



My kingdom! what a gus' ob win' dis is! Spec' dar am a slycone gwine ter strike.



Dar! Dat was a slycone, shuah! I nebber sposed dey struck all in one spot like dat yet.

DON'T USE THESE WORDS.

Cute, for acute.
 Party, for person.
 Depot, for station.
 Promise, for assure.
 Posted, for informed.
 Stopping, for staying.
 Like I do, for as I do.
 Feel badly, for feel bad.
 First-rate, as an adverb.
 Healthy, for wholesome.
 Try and do, for try to do.
 These kind, for this kind.
 Cunning, for small, dainty.
 Funny, for odd or unusual.
 Guess, for suppose or think.
 Fix, for arrange or prepare.
 Just as soon, for just as lief.
 Had rather, for would rather.
 Had better, for would better.
 Right away, for immediately.
 Between seven, for among seven.
 Not as good as, for not so good as.
 Some ten days, for about ten days.
 The matter of, for the matter with.
 Not as I know, for not that I know.
 Somebody else's, for somebody's else.
 Kind of, to indicate a moderate degree.
 Storms, for it rains or snows moderately.
 Above, for foregoing, more than, or beyond.
 Try an experiment, for make an experiment.
 More than you think for, for more than you think.

A Boston woman, when writing to invite a friend to dine with her, does not dare to affix "N. B." to her letter, lest it be interpreted "no beans."

An austere-looking lady walked into a furrier's recently and said to the yellow-headed clerk: "I would like to get a muff." "What fur?" demanded the clerk. "To keep my hands warm," exclaimed the lady.
 "That man who has just passed us," remarked Brown to Robinson, "I have met several times, and, if he notices you at all, he looks you square in the face. I like that style of man." "Yes," replied Robinson, "he is a barber and probably wants to see if you don't want a shave."

We walked together side by side
 One perfect autumn night;
 This dull world seemed like paradise
 Bathed in the soft moonlight.

Upon my arm her little hand
 Lay lightly, and a thrill
 Of keen delight sent through me, as
 A soft touch sometimes will.

I drew her closer to my side;
 For why should I disguise
 The love I felt since first I looked
 Into her deep gray eyes.

I saw the moon's rays softly kiss
 Her lovely upturned face.
 And I,—well what would you have done
 If you'd been in my place?

ALEX-AND-HER.

There was a chap who kept a store,
 And though there might be grander,
 He sold his goods to all who came,
 And his name was Alexander.

He mixed his goods with cunning hand—
 He was a skillful brander;
 And, since his sugar was half sand,
 They called him Alex-Sander.

He had his dear one, to her came,
 Then lovingly he scanned her:
 He asked her would she change her name,
 Then a ring did Alex-hand-her.

"Oh, yes," she said with smiling lip,
 "If I can be commander!"
 And so they framed a partnership
 And called it Alex-and-her.

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