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"You've described your wife's pug dog all right," observed the advertising clerk, running his eye over the three-line "want," "but you haven't stated where you wish the answer sent."

"There won't be any answer," the man said, with the grim smile of one who knew what he was talking about.

**Definition by Example.**

An old Scotch farmer, being elected a member of the school board, visited the school and tested the intelligence of the class by his questions. His first inquiry was:

"Noo, boys, can any o' you tell me what 'naething' is?"

After a moment's silence a small boy in a back seat arose and replied:

"It's what ye gie me t'other day for haudin' yer horse!"

**Disheartening.**

Even the clergyman, noble and inspiring as his vocation is, has now and then his bad moments.

"Oh, sir," said a poor woman to a Scotch minister, who was by no means a popular preacher, "well do I like the day when you give us the sermon."

"Indeed," said the minister, flushing with pleasure, "I wish there were more like you, my good woman; it is seldom I hear such words from any one."

"Maybe their hearing's stronger than mine, sir," said the woman promptly, "but when you preach I can always get a good seat."

**Definition of a Lady.**

A child's definition of a lady is given in the following clipping, taken from *The Youth's Companion*:

A little girl from a crowded tenement house was delightedly telling a friend in the College Settlement about her new teacher. She's just a perfect lady. That's what she is," said the child.

"Huh! How do you know she's a perfect lady?" questioned her friend.

"You've known her only two days."

"It's easy enough telling," was the indignant answer. "I know she's a perfect lady because she makes me feel polite all the time."

**His "Disease."**

It is indeed a relief to know that poetry has at last been classified. The *Washington Post* tells a story of some children who were discussing the perfections and usefulness of their respective fathers.

"My father's the best man in the world," said one little girl. "He is a minister. He makes people go to church."

"Mine is the best," piped up another. "He's a doctor. He makes sick people well, so they can go to church."

Three or four more enlarged upon the benefit of the world derived from their fathers, and it finally came to the turn of a sweet, blue-eyed little girl.

"My papa's the best of all," she said. "He's a poet."

"A poet?" said another, joining the group. "Why, a poet isn't a profession! It's a disease."

**Very Obliging.**

"Twenty minutes for refreshments!" bawled the conductor as he passed down the aisle. The little girl with the black-berry jam on her chin plucked him by the sleeve. "You needn't stop the train on our account," she said, timidly. "We're going to eat ours right here in the car."

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