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### A Reminder

The preacher in a small Virginia church had just announced his text, "Thou shalt not steal."

As he pronounced the words a burly negro in one of the rear benches slapped his knee vigorously.

After the sermon the preacher met his parishioner. "Allen," said he, "before my sermon, when I announced the text, 'Thou shalt not steal,' I noticed from the pulpit that you slapped your knee. Why did you do that?"

"I mean hesitated a moment before he replied. "You done reminded me, sah, to-morrow's our wedding anniversary, and I done promise Lize a chicken dinner."

### The Value of a Name

An English manufacturer who has just returned from a tour in Scotland, relates an amusing incident which occurred during his trip.

In a remote village in the lowlands he came across an inhabitant of such venerable appearance that he stopped to chat with him. "By the way, what is your name?" inquired the traveller.

"Robert Burns," was the answer. "Dear me, that's a very well-known name."  
"Nae doot it is, mon; I've been blacksmith in this village for nigh on sixty years."

This is something like the case of the woman who asked what monument it was that she saw in the Allan Gardens, Toronto.

On being told that it was a statue of Burns, she replied:

"O yes, I have bought many a ton of coal from him."

### First Prize for Laziness.

President Clowry of the Western Union Telegraph Company holds that laziness, more than anything else, is responsible for the failures that men and women make of their lives.

"Take the tramp," said President Clowry one day. "What is the tramp's dominant trait? Is it not laziness? You may say the tramp is fond of liquor. Well, I answer that he is fonder of idleness. He could swim in liquor if he would work for it. But he will not work."

"All failures are lazy. But the latest failure is the tramp. A tramp knocked at the back door of my cousin's farm in Vermont one hot afternoon.

"'Lady,' he said to the cook, 'will ye spare a poor feller a drink of water?'"

"'Certainly,' she answered. 'Here's a tumbler, and there's the pump.'"

"'Thank you, kindly,' said the tramp. 'And now, if you'll just work the handle we shan't be long.'"

### The Winter Term

From January 3rd, the Winter Term in the well-known Central Business College of Toronto will continue until the Easter holidays. This is the term usually taken advantage of by teachers who decide to qualify for some more lucrative employment, and also by farmers' sons who determine to prepare themselves for the business end of their profession. The College referred to has added four members to its previous staff of eighteen teachers, and is making special preparation for the increased attendance of the Winter Session.

A postal addressed to the Principal, Mr. W. H. Shaw, will bring full particulars.

In a Liverpool school lately a number of scholars were asked to explain the meaning of "righteous indignation." One little chap replied: "Being angry without swearing."

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