

Tom: "You are laying in an unusually large supply of coal this year, aren't you, Dick?" Dick: "Yes; you see I bought one of those patent fuel saving stoves."

A little girl spent the afternoon at her grandmother's. When she came home her mother asked: "Have you been a good girl, dear?" "Not so very," answered the truthful little one; "but, oh, I've had lots of fun!"

Tommy (anticipating things): "I wasn't at school yesterday, Miss Bangs." His teacher (very severely): "No, you were not." Tommy (decisively): "Miss Bangs, I've got to turn over a new leaf or get into trouble."

"Don't you find life a good deal of a grind, Count Spaghetti?" "I used to," replied the Count, as he let his mind revert to the days when he and his monkey worked eight hours a day to gratify the public taste for music.

"What were you laughing at so loudly this evening?" asked Mrs. Brown, when her husband came upstairs to bed. "I was telling that old schoolmate of mine a very funny story." "But I didn't hear him laugh." "No," growled the old man, "that fellow is an ass."

A young travelling man had been going to see a young lady for a good while, and had just proposed to her for the seventeenth time. "Can you take no for an answer?" she enquired, in a tone that showed decided annoyance. "No, not exactly," he replied, meekly. "But I'll try to get along with it till you can give a better one."

Magazine editor: "Did you pay the artist who illustrated the great poem, 'Christmas Chimes,' on our first page?" Secretary: "Yes, sir. Sent him a cheque for \$250." "Good. How much did you pay the engraver?" "I sent him \$75." "Yes. Is there any money left?" "About seventeen cents." "Very well. Send it to the man who wrote the poem."

Speaking of thankfulness, old Polydore, one of the patriarchs of a South Carolina plantation, had a great many aches and pains, but when asked how he was, invariably answered: "I'se chock full o' misery, massa, t'ank de Lord, t'ank de Lord!" Somebody asked him one day what he thanked the Lord for and he replied. "Case you been so bleegin' as to ask about it, massa."

"Tacky" is a new word which has just found its way into the American language. Its origin is obscure, and the efforts of several Eastern papers that have devoted themselves to the subject have thus far failed to reveal it. The meaning, however, is well defined. "Tacky" means any person or anything in bad form. Persons that are a little "off" in the social scale are "tacky." An inferior actor or play is "tacky."



EXTENUATING.

YOUNG RECTOR: You go to the Kindergarten, little girl?

LITTLE GIRL: Yeth, thir.

RECTOR: There are many little boys and girls at the Kindergarten?

L. G.: Yeth, thir.

RECTOR: I hope they are very good, and never say or do anything naughty?

L. G.: Well, thir, Johnny Sharp did thay that Harry Brown with a blamed fool, but then he ith, you know?



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