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Hodge Podge

"How many ribs have you, Jimmy,"
asked the teacher.

"I don't know, ma'am," giggled Jimmy,
wriggling around on one foot; "I'm so
ticklish I can't count 'em all."

A kind old gentleman saw a small news-
boy carrying a lot of newspapers, and
said to him: "Don't all those papers
make you tired, sonny?" "Naw! I don't
read 'em," was the lad's instant reply.

A few days after a farmer had sold a
pig to a neighbor, he passed the neigh-
bor's house and saw the little boy sitting
on the edge of the pigpen watching the
new occupant.

"How d'ye do, Johnny? And how is
your pig to-day?" asked the man. "Oh,
pretty well, thank you," said Johnny,
"and how's all your folks?"

Mr. Wood was fond of playing jokes.
Meeting his old acquaintance, Mr. Stone,
one day, he enquired: "Hello, Stone,
how are Mrs. Stone and all the little
pebbles?"

"Fine," said Mr. Stone, "all very well,
thank you," and with a twinkle in his
eye he asked politely, "How are Mrs.
Wood and all the little splinters?"

One winter's day a tramp who was
much how-legged called at a farmhouse
and stood before the large kitchen stove
to dry and warm himself. The little son
of the farmer watched him with growing
anxiety, and then rather timidly, yet with
hurried movements took him by the coat
and, trying to pull him away from the
heat of the fire, said, "Mister, you'd bet-
ter stand back; you're scarping."

Two little girls were playing on the
street and a well-dressed lady passed
them with a swish and a whirl. By the
noise it was evident that she wore a silk
petticoat.

"What makes that noise?" whispered
one little girl to the other.
"Sh!" said the other child in a low
voice, "don't you know she's got money—
rich folks always rattle and smell good."

Little Mary started to school with slate
and pencil. By and by she substituted
a "tablet" for the slate, and incidentally
dropped the "r" from her name, which
became "May." High School days not
only increased her knowledge, but also
her name, which now appeared "Mayme."
College days were crowded full, and little
notes reached home signed "Mae." But
all these have passed, and now in a home
of her own they simply call her "Ma."

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