## Selected Spice

The following extract from a letter of thanks is cherished by its recipient:
" The beautiful clock you sent us came in perfect condition, and is now in the parlor on top of the bookshelves, where we hope to see you soon, and your hus band also, if he can make it conven ient."
"Dolan," said Mr. Raferty, as he looked up at the city postoffice, "what does them letters 'MpCOCXCVII' mean?"
"They mean eighteen hundred and ninety-seven.

Dolan." came the query after a thoughtful nause, "don't yez think they're overdoin' this spellin' reform a bit?"

A southerner, hearing a great commo tion in his chicken-house one dark night, tock his revolver and went to investigate,
"Who's there?" he sternly demanded. opening the door.

Who's there? Answer or I'll shoot!"
A trembling volce from the farthest corner:
"' 'Deed, sah, dey ain't nobody hyah 'ceptin us chickens.'
certain college president was entertaining a freshman at dinner, when the conversation turned upon football. To the student's surprise, the president displayed a thorough familiarity with the game, and proceeded to discuss it as earnestly as though it had been Greek or mathematics. Indeed, his treatment of the tople brought out so many points that the freshman had overlooked, that the youth was moved to remark to his hostess:
" Well, this talk with President Blank has showed me how true it is we never meet anyone from whom we can't learn something ${ }^{\prime \prime}$

A tourist in an ont-of-the-way region of England put up one night at an amiable old lady's cottage, the village inn being full.
Now the tourist was very deaf. which fact he took pains to impress upon the old lady, together with instructions to wake him at a particular hour in the morning.

On waking a good deal later than the time appointed, he found that the amiable old lady, with a commendable regard for proprlety, had slipped under his door a slip of paper on which was written,

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