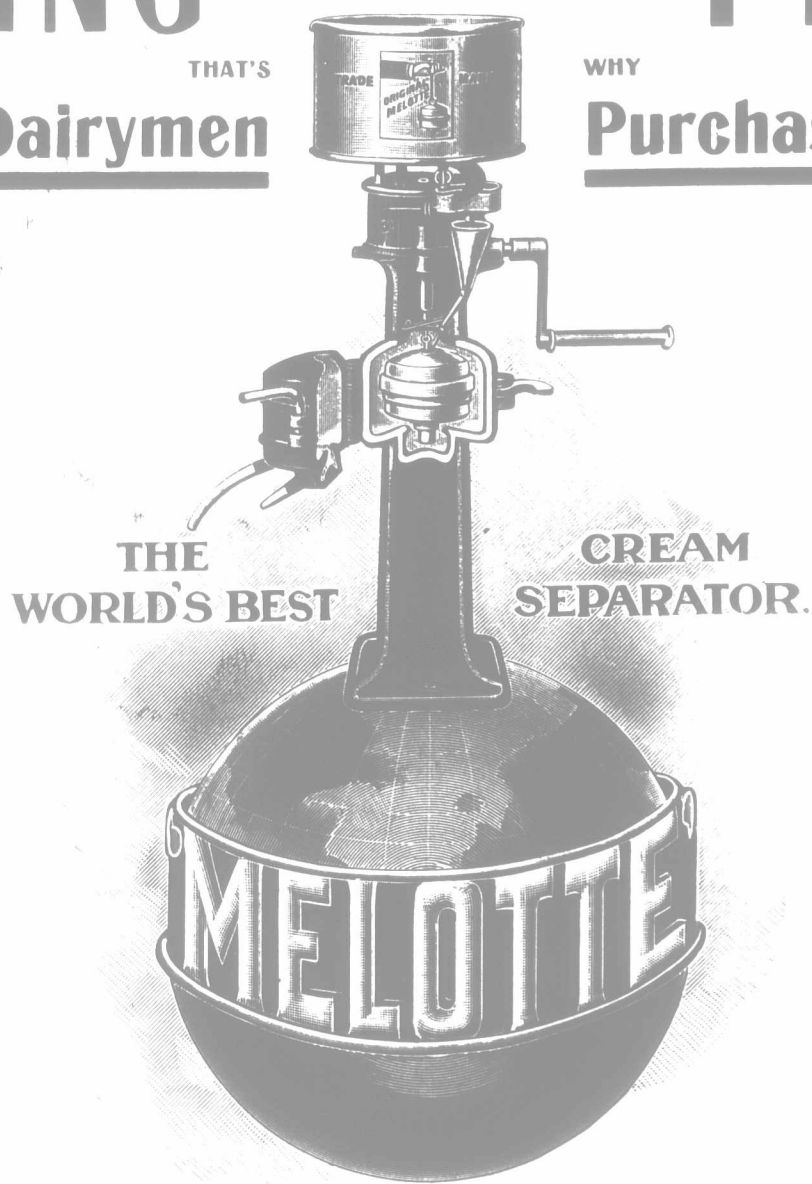


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SEVERAL OF THEM.  
"If your son asked for bread, would you give him a stone?"  
"No, but I might if he asked for a piece of cherry pie."  
Johnny—Hooray! Tommy—What yer so happy about? Johnny—I don't hafter go to school to-day. Tommy—Chee, y're lucky! W'y dontcher? Johnny—I gotta go to th' dentist's an have three teeth pulled.

"A high financier should be something of an economist, should he not?" I don't think so," answered Mr. Dustin Stax. "The object of an economist is to see what he can get along with; that of a high financier is to see what he can get away with."

A tourist while travelling in the north of Scotland, far away from anywhere, exclaimed to one of the natives: "Why, what do you do when any of you are ill? You can never get a doctor."  
"Nae, sir," replied Sandy. "We've jist to dee a natural death."

In a certain small city there was an Episcopal church, which had two mission chapels, commonly known as the East-end Mission and the North-end Mission, from the parts of the city where they were respectively located. One day the rector gave out the notices, in his most distinguished manner, as follows:  
"There will be a service at the North-end Mission at three o'clock, and at the East-end at five. Children will be baptized at both ends."

Teacher—Johnny, what is the meaning of the word "procrastinate"? Pupil—To put off. Teacher—Right. Use it in an ordinary sentence. Pupil—The brakeman procrastinated the tramp from the train.

Former Representative Amos J. Cummings, of New York, was once city editor of the Sun. One Saturday night it was announced that all the saloons were to be closed next day. Cummings called his star reporter, Murray.  
"Tom," he said, "go out to-morrow and find out if the saloons are selling liquor."  
It was Thursday when Tom again appeared at his desk.  
"They were," he reported.

There are probably few better raconteurs alive than is the Duke of Argyll, and in his memoirs he has told some inimitable stories. One of the best concerns a showman's ape which paid a visit with its master to Inverary. During its stay there, it escaped from its cage, and died of grief through want of food, and died by the roadside. Two Scotch farmers came across it, and were much puzzled what to make of it.  
"Dear me, what na beast's you?" asked one.  
"It's no a beast, it's a man," said the other.

After carefully examining it, one of them said: "It's a man, but did ye ever see such a hairy man? It canna be a highlander—No, no, it canna be a highlander; de ye think it's a lowlander, Donald?"  
"I think not, I don't think a lowlander is quite ever, ever so hairy as you."  
"Dear me," said the first speaker, "I

think it canna be a highlander; I think it canna be a lowlander. "I'll tell you what we'll do, we'll just go to the castle and see if any of the English visitors are missing since yesterday."

**SOMETHING AILED IT.**  
A colored man complained to the storekeeper that a ham which he had purchased there was not good.  
"The ham is all right, Zeph," insisted the storekeeper.  
"No, it ain't, Boss," insisted the negro. "Dat ham's shore bad!"  
"How can that be," continued the storekeeper, "when it was cured only last week?"  
The colored man scratched his head reflectively, and finally suggested:  
"Well, sah, then it must have had a relapse."

Carlyle very appropriately, for his purpose, linked mankind to sheep. Sheep go in flocks with bell wethers here and there to guide them to where the juicy pastures lie. Few of the flock give any heed to time or place, simply follow the bell wether and eat and live. Occasionally, if provender is scant, they may bleat and bunt. They only know the grass is sweet when it is between their teeth. With the human species it is very much the same. The gift of origination is almost as rare among them as in sheep. They follow readily when led. They are imitators rather than initiators, and if they do anything, would rather criticise than construct.—Winnipeg Farmer's Advocate.

A man who was "wanted" in Russia had been photographed in six different positions, and the pictures duly circulated among the police department. A few days later the chief of police wrote to headquarters: "Sir, I have duly received the portraits of the six miscreants. I have arrested five of them, and the sixth will be secured shortly.—New York Sun.

To be of good cheer in case of disappointment, exercise greater charity toward the erring, and make more allowance for the opinions of people whose views differ from mine; to smile more and frown less.  
To be honest; to be kind; to earn a little, and to spend a little less; to make upon the whole a family happier for his presence; to renounce, when that shall be necessary, and not to be embittered; to keep a few friends, and these without capitulation; above all, on the same grim condition, to keep friends with himself—here is a task for all that a man has of fortitude and delicacy.

**SURE ENOUGH.**  
A middle-aged colored woman in a Georgia village, hearing a commotion in a neighbor's cabin, looked in at the door. On the floor lay a small boy writhing in great distress, while his mother bent solicitously over him.  
"What-all's de matter wif de chile?" asked the visitor sympathetically.  
"I spec's hit's too much watermillion," responded the mother.  
"Ho! go 'long wif you," protested the visitor scornfully. "Dey cyan't never be too much watermillion. Hit mus' be dat dere ain't enough boy."

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