologetically.
"I say," replied the conductor, louder than before, "that the car ahead is behind. See?"
The foreigner returned to his seat. "Zee car-r-r ahead, he ees behind?" said he to himself. "Most wonderful, most astonishing is zis country."

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One day an army chaplain saw a soldier of the name of MaDonnell making for the back door of a saloon.

"McDonnell!" the chaplain shouted—
"McDonnell! Oh, McDonnell!"

McDonnell turned, gave him a hasty look, frowned and darted into the bar.

The chaplain loitered outside the door till McDonnell came, forth again.

"McDonnell" he said reproachfully, "didn't you hear me calling you?"

"Yes, sir," McDonnell answered, "I did, but—but I only had the price of one drink."

Experience as a Teacher,

There were a number of the usual type of village loafers sunning themselves one day on and about the steps leading up to the general store in Springness. Among them was a seedy looking individual who said he came from Punkville, and he was telling of the many different occupations he had attempted during an apparently checkered career.

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"An' I tried schoolteachin' too." he ended triumphantly. "Yes, siree, I tried that, too."

"How long did you teach?" inquired an interested auditor.

"Wal, not long. I reely only went to teach."

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"Did you hire out?" persisted the

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"Did you hire out?" persisted the curious one.

"Wal, no. I did not hire out, I jus' went to hire out."

"Why did you give it up?"

"Wal, I give it up becus—you see I traveled to a place, an' I heard 'em say the schoolteacher was leavin', so, thinks I, I might as well do that as saw wood or mend tin pots; so I asked who to 'ply to, an' they told me to go t Trusty Sneckles. Wal, I looked him up, I told him my objec" and showed him my muskel, then I asked him would he let me try my hand on the unrooly boys of the deestrick. He wanted to know if I reely thought I wuz fit to tackle 'em, an' I told him I wouldn't mind his askin' me a few easy question in 'rithmetic an' jography, or I said I'd show him my han'writin'

"He said no, not to mind, he could always tell a reely good teacher by his gait. 'Let's ee you walk off a little ways,' sez he, 'an' I kin tell jes's well's if I'd examined you,' sez he.

"He sot down by his door as he spoke, so I turned kinder quick and walked off as smart as I knew how. He said he'd tell me when to stop, so I kep' on till I thought I'd gone far enough, then I looked around—the door was shet an' Sneckles was gone!"

"Did you go back?" chorused his audience.

"Wal, no, I didn't go back."

"Did you apply for another school?"

"No," said the gentleman from Punkstille."

"Wal, no, I didn't go back."
"Did you apply for another school?"
"No," said the gentleman from Punkville, "no, I didn't apply for another
school. I ruther judged thet mebby
my walk was agin' me!"

Leading Up Gradually.

"Beg pardon, sir," said the man in the suit of faded black, "but are you carrying all the life insurance you

want?"

"Yes, sir," answered the man at the desk. "I am."

"Could I interest you in a morocco bound edition of the works of William Makepeace Thackeray?"

"You could not."

"Don't you need a germ proof filter at your house?"

"I do not."

"Would you invest in a good second-hand typewriter if you could get it cheap?"

"I have no use for a typewriter."

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"Just so. Would an offer to supply
you with first-class Havana cigars at
\$10 a hundred appeal to you?"
"Not a cent's worth."
"How would a proposition to sell you
a Century dictionary, slightly shelf
worn, for only \$40 strike you?"
"It wouldn't come within 40 miles of
hitting me."

"That being the case," said the caller, "would you be willing to buy a 10 cent box of shoe polish just to get rid of me?"

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"Great Scott! Yes."
"Thanks. Good-day."

Where Man Would Be.

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A Detroit woman said of the late Gen. Russell A. Alger:
"In company with a half-dozen other women—a committee, in fact—I once waited on Gen. Alger to try and interest him in woman suffrage.
"He was interested. He admitted the truth of many of our arguments; but in the matter of supporting us he would not go as far as we wanted him to go.

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"One of the ladies got, I am afraid, a little over-excited. In her address to the General she imputed to woman more virtues than any merely human creature could possess. At the height

more virtues than any merely numan creature could possess. At the height of her eloquence Gen. Alger, chuckling, interrupted her.

"He said he had once attended a woman suffrage meeting where the lady lecturer on the platform had boasted about woman just as this lady was doing. The lecturer, he said ended a striking climax with the question:

"Where would man be if it had not been for woman?"

"She looked around the crowded hall. The silence was intense, her hand and cried again, impressively:

"I'repeat, where would man be if it had not been for woman?"

"Then a coarse voice from the rear replied:

"In Paradise, ma'am."

His Uncle Who Died Young.

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It was in the commercial room of a midland hotel. Longevity was the subject of conversation, when a gentleman—whoe nasal twang pronounced him as from across the Atlantic—joined in with the remark:

"I guess the climate in this island is dead against a long innings."

There were sounds of dissent. The American ignored the interruption and continued:

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