

"A capital wine that, sir," quoth Mr. Meanways, as he passed the port, which had been in a decanter for the last six months; "you'll find that there's body in it, sir." "So I perceive," replied the gloomy guest, as with a spoon he reverently fished the carcass of the Last Fly of Summer out of his glass and laid it on the side of his plate.

"Wait a minute, young man," said the eminent statesman to the reporter, who had finished holding an interview with him and was about to go. "You have not asked me whether or not I would accept a Cabinet office if it were tendered me." "Sure enough, I forgot. Well, senator, would you?" "That is a question, my dear sir, that I prefer not to answer," replied the senator, modestly.

Young doctor: "Yes; I expect that it will go pretty slow when I first open an office until I get started a little." Old doctor: "Well, you bet it will. Why, when I first hung out my shingle I sat in my office for three months, and only had one case." Young doctor: "Whew! That was pretty tough, wasn't it? Only one case; and what was that a case of?" Old doctor: "A case of instruments."

CHINESE TEA SONG:

Olc ometo th ete asho pwit hme
Andb uy a po undo fthebe st,
'T willpr oveam ostex cellentt ea,
Itsq ua lit yal lwi lla tte st,
'Tiso nlyf oursh illi ngs apo und,
Soc omet othe teama rtan dtry,
Nob etterc anel sewh erebefou nd,
Ort hata nyoth er needb uy.

Chaplain; "So poor Hopkins is dead. I should have liked to speak to him once again and have soothed his last moments; why did you not call me?"

Hospital Orderly: "I didn't think you ought to be disturbed for 'Opkins, sir, so I just soothed him as best I could myself."

Chaplain; "Why, what did you say to him?"
'Orderly: "'Opkins,' sez I, 'you're mortal bad.'
'I am,' sez he.
'Opkins,' sez I, 'I don't think you'll get better.'
'No,' sez 'e.
'Opkins,' sez I, 'I don't think you can hope to go to 'eaven.'

"I don't think I can," sez he.
"Well then, 'Opkins," sez I, "you'll go to 'ell."
"I suppose so," sez 'e.
"'Opkins," says I, "you ought to be wery grateful as there's a place perwided for you, an' that you've got somewhere to go. And I think 'e'ard, sir, and then he died."



NOT ALLOWED TO TALK AT TABLE.

EUGÈNE: Ma, may I say something?
MOTHER: You know that you are not allowed to talk at table.
EUGÈNE: Can't I say one word?
MOTHER: No, Eugène, — When Pa is through reading his newspaper, we will hear what you have to say. (PA, after reading awhile, puts the paper aside, and questions Eugène; and the family await pleasantly the pent up speech of the prodigy :) Now, Eugène, what did you wish to say?
EUGÈNE: I wanted to say, — that upstairs, in the bath room, — the water pipe's burst!
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