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"On whom shall we call," exclaimed an orator, "to cure the evil effects of bad legislation?" "On a doctor of laws," cried one of the auditors.

A native of the Fiji Islands offered to show a party of lady visitors how they ate their food, if any lady would lend him a baby. The offer was thankfully refused.

Counsel for prisoner: "Now witness, did you see prisoner at the bar knock down the deceased?" Yorkshireman: "No, sir; he was alive when I saw him knocked down."

In the streets of Leicester, one day, Dean Swift was accosted by a drunken weaver, who, staggering against him, said: "I have been spinning it out." "Yes," said the dean, "and now you are reeling it home."

A lawyer wrote "rascal" on the hat of a brother lawyer, who, on discovering it, entered complaint in open court against the offender, who, he said, had not only taken his hat, but had also written his own name on it.

A Paris Bohemian is telling his mode of life to a friend from the provincial districts: "In the morning I wake," says he, "and ring for my valet de chambre." "How! you keep a valet de chambre?" "Well, no, but I keep a bell."

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"Now then, my hearties," said a gallant captain, seeing that his men were likely to be outnumbered, "you have a tough battle before you. Fight like heroes till your powder's done. Then run!—but as I'm a little lame I'll start now."

Old lady to druggist: "I want a box of canino pills." Druggist: "What is the matter with the dog?" Old lady (indignantly): "I want you to know that my husband is a gentleman." Druggist puts up some quinine pills in sound silence.

"What's your business?" asked the judge of a prisoner at the bar. "Well, s'pose you might call me a locksmith, judge." "When did you work last at your trade?" "Last night, Judge; when I heard a call for the police I made a bolt for the door."

A famous surgeon advises one of his patients to undergo an operation. "Is it very severe?" asks the patient. "Not for the patient," says the doctor, "we put him to sleep, but very hard on the operator. We suffer terribly from anxiety. Just think, it only succeeds once in a hundred times."

"Pa, is a mamma-dog a mastiff?" "Occasionally, my son." "Then is a papa-dog a pastiff?" Then silence reigned at the breakfast table.—*Pitta. Chron.-Tel.*

"Mamma," said Harry, "how fat Amelia has grown!" "Yes," replied his mamma; "but don't say 'fat' dear; say 'stout.'" At the dinner-table, the following day, Harry was asked if he would take any fat. "No, thank you," said Harry, "I'll take some stout."

Two young men went fishing the other day, and, on returning were going past a farm house and felt hungry. They yelled to the farmer's daughters: "Girls, have you any buttermilk?" The reply was gently wafted back to their ears, "Yes, but we keep it for our own calves."

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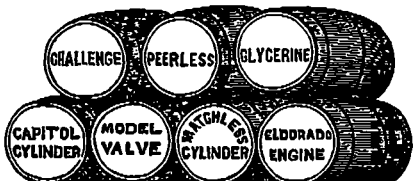


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