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Smiles

A little lad of our acquaintance recently discovered why the giraffe has such a long neck: "Cause his head is so far from his body," he explained, and none of us present could dispute it.—*Boston Transcript.*

A person was explaining the law of compensation to Patrick. Said he: "When a person is blind, his hearing is more acute."

"Oi see," said Pat, "O'i often noticed that if a man has one short leg the other is always longer."

Johnny, aged four, went into a near-by grocery and asked for a box of canary-seed.

"Is it for your mother?" asked the grocer.

"No, of course not," replied the little fellow. "It's for the bird."

"Why don't you go in?" asked one tramp of the other as they stood before the gate. "Dat dog's all right. Don't you see him waggin' his tail?"

"Sure I do," said the second tramp, "but he's a-growlin', too, and I don't know which end to believe."—*Advance.*

A census clerk found that the blank end on the heading "Age of father, if living," and "Age of mother, if living," had been filled with the figures 120 and 112.

"But your parents were never so old, were they?" asked the astonished clerk.

"No," was the reply, "but they would have been if livin'."

During the hearing of a lawsuit, the judge reproved a man for making unnecessary noise.

"Your Honor," was the reply, "I have lost my overcoat, and I am looking about to find it."

"Well, sir," said the judge, "people often lose whole suits here without making so much disturbance as that."—*Youth's Companion.*

Mr. Andrew Lang once collected mala-propisms. One of these is as follows:

Visitor—I am very sorry for the death of your poor aunt. A very aged woman she must have been.

The Bereaved Niece—Yes, ma'am. In two or three years she would have been a centurion.

Another is: Rural Parishioner (about to marry for the second time) to Congregational Friend—Well, I'm marrying for the sake of the bairns. If it was just maseel, I could e'en gang on being a celebrity.

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