

**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.

**Emphatic 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 Siftings.

**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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