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Cholly Five O'clock—"How would you—aw—like to own a little—aw—puppy, Miss Fourleaf?" Miss Fourleaf—"This is so sudden!"

Sinful Waste.—Doctor: You have only two days to live. Isaacstein: O, Vader Abraham! Ant I shust hat gold fillings put in my teet' last week.

He—"Now, darling, I shall go and ask your father for you." She—"He won't give his consent." He—"How do you know?" She—"Because four or five have tried it before you."

Two points of view.—Wilkins: "I am a most unfortunate man, and I fear that I shall never obtain my deserts." Watson: "Why, you should esteem yourself very lucky if you don't."

"Now, you will have to ask papa for his consent," said Miss Willing to her accepted suitor. "Oh, yes! Certainly!" replied Jack Coy. "Of course! Er—has he a telephone at his office?"

A Bad Appetite.—Squire (who has invited tenant to lunch): Will you have a little fowl, Mr Stubbins? Stubbins: I am not over hungry, zur, but if the fowl be a very small 'un, I dare say I can manage 'un.

"Let us give Mrs. Manhattan a pie knife for a silver wedding present," said the Chicago mother to her daughter. "Oh, mar, I wouldn't," exclaimed the daughter; "they don't eat pie with a knife in New York."

In a Country Train.—Passenger (shouting to guard): Why do we stop here? There is no station. What has happened? Guard: Nothing, sir. The engine-driver allowed the whistle to blow too long, so that he has no steam now!

Mrs. Smith: I think it is dreadful that your divorce laws in America should be so much more lenient than they are in England. Mr. Van Rensselaer: "Well, you see, my dear madam, in England divorce is a luxury—while with us it is—er—a necessity!"

Heartless—"Maria," said Mr. Billus, as he put on his hat preparatory to starting down town, "I wish you would see that the kitchen girl doesn't use kerosene for making fires any more. We could replace the girl easily enough but kerosene costs money now."

He: Is it really true that Japanese fashions are to be all the rage this season? She: Well, that's what everybody said. But now, I fancy, we shall have to go in for the Chinese, out of sympathy with poor Li Hung Chang. So very annoying, just as I had ordered the trottiest new frocks imaginable!

He went to see the play,
For his seat gave a dollar;
But the stage was shut off
By a chappie's high collar.

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