



WELL, PUT IT BACK IN!

SOME MIXUP

The magistrate had the misfortune to be cross-eyed, the result of which at times was rather amusing. One day he had three prisoners before him.

"What's your name?" he inquired of the one on the left.

"James Paterson," promptly replied the man on the right.

The man on the bench turned round quickly. "I was not addressing you, sir!" he snapped.

At this the one in the center, quaking and trembling with fear, stammered:

"I—I—I never opened my mouth, sir!"

Jacob—How did you make your money? Isaac—Racing. Jacob—I never knew you betted. Isaac—I didn't. I started a pawnshop just outside the course for them as wanted a ticket home after "backing the winner."

WELL QUALIFIED

The drapery magnate was bombarding the applicant with the usual questions.

"Are you teetotal?"

"Yes."

"Speak French?"

"Yes."

"Good salesman?"

"Yes."

"Stockkeeper?"

"Yes."

"Can you tell a good lie?"

"Oh, yes."

"Well, I'll give you a start."

The young man got on famously for a few weeks until one morning a dainty Parisian damsel approached him and sweetly stated her requirements in the native tongue. The poor young man was flabbergasted, not comprehending a single word. Five minutes later he was facing his indignant employer.

"This is scandalous, sir. When I employed you did you not tell me that you could speak French?"

"True," mildly replied the culprit; "but did you not also ask me if I could tell a good lie?"

JUST LIKE CHAMPAGNE

At a meeting presided over by a burly country squire the chief speaker was a budding orator with a seat in the Upper House.

Said the chairman, grasping the nervous speaker by the arm on the conclusion of his address:

"Your speech was like a glass of good champagne,"—here the noble lord smiled pleasantly—"lots of froth and very dry."

Then the smile came off.

Johnny—What does it mean to say "seeing the humorous side of things," dad? Father—Well, let us take an example. How many sides has a banana skin, for instance? Johnny—Two. Father—Exactly. And when some other man steps on the banana skin he sees the serious side of it, and you see the humorous side.