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### From the Mouths of Babies.

A Sunday-school superintendent, smug and self-sufficient, was fond of asking questions for the privilege of answering them himself, after encouraging the scholars into believing that they knew the proper reply. On an occasion when he was talking about cruelty to animals he disconcerted with much feeling.

"Only a coward would abuse a creature that had no way of defending itself," he said. "Why I once knew a little boy who cut off a calf's tail. Think of it, children, he took a knife and cut the tail right off! Can any one tell me a verse in the Bible that would have taught this bad, cruel boy not to cut off the calf's tail?"

There was the usual pause, followed by the uneasy shuffling of feet, and then a youngster lifted his hand. In reply to the superintendent's "What is it, my son?" he sturdily repeated: "What God hath joined together let not man put asunder."

### A Budding Machiavelli.

Four-year-old Bob was playing with a little girl named May, who lived next door, when some one saw little May begin to cry and hurry home. Knowing Master Bob's propensity for rough games, his mother called him to her and questioned him carefully as to what he did to hurt May.

"Didn't do nuffin to her," was the only satisfaction she could obtain from the youngster.

His mother was not satisfied, however, and when luncheon was served there happened to be on the table a kind of cake of which Bob was extremely fond. "Now Bob," said she, "if you will tell me what you did to May I will give you a piece of cake."

The little fellow hesitated a moment, then answered boldly "I just raised up my shovel, and it hit her foot."

In accordance with her promise his mother gave him the cake, and also a severe reprimand. After luncheon, he was washed and dressed and taken in ceremony to apologize to May, which he did with due solemnity.

"But Bob didn't hit me with his shovel," May declared, with innocent surprise. "I fell down and hurt my foot so bad I had to go home."

"Why, Bob," cried his scandalized parent, "what did you tell me that you hit May with your shovel for?" "Because I wanted the cake," answered the youthful diplomat. "And I fought maybe I'd do it sometime."

### Darwinian.

Betty was just two and a half years old when she met her first organ-grinder, rough, black-bearded, with a clever little monkey, versed in many tricks, for a boon companion.

When his master's hat was thrown upon the ground, brim uppermost, over in a perfect somersault he would go, coming up with the hat held upon his head in his dusky little paws.

A few weeks later, in a distant State, Betty saw her second organ-grinder, accompanied by a pathetic, untrained little monkey. She was asked if she remembered the other funny little fellow. She quickly said, "Oh yes, I remember, he turned a summerset in his farver's hat."

Her little cousin of the same age, when taken by her father to see her first organ-grinder, returned home to say excitedly to her mother, "Oh, I saw a funny sing—made out of a boy."

"Who can tell me, asked the Sunday-school teacher, "what became of the swine that had the evil spirits cast into them?"

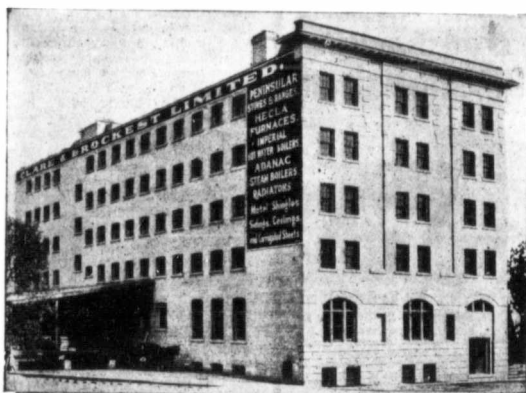
Little Johnny, who reads the papers, raised his hand.

"Please, ma'am, they was all made into deviled ham."

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