

BROKEN STOWAGE.

Papa—See the spider, my boy, spinning his web. Is it not wonderful? Do you reflect, try as he may, no man could spin that web? Johnny—What of it? See me spin this top! Do you reflect that, try as he may, no spider could spin this top?

Lady (to servant)—Well, Mary, is your sister married yet? Mary—No, mum. Lady—How's that? I thought she was to have been married last week. Mary—Yes, mum, so she was; but her young man, instead of buying the furniture, bought a bicycle.

Visitor (in jail, to prisoner)—What are you here for? Prisoner—For stealing. Visitor—What did you steal? Prisoner—I stole a girl's affections. Visitor—Well, that is no refraction of the law. Prisoner—H—m, I carried 'em off with her father's horse and cart.

"Speaking of women with saving dispositions," said Dixmyth, "my wife's in a class all by herself." "How so?" queried his friend Hojax. "Last week I bought an upright piano," replied Dixmyth, "and my wife made a beautiful green plush cover for it, so the polish would'n't get scratched. Yesterday she made another cover of linen to go over the plush to prevent that from getting soiled. Next week I suppose she'll make a calico cover to protect the linen. Oh, I tell you, women have great big fertile minds."

Boy (hurriedly)—"Gimme a bottle of Dr. Quacker's cough syrup, Mr. Squills."

Squills—"A dollar and a quarter, please."

Boy (reproachfully)—"Say! This ain't for a customer; its for Mr. Menthol on the corner. I'm a boy in his drug-store."

Squills—"Oh, excuse me, I thought you were the public. Thirty-five cents, please."

"Don't talk about life assurance companies to me," said Mrs. Waggles, indignantly. "They aren't any good. Why, when my poor husband lay a-dyin', I sent word to the Profitable Assurance Company of Schohair to come up and assure his life right away, and do you know the heathen wouldn't do it."

LIFE ASSURANCE LENGTHENED HIS LIFE.

We met an old man the other day who said that the system of life assurance was, he believed, the means of lengthening his life. "I was persuaded," he remarked, "much against my will, to assure my life for a considerable sum. In course of a couple of years I engaged in an enterprise of considerable size which not only employed all my money, but forced me to borrow on the pledge of my real estate. When my affairs were in this condition I was taken seriously ill. While in a critical condition the thought that my life was assured for a sum large enough to pay all my obligations and to leave a handsome balance took away any anxiety which I had in regard to the financial protection of my family. I was easy on that question. A burden of unrest was taken away by the fact that I was assured. This I believe enabled me to rally more quickly than I otherwise would. As soon as I began to rally I had the policies brought in and placed before me. The taking them up and looking them over, knowing that they would certainly be paid at maturity was a great comfort to me. After this experience I cannot understand how any man can afford to do without the feeling of security the protection which life assurance affords to his family and to his business interest must give."
—*United States Review.*

Here is a good quotation which we fully endorse:—"We would not care two pins for the esteem of a man who fails to provide for the future of wife and family on the absurd plea that his wife was opposed to it." On this occasion don't do as your wife desires.—*Exchange.*

Betwixt and Between.—Mrs. Casey and Mrs. Murphy met in a street car and were discussing family affairs.

"And how many children have you, Mrs. Murphy?"

"Foive, Two livin', two dead and wan in Philadelpy."