

### Disappointed

A little girl who had been sent to school for the first time, on her return confessed to her mother that she did not like it. On being asked why she had so soon taken a dislike to it, she exclaimed:

"The teacher put me on a chair, and told me to sit there for the present, and I sat and sat, but she never gave me any present."

### The Wrong Direction

A self-conscious and egotistical young clergyman was "supplying" the pulpit of a country church. After the service he asked one of the deacons, a grizzled, plain-spoken man, what he thought of "this morning's effort." "Waal," answered the old man, "I'll tell ye; I'll tell ye in a kind o' parable. It reminded me of Sim Peck's first deer hunt, when he was green. He followed the deer's tracks all right, but he followed 'em all day in the wrong direction."

### Cats in Civil Service

A baboo in charge of the documents of a certain town in India found that they were being seriously damaged by rats. He wrote to the government to provide him with weekly rations for two cats to destroy the rats. The request was granted and the two cats were installed, one, the larger of the two, receiving slightly better rations than the other. All went well for a few weeks, when the supreme government of India received the following dispatch: "I have the honor to inform you that the senior cat is absent without leave. What shall I do?"

The problem seemed to baffle the supreme government, for the baboo received no answer. After waiting a few days he sent off a proposal: "In re absentee cat, I propose to promote the junior cat, and in the meantime to take into government service a probationer cat on full rations." The supreme government expressed its approval of the scheme, and things once more ran smoothly in that department.

### A Bargain

The woman was at the bargain counter and was plainly distressed. The Brooklyn Eagle thus relates her woes and the remedy which she invented—

"These goods," said she, "have been marked down from five dollars to four?"

"Yes, ma'am," replied the clerk.

"And these others have been marked down from five dollars and ten cents to four?"

"Yes, ma'am."

"I like the first."

"It's an excellent bargain."

"But the other is a better one," she insisted.

"You couldn't make the five-dollar goods three-ninety, could you?"

"No, ma'am."

"I'd take them in a minute, if you would."

"I am not permitted to do it."

"I'd much rather have them."

"You'll find them very satisfactory."

"But the other is the better bargain."

She hesitated again. "Well," she said at last "give me the five-ten goods for four dollars."

Later she confided in a friend: "They weren't at all what I wanted; but I'm too good a shopper to be satisfied with a discount of a dollar when I can get a dollar-ten."

A Fort Worth druggist is in receipt of a curt and haughty note, in an angular, feminine hand: "I do not want vasoline, but glisserine. Is that plain enough? I persoom you can spell?"

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