

Poor Poll!

Customer—Can this parrot talk?
 Clerk—No, for years it lived in a family where there were five ladies.
 Customer—Well, didn't they talk?
 Clerk—Yes, all the time, and that's why it hasn't had a chance.—Chicago Inter-Ocean.

Euphatic English.

The flippant manner in which the English language is treated was exemplified by a recent conversation in a drug store.

A boy put his head in at the door, looked the druggist in the eye and asked:

"Boy wanted here, mister?"

"Nope."

The head disappeared, and then came back.

"Did you say yep, mister?"

"Nope."

Another boy who was waiting on the outside asked anxiously:

"Did he say yep?"

"Nope; he said nope, and he meant nope; there wasn't any yep in it."—Detroit Free Press.

A Cycle.

Miss Gushington—Why don't you follow Ruskin's suggestion and write a novel which doesn't stop at the marriage of a couple, but goes right on?

Old Bachelor Author—No use; no publisher would print it.

"Why not?"

"Oh, the publishers nowadays insist that every novel must end pleasantly.—Texas Sittings.

Not Commendatory.



Daughter (pleading for her lover)—But, father, I'm sure it's not my money he is after. He says he would marry me if I were ever so poor!

Stern and Prosiac Parent—Yes; he looks as if had no better sense.

The Main Stay.

All turned out well—"All your boys turned out well, did they?"

"Yes, I reckon they did."

"What's John doing?"

"He's a-curtin' of fever in Texas."

"And Dick?"

"He's enlargin' of a country newspaper an' a-collectin' of subscriptions."

"And William—what's he doing?"

"He's a-preachin' of the gospel an' splittin' rails for a livin'."

"And what are you doing?"

"Well, I'm a supportin' of John an' Dick an' William."—Atlanta Constitution.

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