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"Do all roses have thorns, Pop?"  
"Yes, my son."  
"I can't feel any on those roses on ma's hat."  
"You would if you had to pay for the hat."—Yonkers Statesman.

A Pittsburg teacher has a seven-year-old pupil whose mind is very fertile in invention.

Seeing an expression of pain on his face as he raised his hand she asked, "What is it, Jamie?"

"I have such a bad headache, I think I must go home," was the reply.  
Putting her hand on his head and finding it quite cool, she said, "I think it can't ache much, Jamie. You would better not go now."

Jamie went back to his work, but soon his hand was raised again and inquiry developed the fact that his tooth ached so severely that he felt he could not remain a moment longer.

The teacher looked at his teeth, and finding them in remarkably fine condition, once more assured him the pain was only imaginary, and returned to her class.

She had just become absorbed in the lesson when a wail from Jamie's seat caused her to go to him again, and with some impatience she said, "Well, Jamie, what can it be this time?"

With tears in his eyes, and raining down his cheeks, Jamie answered, "It's st. machache, and it's so far down you can't see it."—Woman's Home Com-



SPRING IS HERE.

"Oh, Mr. Wilkins, you must see baby before you go," said a young mother, as one of her husband's bachelor friends rose to say good-night.

"I should be obliged, but isn't it too late?" he inquired, rather weakly, looking about for his hat.

"Not a bit," she answered. After a moment the fond mother returned with a bundle of dainty wraps and lace and presented a cherubic countenance for his inspection.

"You never saw a dearer baby in your life," she declared, putting the

mite of humanity into his unwilling arms.

"I'm not very well up in babies," ventured her guest, holding the infant as if he thought it would explode, "but I should say that—that it was—was beautiful."

"I knew you would think so," said the pleased mother.

"I hope it hasn't a fever," he imprudently added.

"Fever?"

"Yes; it looks flushed, you know."

"Nonsense!" said the mother, indig-

nantly; "all babies are pink. And, besides, you keep saying 'it.' My baby is a boy."

"I beg your pardon," stammered the unhappy bachelor, the perspiration beginning to stand out on his brow; "there isn't anything in the—the attire to indicate—but, then, I might have known it was a boy, because it—he is bald," he blunderingly added.

A look of horrified amazement came over the young mother's face.

"Don't let me detain you, Mr. Wilkins," she said, quickly relieving him of his burden; "and when you get home, if you will read up the subject, you will find that red faces and bald heads are mostly confined to middle-aged bachelors."

In a certain town of Connecticut a deacon of the church charged with soliciting subscriptions for a charity recently experienced considerable difficulty in getting the townsmen to contribute.

To one of his neighbors the deacon said:

"Oh, come, Richard, do give something."

"Sorry, deacon," answered Richard, "but I don't see how I can."

"Why not? Isn't the cause a good one?"

"Oh yes, the cause is good enough; but I owe too much money."

"But, Richard, you owe God a larger debt than any one else."

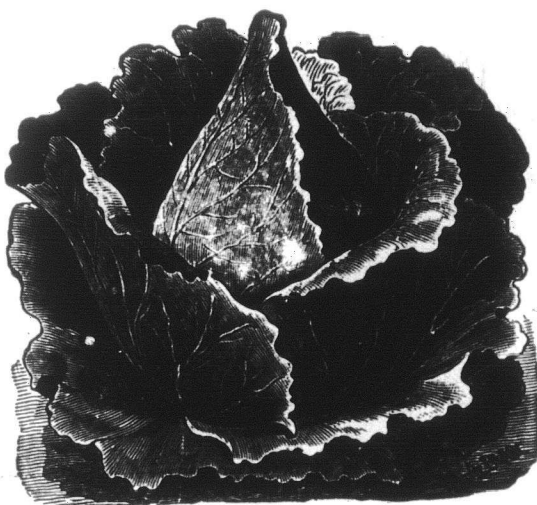
"That's true, too," drawled Richard, "but God ain't pushin' me."



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