

Lesson in Subtraction

A teacher in a Western public school was giving her class the first lesson in subtraction.

"Now in order to subtract," she explained, "things have to always be of the same denomination. For instance, we couldn't take three apples from four pears, nor six horses from nine dogs.

A hand went up in the back part of the room.

"Teacher," shouted a small boy, "can't you take four quarts of milk from three cows?"

The Bishop and the Waffles

It would indeed be a queer bishop who could not tell a good story on himself. The late Bishop Dudley, of Kentucky, was wont to relate with much relish an interesting experience which he once had in connection with waffles.

At a fine old Virginia homestead where he was a frequent guest the waffles were always remarkably good.

One morning, as breakfast drew near an end, the tidy little linen-coated black boy who served at table approached Bishop Dudley and asked in a low voice: "Bishop, won't y' have 'er waffle?"

"Yes," said the genial bishop, "I believe I will."

"Dey ain' no mo'," then said the nice little black boy.

"Well," exclaimed the surprised reverend gentleman, "if there aren't any more waffles, what made you ask me if I wanted another one?"

"Bishop," explained the little black boy, "you's done et ten a'ready, an' I 'tought y' wouldn't want no mo'."—Lil-plincott's.

A Sense of Humor Helps Work

Miss Agnes Weston, the world famous worker among sailors, was chatting to me about her wonderful work among seamen.

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"Let me give you an instance. A lady who was helping me was most eager to give away tracts on every possible and impossible occasion. She began by distributing them while the men were having a meal. I pointed out to her that we would not care to be interrupted at our meals in this way, and that she must try and discover some other method. Well, she painted a nice illuminated card with the words, 'Please take one,' and placed it over a box of tracts near the buffet counter. One of the first sailors who entered the buffet saw the card, and transferred it quietly to a pile of tracts on the counter. His mates came with a rush into the buffet, eager for their food, and, seeing the invitation to 'Please take one,' they cleared the dish before the astonished assistant behind the counter was aware of it.

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