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"Thank you, Mrs. Jones," said the child, politely, disappointed, and then added, with a great sigh: "Seems strange that I could smell so small a piece."

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"Please, sir," came the reply. "I can't! It's the hot-water pipe!"

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"Indeed!" the king replied. "You can not have looked carefully: Come with me to-morrow and I will show you the walls of Sparta."

On the following morning the king led his guest out upon the plains where his army was drawing up in battle array, and pointing proudly to the valiant soldiers, he said:

"There you behold the walls of Sparta—every man a brick!"

Absent-Minded

The people didn't merely look at Professor Branefog—they stared. He knew he was absent-minded at times, and he wondered whether he had rubbed his face with boot-polish instead of cold cream, after he had shaved, or whether he had forgotten to change his dressing-gown for his frock-coat.

But a kindly policeman put things right. "Are you aware, sir, that you are carrying a joint of beef in your arms?" he asked.

"Goodness me!" said the professor. "I knew something was wrong. My wife told me to put her Sunday hat on the bed, to place this roast in the oven, and take the baby and the dog for a walk."

"You've not put the baby in the oven, surely?" said the law's guardian.

"I put something in it," said Branefog; "but I don't know whether it was the baby or the dog."

With hated breath they hurried to the professor's house. Here, on the bed, lay the baby and the dog; but it was just as bad for Branefog. It was his wife's Sunday hat that was in the oven!

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