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### A Gift

A Lancashire vicar was asked by the choir to call upon old Betty, who was deaf, but who insisted in joining in the solo of the anthem, and to ask her only to sing in the hymns. He shouted into her ear: "Betty! I've been requested to speak to you about your singing." At last she caught the word "singing," and replied: "Not to me be the praise, sir; it's a gift."

### One for Scotland

When Nelson's famous signal—"England expects every man to do his duty"—was given at Trafalgar, a Scottish sailor complained to a fellow-countryman, "No a word o' pur auld Scotland." "Hoots, Sandy," answered his friend, "the admiral kens that every Scotsman will do his duty. He's just giving the Englishers a hint."

### Quite Reasonable

Two Irishmen were digging a sewer. One of them was a big, strong man about six feet four inches in height, and the other one was a little, puny man about four feet six inches. The foreman came along to see how the work was progressing, and noticed that one of them was doing more work than the other. "Look here," he cried, "how is it that little Dennis Dugan, who is only half your size, is doing nearly twice as much work as you, Patrick?" Glancing down to his partner, Pat replied: "And why shouldn't he, ain't he nearer to it?"

### The Power of Flattery

"Really, Jane," said Mrs. Simperton to her maid, who was not consumed with an overwhelming desire to work hard, "you are the laziest girl I ever knew! You can't even do what you're told. I don't think you have one redeeming quality. You must leave on the first of next month."

"Law, mum," said Jane, who knew that her mistress was not proof against flattery, "ow can I do me work when I 'ear you a-singing and a-playin' on the piano that beautiful that I simply can't 'elp stoppin' to listen to you? It ain't my fault that I love good music!"

"That will do, Jane! You may stay!"

### The Host Was Pleased

"Edward Everett Hale," said a lawyer, "was one of the guests at a millionaire's dinner."

"The millionaire was a free spender, but he wanted full credit for every dollar put out."

"And, as the dinner progressed, he told his guests what the more expensive dishes had cost. He dwelt especially on the expense of the large and beautiful grapes, each bunch a foot long, each grape bigger than a plum. He told, down to a penny, what he had figured it out the grapes had cost him apiece."

"The guests looked annoyed. They ate the expensive grapes charily. But Dr. Hale, smiling, extended his plate and said:

"Would you mind cutting me off about \$1.37 worth more, please?"