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## An Embarrassing Question

The first slice of goose had been cut, and the minister of the Zion Church looked at it with as keen anticipation as was displayed in the faces round him. "Dat's as fine a goose as I ever saw, Brudder Winliams," he said to his host. "Where did you get such a fine one?" "Well, now, Mistah Rawley," said the carver of the goose, with a sudden access of dignity, " when you preach a special good sermon, I never axes you where you got it. Seems to me dat's a triv'al matter, anyway."

## Graduated

A young business man of New York, who has not long been married, was greeted by his wife one evening with the joyful announcement that she had that afternoon received a diploma from the cooking school, at which she had been an assiduous student.
Evidently the husband did not exhibit that degree of enthusiasm in the matter that she expected, for the young wife said, in a disappointed tone: "Aren't you glad that I have been enrolled as a competent cook? Just see, I've prepared this whole dinner ! I gave espoctal attention to this dish here. Guess what it is !" As she spoke the husband had endeavored to masticate a particularly tough piece of the contents of the dish referred to. Seeing his look of wonder, the young wife again playfully said, "Guess what it is ?"
"I don't know," responded the husband uncertainly. "Is it the diploma?"

The Nutmeg and the Bishop
The late Bishop Green, on one of his diocesan visitations, stopped with an old friend at Sewanee, Tenn.

At the early supper of the South, always a most informal meal, the bishop sald he would have nothing but a dish of bonny-clabber, a little nutmeg sprinkled over.
" There ain't a bit of nutmeg in the house," exclaimed the mald when the request was repeated to her.
"Dear me," said the hostess, sotto voce ; "go to Mrs. Darlington, next door, and ask her to lend me a nutmeg."
Mrs. Darlington also was "out" of nutmeg.
"Then go to Mrs. Harding, on the other side-we can't all be out at once."

The hostess kept up a rapid fire of bright talk to cover the hiatus in the service until the maid appeared with the desired dish.
"What an addition is the little sprinkle of nutmeg," said the bishop; "what a fine relish it glves."

When the guest had retired, the mistress sald to the mald :
" Go to the supply store the first thing in the morning and get nutmegs, and return, the nutmeg to Mrs. Harding and-"
"But Mrs. Harding was out of nutmegs, too."
"Then where did you get any ?"
"La, miss, I was dat worried out dat I des tuck a wooden handle to a ole shoebuttoner an' grated it on."

And the bishop had relished it. So much for the power of suggestion !Martha Young, in Lippincott's.

