

QUIPS AND CRANKS.

"When Bishop Berkely said there was no matter, was no matter what he said"—Lord Byron.

Now, children, you must be very good to-day, for your father has hurt his hand and if you are naughty he cannot whip you. —Fliegende Blaetter.

Editor (to aspiring writer): You should write so that the most ignorant can understand what you mean.

Aspirant: Well, what part of my paragraph don't you understand?

Wife: I am going to call you "hubby" for short.

Husband: I am glad of that.

Wife: Why?

Husband: I'm glad you're not going to call me "hubby" for long.

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Mrs. Flash: It's of no consequence; don't apologise.

Flash Junior (aged five): No don't matter it's only a borrowed one? Ain't it, ma?

Maud: Sir! What do you mean by kissing me?

Snooks (embarrassed): I'm very sorry, I'm sure.

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