

The Wisdom of Solomon.

Abraham—"You veel be baptize nex' week, I understan?" Dat ees de record."

Solomon—"Ya-es, dat ees chust so."

Abraham—"Ah, me! de poor parents of you veel turn in der grabes ven dey 'ear such a ding."

Solomon—"Oh, I veex dat all right, Abraham. You know, mine broder, he's get baptize de week after, an' den doan you see, dey veel turn back aga-ain."

The Grocer Understood.

She was newly married and did not know a little bit about either house-keeping or shopping, and was giving her first order. It was a crusher; but the grocer was a man used to all kinds of orders, and could interpret them easily.

"I want ten pounds of paralyzed sugar," she began, with a business-like air.

"Yes'm. Anything else?"

"Two tins of condensed milk."

"Yes'm; anything else?"

He set down pulverized sugar and condensed milk.

"Anything more, ma'am?"

"A bag of fresh salt. Be sure it is fresh."

"Yes'm. What next?"

"A pound of desecrated codfish."

He wrote glibly, "dessicated cod-fish."

"Nothing more, ma'am? We have some nice horseradish just in."

"No," she said, "it would be of no use to us. We don't keep a horse."

Would Have Done the Same.

Rudyard Kipling undoubtedly got his wit from his maternal grandfather, the Rev. George B. Macdonald, a Wesleyan clergyman.

It is related of this gentleman that in the days when he was courting the lady whom he afterwards married, the father-in-law to be—an aged Methodist with extremely strict notions in regard to the proprieties—was injudicious enough on one occasion to enter the parlor without giving any warning of his approach. The consequence was that he found the sweethearts occupying a single chair.

Deeply shocked by this spectacle, the old man solemnly said:

"Mr. Macdonald, when I was courting Mrs. Brown, she sat on one side of the room and I on the other."

Macdonald's reply was:

"That's what I should have done if I had been courting Mrs. Brown."

Not Playing Fair.

Mike McCarty and Jacob Schmidt were fishing from a pier one day, and finally one of them bet the other \$10 that he would catch the first fish. The other took the bet, and the two kept on fishing earnestly until noon. It was a warm day, and Schmidt, overcome by the heat, fell overboard into the water. This aroused McCarty, who also was dozing. "If you're going to dive for him, the bet's off," he said to his companion struggling in the water.

Cannon's Autobiography.

Speaker Cannon's autobiography in the Congressional Directory takes up only eight lines. There are not a few members who fill nearly an entire page with their sketches. Of course, they are not the Speaker and are not likely to be. So they have to tell who they are. All the sketches of the members are written by themselves, and they generally reflect the character of the author. "Uncle Joe's" surely does. On one occasion Speaker Cannon was asked for an authentic autobiography of himself, and this is what he said: "Mr. Cannon was born of God-fearing and man-loving parents. He made himself and he did a darn poor job of it."

No Need to Worry.

Anxious Mother—"Why, Johnny, what has become of your baby sister?"

Johnny—"I dunno."

Anxious Mother—"But she was here in the room with you a few minutes ago."

Johnny—"Well, don't worry about her. I guess you'll find her when you sweep."

Paying the Penalty.

U. S. Senator Tillman, attacking a certain measure, said: "The penalty this measure imposes is unjust. It makes the offender pay twice. It is like an incident that occurred one night in a Pennsylvania restaurant. A patron, dining with his wife, said to the waiter: 'Waiter, one item is wrong here. We didn't have three plates of soup. We only had two.' 'Pardon me, boss,' said the waiter. 'You forgot the plate that I spilled over the lady's dress.'"

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