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### A Case of Blind Faith

The head of a well-known theological college once delivered a sermon on "Faith." He spoke of the blind faith of the client who puts himself at the mercy of a lawyer in preparing an action for trial, and of the confidence of the sick in entrusting themselves to the physician.

"A case of blind faith," said the clergyman. "The doctor writes out the prescription. Oftener than not you cannot read it; you don't know what it is. He tells you to take it if you're not to reason why, yours but to do and die."

Whether or not the preacher meant it, there was a distinct ripple throughout the congregation.

### An Elephantine Introduction

Sometimes introductory remarks are unintentionally very funny. When Dr. John Henry Barrows was in India delivering his lectures on Christianity, he was once introduced by a highly educated native in this unique fashion:

"For me to introduce the lecturer of the evening is like a mosquito presenting an elephant."

A year or two ago, a Cleveland, O., pastor went to a church in Allegheny, Penn., to hold a month's series of evangelistic meetings. The minister of the church introduced him to his congregation by saying: "I am delighted to present to you Brother Blank, a successful pastor and an eloquent speaker. He will now preach to us for a month."—*Ex.*

### Hard on the Judge

A well-known judge delights in telling the following story:

An old Quaker woman was a witness in a case being tried before him. She wore a big poke-bonnet, which muffled her ears and prevented her hearing the lawyer's questions. Finally the lawyer appealed to the judge and he ordered her to remove the bonnet.

"I'll do no such thing!" she said tartly.

"I am accustomed to having my will respected," said the judge.

"Well, I don't care if there are a judge, that bonnet stays right where it is."

"Perhaps, madam, the judge put on it ironically, "you would like to take my place as judge, too, eh?"

"Not a bit of it!" she shot out.

"There are enough old women on the bench as it is."

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