

In Lighter Vein

Forearmed.—"More tough luck," whispered his wife.
 "Well, what now?" he muttered.
 "You know Miss Green never sings without her music?"
 "Yes."
 "Well, she's brought her music."—
 Detroit Free Press.

Now We Know.—True courage is that noble quality of mind which makes us forget how afraid we are.—Puck.

In Hawaii.—Servants in the Sandwich Islands have a curious habit, says a lady writer, of calling their employers by their first names. Hers, she adds, was always saying, "Yes, John," to her husband, and "Very well, Mary," to her.

When we got a new cook I told my husband to avoid calling me "Mary," so that the cook, not knowing my name, would have to say "missus" to me. So John always called me "sweetheart" or "deary," never Mary.

One day we had some officers to dinner, and I told them of the rule I had adopted, and added, "By this servant, at least, you won't hear me called Mary."

Just then the new cook entered the room. He bowed, and said to me, "Sweetheart, the dinner is served."

"What?" I stammered, aghast at his familiarity.

"Dinner is served, deary," answered the new cook.

An Old Hand.—Owner of Apartment House—"Is the new janitor experienced?"

Agent—"You bet he is! He wasn't on the job half an hour before all the bells and speaking tubes were out of commission."—Life.

Evidently.—Teacher—"What is a vacuum?"

Boy—"I know, teacher. I have it in my head, but I can't just think of it."—Brooklyn Life.

Conversely.—Two doctors met for the first time at a reception. Both were famous, though each adopted a different system of treatment. Said the one, loftily, as he shook the other by the hand, "I am glad to meet you as a gentleman, sir, though I can't admit that you are a physician." "And I," said the other smiling faintly, "am glad to meet you as a physician, though I can't admit that you are a gentleman."

Wiser Now.

HE knew so much of women's ways!

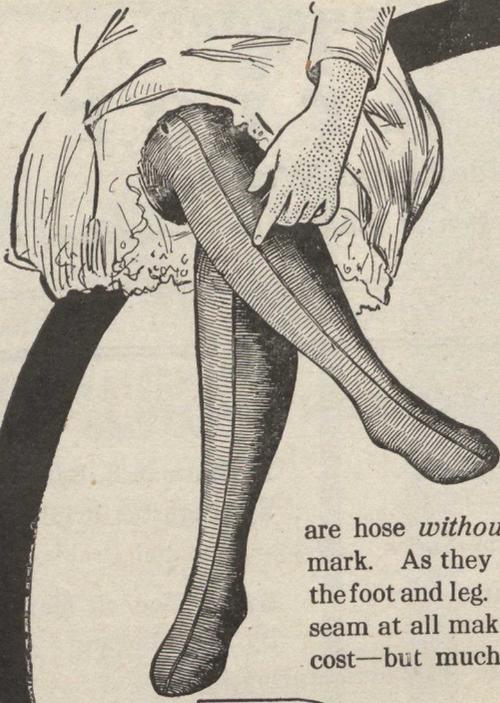
We listened to him in amaze,
 For he could talk for days and days
 Of woman—well he knew her!
 But, though we see him every day,
 Now not a single word he'll say;
 He's lost his old bold, boastful way—
 You see, he's married to her.
 —Lippincott's Magazine.

The Retort Courteous.—A minister, preaching long and loud, but failing nevertheless to interest his congregation, was surprised to find that one old man was sitting with his eyes closed.

"Will someone kindly wake Mr. Brown?" said the parson, "he's asleep."
 Mr. Brown opened his eyes, and, looking steadfastly at the minister, said, "Oh, no, he's not. He only wishes he were!"—Bristol Observer.

Advising the Court.—A coloured man was brought before a police judge charged with stealing chickens. He pleaded guilty and received sentence, when the judge asked him how it was he managed to lift those chickens right under the window of the owner's house when there was a dog in the yard.

"Hit wouldn't be of no use, judge," said the man, "to try to 'splane dis ting to you all. Ef you was to try it you like as not would get yer hide full o' shot an' git no chickens, nuther. Ef you want to engage in any rascality, judge, yo' bettah stick to de bench, whar yo' am familiar."—Chicago Record-Herald.



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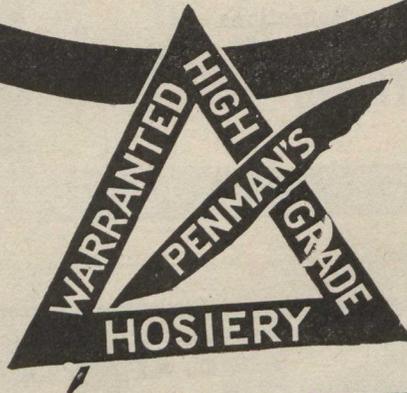
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