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When I expressed the proper amount of horror she merely looked thoughtful and replied:

"Perhaps it looks like betting, but I put fifty cents in one of those little banks for the Home for the Aged, and I really needed a pair of gloves. It's quite different when you lose large sums that ought to be spent on the family."

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### THE IRISH QUESTION.

There was a little man and he framed an Irish Bill,  
And it raised a great commotion when 'twas read, read, read.  
But Redmond rose in Dublin and soon the land was troublin',  
For he vowed the Birrell Irish Bill was dead, dead, dead.

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### EXORBITANT.

In the bill of Lawyer X lately handed to his client was the item:

"For a dream about your case, five dollars."

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### WONDERS OF TRANSIT.

I wonder why, when in a car,  
The vacant seat beside me  
Is just the one the pretty girl  
Should always fail to see;  
And why, if it's a frowsled girl  
With wad of gum and squint,  
She starts to reach that very seat  
As fast as she can sprint.  
—Philadelphia Ledger.

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Promising.

"Do you think my Mamma will notice if I act as Umpire of your game?"  
"Naw—she won't know you."—N.Y. Life.

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### VEGETARIAN MILLINERY.

Mrs. Eldredge's new hat had just arrived from New York. The brim had the fashionable downward tendency, the ribbon was exquisite, and a heavy wreath of large, many-hued globular objects encircled the picturesque crown.

The feminine members of the household eyed it approvingly, but could give no name to the botanical portion of the decorations. Mr. Eldredge, however, regarded the creation with mild disfavour.

"I can see, John," said the owner of the hat, pinning it into place and smiling at her husband, "that you don't admire my hat. But why? Isn't it becoming?"

"It's becoming enough," returned Mr. Eldredge, examining it critically, "and it seems to be a nice hat, in spite of all those onions, beets and carrots; but you know, Sallie, I never did like a boiled dinner."—  
"Youth's Companion."

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### NO MATTER.

During a recent discussion of Christian Science, one man said that his wife belonged to a well-known women's club in her town. They had a full meeting, and an important discussion was on. In the midst of it one woman rose and asked the



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