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Sparkles from "The Guild"

How papa felt under the following cir-
cumstances one can easily imagine.
When Doris climbed on his knee it was
plain that a deep problem was troubling
her.

"Papa, was it a young man who said,
'The good die young?'"

"Yes," he replied, "I suppose he must
have been very wise."

"Well," the child replied, after think-
ing it over for a time, "I'm not so much
surprised about you, but I don't see how
mamma managed to get grown up."

In the Wrong Place

Brown (expert shorthand reporter)—
I say, James, the boy from the news-
paper office has called for the report of
that lecture. Is it finished?

James (a novice)—All but a short sen-
tence in the middle of it, and I can't
for the life of me make out from my
notes what it is.

Brown—O, just put in "Great ap-
plause," and let it go.

James acts on the suggestion, and the
lecture is sent for publication, with the
doctored part reading, "Friends, I will
detrain you but a few minutes longer."
(Great applause.)—*American.*

Not Much of an Investment

More ornamental than useful was the
paternal guardian of the small boy who
had applied for assistance and was being
interviewed by the charity worker to
whom he had made his plea.

"What is your father?" asked the
latter.

"E's my father."

"Yes, but what is he?"

"O, e's my stepfather."

"Yes, but what does he do? Does he
sweep chimneys or drive a 'bus or
what?"

"O-ow!" exclaimed the small appli-
cant with a dawning light of comprehen-
sion. "No, 'e ain't done nothin'" since
we 'ad 'im."—*Tit-Bits.*

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