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### Smiles

There is at least one woman in these days of transition in the status of her sex who has no wish to undermine the last bulwark of man's superiority. The New York *Sun* describes her as a New England farmer's wife.

One day, as she hurried from churn to sink, from sink to shed, and back to the kitchen stove, she was asked if she wanted to vote.

"No, I certainly don't!" she replied. "I say if there's one little thing that the men folks can do alone, for goodness' sake let 'em do it!"

A lesson in mythology was in progress; the subject for the day was Atlas. Ten minutes before the school closed the teacher devoted to asking questions. This was the time when she generally discovered what a lot of talking it is possible to do without being heard.

"Now, Alice Ermytrude, what did Atlas do?"

"Supported the world on his shoulders, miss," replied Alice Ermytrude, with the calm confidence of certain knowledge.

"That's right, dear," answered the gratified teacher. "Now, Gervangeline Ellen, if Atlas supported the world, what supported Atlas?"

Gervangeline Ellen's knowledge of the male sex was confined to a close observation of her father's habits.

"Please, teacher," she answered, "his wife."—*Answers.*

A New Yorker tells of a young Irish couple in his employ, not long come from the "ould country." Shortly after their arrival the young wife, ambitious for learning, entered a night school, since her duties permitted of that.

One evening, when she returned to the servants' hall from school, the husband asked:

"An' phwat are ye learnin' now, Molly?"

"To-night," said Molly, thinking to have a bit of fun with Malachi, "to-night the teacher read to us about the laws of compensation."

"Compensation? What's that?"

"It's hard to explain, but it's something like this: If your sense of smell is poor, the sense of taste is all the sharper; and if you are blind, you can hear all the better."

Malachi reflected. "Sure," said he, "I see. It's loike this: For example, if a man is born wid man leg shorter than the other, the other is longer."—*Harper's Magazine.*

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