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SOMETHING happened to the steering gear and his machine dashed across a crowded sidewalk and into a jeweler's store window. It cost him heavily to settle everything, and after that he didn't drive his car. Last week he hired an expert chauffeur to tool him down town. Soon some trouble developed. He hailed the driver:

"What's the matter?"

"Steering gear gone wrong, sir! What shall I do?"

"Drive into the cheapest thing you see!"

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**Cook's Tour.**

Butler—"Madam, the new cook has come and she wants to know where she will keep her motor."—Life.

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**Not Attracted.**

"Some day you'll be rich enough to retire from business."

"Give up my nice, pleasant office and stay home?" rejoined Mr. Growcher. "I should say not."—Washington Star.

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**Too Tender-hearted.**

"I understand that your daughter is going to take music lessons."

"Not exactly," replied Farmer Corn-tassel. "We haven't the heart to tell her that her voice sounds terrible, so we're goin' to hire a regular teacher to do it."—Washington Star.

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**Recovery Paid.**

In times of peace Smith might have been an author who had drifted into some useful occupation, such as that of a blacksmith, but just now he is cook to the Blankshire officers' mess. Smith sent Murphy into the village to bring home some chickens ordered for the mess.

"Murphy," said Smith, the next day, "when you fetch me chickens again, see that they are fastened up properly. That lot you fetched yesterday all got loose, and though I scoured the village I only managed to secure ten of them."

"Sh!" said Murphy. "I only brought six."—Tit-Bits.

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The lady of many portable possessions was moving from town to the seashore for the summer. A cab had been thought big enough to convey her and her property to the station, and the cabman sat there, passing from one stage of disgust to another still deeper, while his vehicle, inside and out, was piled high with a miscellaneous assortment of cherished belongings. At last the task of loading came to an end.

"Is that all?" inquired the cabman with polite incredulity.

"Yes," was the reply.

The cabman looked surprised. "Seems a pity," he ejaculated, "to leave the doorstep."

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At a monthly dinner of a local club, held in a downtown hotel one day this week, a group of diners were quietly criticizing the effort of a post-prandial orator who had just consumed about half an hour of the ten minutes allotted him for a talk. The private conversation was productive of an epigram which passed rapidly around the table. "Say what you want to about Jones," asserted one of the group; "I maintain that he is a brilliant talker?"

"What do you mean brilliant talker?"

"Well, sir, he can express less in more words than anybody I ever heard."



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