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### What Pious Means

The class was learning grammar.

"Now," said the teacher, "can anyone give me a word ending with 'ous,' meaning full of, as in 'dangerous,' full of danger, and 'hazardous,' full of hazard."

There was silence in the class for a moment. Then a boy sitting in the front row put out his hand.

"Well, John," said the teacher, "what is your word?"

"Please, sir," came the reply, "pious, full of pie."

### Operating for the Musical Touch

A baseball player had two fingers of his right hand pretty badly banged up in practice, and on his way home from the grounds he dropped into a doctor's office to have them attended to.

"Doctor," he asked anxiously as he was leaving, "when this paw of mine heels will I be able to play the piano?"

"Certainly you will," the doctor assured him.

"Well, then, you're a wonder, doc. I never could before."—*Everybody's Magazine.*

### It Smelt Older

A celebrated ambassador, speaking to a party of visitors to Rome, praised the well-known American veneration for antiquity.

"It is seldom enough," he said, "that we find an American plegmatic before the treasures of Rome's past. I have found only one such person. He is a Southerner, and I gave a day to showing him about. The first church we visited was, I think, the Ara Coeli, on the Capitoline Hill.

"This church, Calhoun," said I, "is eight hundred years old."

"Humph," said he, "it smells a lot older."

### Doing Her Best

The late Dean Hole used to tell of a clergyman who, visiting some of his parishioners, came across a woman whose husband was seriously ill.

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