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Undying Friendship.—The great financier was almost ready to pay his last account. A friend hastening in met the physician.
"Is he very ill?" he asked anxiously.
"He is," replied the physician. "I fear that his end is not far off."
"Do you think," he asked hesitatingly, "do you think he would recognize me in his last moments?"
"Yes, but I advise you to hurry. The best places are rapidly being taken."
—Life.

Another Name For It.—"I've cared for several persons," she explained, "but I never have loved any one so that I would have been willing to give up my home and work for him, if necessary. That is real love, isn't it?" "No, that isn't real love. That is softening of the brain."
—Chicago Record-Herald.

Still Hope.—Mrs. McGinty had waited long and patiently for her husband to come home on Saturday night with his week's pay. Finally she decided to take the matter in her own hands, and she sallied forth to the police station to inquire if he was there.
"Is my Tim here?" she asked.
"No," replied the lieutenant; "but sit down; we're expecting him every minute."
—Lippincott's.

A Bright Outlook for the Bridegroom.—"Susanna," said the preacher, when it came her turn to answer the questions, "does yo take dis man to be youah wedded husband, for bettah or wuss?"
"Jest as he am, Pahson," said the muscular, colored scrub-lady, "jest as he am. Ef he gits any bettah Ah'll know de good Lawd's a-gwine to take him, en ef he gits any wuss Ah'll 'tend to him myself."
—Ladies' Home Journal.

Subtle Revenge.—Two young bootblacks who have stands close together on Tremont Street quarreled the other day. "I'll get even with that guy yet," vowed the smaller boy of the two.
"Goin' to fight him, are yer, Jimmy?" he was asked.
"Naw! When he gets troo polishin' a gent I'm goin' to say ter that gent soon's he steps off the chair: 'Shine, sir, shine!'"
—Boston Transcript.

Two Minds With But a Single Thought.—"Henry," called Mrs. R. over the partition in the voting booth, "how are you going to vote on Amendment No. 5?"
He—"I am going to vote 'yes.'"
She—"No, you're not; you're going to vote 'no'; I have changed my mind."
—Life.

Checkmated.—A young Irishman, in want of a five-pound note, wrote to his uncle as follows:
"Dear Uncle—If you could see how I blush for shame, while I am writing, you would pity me. Do you know why? Because I have to ask for a few pounds, and do not know how to express myself. It is impossible for me to tell you; I prefer to die. I send you this messenger, who will wait for an answer.
"Your most obedient and affectionate nephew."
"P. S. Overcome with shame for what I have written, I have been running after the messenger in order to take the letter from him, but I cannot catch him up. Heaven grant that something may happen to stop him, or that letter may be lost."
The uncle was naturally touched, but was equal to the emergency. He replied as follows:
"My dear John: Control yourself and blush no more. Providence has heard your prayers—the messenger lost your letter.
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