

Lady in mourning hands a message to the telegraph office: "Dear Uncle John has just died. He left us everything. Come immediately." Telegraph official—That is two words too many. A single-price message is limited to ten words. *Lady* in mourning—Well, strike out the last word and the first.

Man (to friend)—"I have a supreme contempt for that fellow Johnson." Friend—"Why so?" *Man*—"Because he played me a contemptible trick. I took him a petition the other day and—" Friend—"And he refused to sign it, eh?" *Man*—"Oh, no, but he insisted upon reading it before he put his name down."—*Arkansas Traveller*.

"No, George," she said, "I cannot marry you. I shall always esteem you as a friend, but I cannot be your wife." George hesitated. "Clara," he said, brokenly, "will you grant me one favor before I go away forever?" "Yes, George," she replied kindly. "What is it?" "Please put your refusal down on paper. I'll feel safer."—*Harper's Bazar*.

Teacher of arithmetic class—Suppose Jack hands you a nickel, to pay you a cent: what would be left? *Jim*—Nothing. *Teacher*—But he owes you a cent and he gives you five cents. Something must be left. *Jim*—He owes me six cents. *T.*—Suppose, then, he hands you ten cents. What's left? *J.* (with glee)—Jack would be left.—*Ex.*

Clerk—Could I have a week's vacation, sir? *Employer*—On what ground, sir? *Clerk*—Oh, a family matter. Really, I ought to go. *Employer*—A near relative? *Clerk*—Yes, sir, quite near. *Employer*—Well, I am sorry. But then you had better go. When will the funeral take place? It isn't a funeral exactly. I was going to be married, sir.

Teacher of mythology—Now we come to goddesses. Name one. *Miss Gray*—Ceres. *T. m.*—What goddess was she? *Miss Black*—Grecian. *T. m.*—And goddess of what? *Miss White*—Of marriage. *T. m.*—Of marriage? How do you make that out? *Miss White*—Well, my book says that Ceres was the goddess of husbandry.

Young Mr. Callowstuf (rusticating from Magdalen, Oxford) to *Miss Hypatia Coshin* (late of Gilton)—No, but they tell me there are some quite old women at Gilton—now, is that so, really, you know? *Miss Hypatia Coshin* (handsome and over twenty-nine)—In my time I think the eldest would be about thirty. *Mr. C.*—That's what I mean, don't you know? And did they go in for exams., and schools, and triposes and things? *Miss H. C.*—Certainly they did! *Mr. C.*—Plucky old things.—*Punch*.

A brakeman was sitting on a bench at the Austin International depot, when *Gus de Smith*, who was going off on the train, strolled up and began to talk with him. "I suppose when a man has been a brakeman on the railroad for years he gets to be perfectly fearless?" "That's about the size of it, mister; I've got to be so reckless that I'd just as lief as not lie down on the track in front of a locomotive." "You don't tell me so!" "Of course, I wouldn't do it if there was any fire under the boiler. I'm no darned fool if I am a reckless, harum scarum sort of a dare devil."—*Texas Siftings*.

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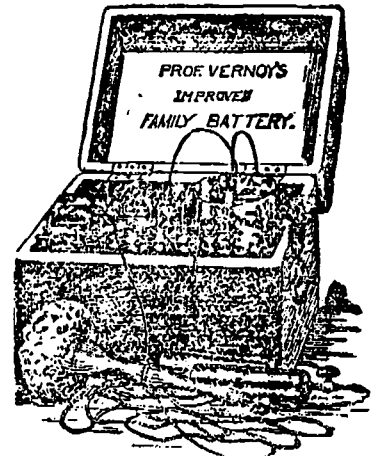
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