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**MILK IN CHUNKS**  
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The children in Irkutsk, instead of crying for a drink of milk, cry for a bite of milk.

The people in winter do not say, "Be careful not to spill the milk," but "Be careful not to break the milk."

Broken milk is better than spilled milk, though, because there is an opportunity to save the pieces.

A quart of frozen milk on a stick is a very formidable weapon in the hand of an angry man or boy, as it is possible to knock a person down with it.

### THE AUTO FIEND

I do not own an auto gay that rushes madly down the way, and eats up distance like some guy before a home-made apple pie. I am glad, indeed, no woman's breath can say I've scared her half to death by whizzing past at dizzy pace, as if in a long-distance race. I never got the fever yet; thank God. I never will, you bet!

For what with bills for tire or spoke, it even keeps the rich man broke. And then there's a bill for each repair that make a beacon want to swear; and, gee, the gasoline 'twill drink would put old Rocky out the blink!—Oh, no, I want no motor car to joggle, jounce, and jump and jar, and shake your nerves and molar loose, and cut up like the very deuce, and leave you stranded when you'll balk, so that you must climb out and walk. Stick to your auto if you will but good old Dolbin suits me still!—Los Angeles Express.

### HARD TIMES

Jack Sprat could eat no fat.  
His wife could eat no lean,  
So in the happy days of yore  
They licked the platter clean.

But now for neither fat nor lean  
Can poor Jack find  
The means;  
They neither eat a bit of meat  
But both go in for beans.

But I have known two old and twisted hands,  
With knotted veins, and fingers bent with work,  
No grace of form is left to those worn frames.

Wherein the hidden grace of life doth lurk.  
But thin, and cramped, and old,  
They on them bear the scars of those who toil and struggle much.

The patient strength of all the earth is theirs.  
And tenderness untold is in their touch.

The hands of youth are white and soft with ease,  
But God hath clasped such twisted hands as those.  
—Smith College Monthly.

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**Irkutsk people** hang their milk on hooks instead of putting it in pails, as the milk begins to melt.—The Christian Era (Lewiston, Wyo.).

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