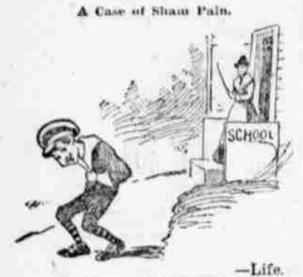


**Practice Makes Perfect.**  
A needy traveler applied for assistance to a benevolent lady, who gave him a trifle, and, in order to put something more in his way, got him to beat her carpets. The poor man went to work with his much gusto and evident skill that his benefactress could not help asking:  
"I suppose that is your regular occupation, or perhaps you are a furrier by trade?"  
"No, ma'am—a schoolmaster!"—E. Knopiel.



—Life.

**A Case of Shame Pain.**  
A boarding house in Detroit advertised for a hall boy. Among a host of applicants was a raw boned, lanky youth, who rang the doorbell and was met by the landlady herself.  
"Want a boy?" he asked, shifting from one foot to the other.  
"Yes," said the landlady, taking an inventory of the applicant.  
"House run by a missis?"  
"Yes."  
"De you she?"  
"Yes."  
"An you want a boy to tend door, run errands, trot to the grocery, sit in a cold hall, say you're out sixty times a day, and keep agents and tin peddlers and kids off their steps?"  
"Yes," said the astonished woman.  
"That's just what I do want."  
"Much money in it?" queried the boy.  
"Two dollars and fifty cents a week."  
"Promises or cash down?"  
"You get your money regularly if you earn it."  
"I'm your huckleberry, missis. Wot kin I dew first? Start out on a collection tower, or make the fires in the sick boarders' rooms, or watch out for the fellow that is going to slide his trunk out 't'wout payin his board?"  
"Look here," said the landlady, "you know too much. I guess we can't make a trade."  
"All right, mum. If 'perience and know how don't go for something, I ain't in it. But you'll be sorry, mum, when the butcher comes around with his last year's bill. I'm a pacifier of the first water, but you don't!"  
She hired him.—Detroit Free Press.

**Dared Not Return.**  
The old man who sat by the roadside coughed violently. He seemed to have one foot in the grave, yet he was a wanderer, ragged and forlorn.  
A little boy stared in wonder at the strange, decrepit figure.  
"Why don't you go home?" the child demanded.  
The old man shuddered. Burying his face in his hands he moaned miserably.  
"Don't cry."  
The words of comfort from the tender lips wrung the grief stricken heart.  
"Boy—"  
His voice trembled with age and bodily weakness.  
—"I dare not go home."  
"Don't dare?"  
The youthful eyes grew big with astonishment.  
"No, I do not dare."  
There was a world of sadness in his tones.  
"Twenty-seven years ago, boy, I left my home bright and early. My wife kissed me fondly—"  
Tears sprang to his eyes and rolled unheeded down his cheeks.  
—"and told me to get some thread, sugar, troweling, matches, a washboard, saleratus, needles and—and—"  
As he faltered the look of agony in his face grew more intense.  
—"and one other thing that I forgot and—never—could—recall. I have been an outcast ever since. I dare not go home."  
Intently the boy watched the stooping figure until it hobbled laboriously from sight.—Detroit Tribune.

**Revised.**  
"That's a neat motto," said Briny Billins to a building society man who asks, "Why pay rent when you can own your own home?"  
"Yes," was the reply, "but I have just had a tenant who revised it in a way that made me dislike it. He says, 'Why pay for a home when you can owe the rent?'"—Tit-Bits.

**Help Wanted.**  
Editor—John, write to your uncle out in Putnam county and see if we can't engage his hired man.  
Assistant—What on earth do we want of him?  
Editor—I want some competent person to collaborate with our poet in writing genuine dialect verse.—Kate Field's Washington.

**It Didn't Work.**  
Brace—One of our eminent scientists has discovered enough disease germs on a bank bill to kill a whole regiment.  
Bagley Pshaw! Hand over the five you owe me. I'm no coward.—New York Herald.

**Unfavorable Sign.**  
Chopson—Hey? What? Rain all next week? How does anybody know? Who says so?  
Stakes (sad, but firm)—I do. I've arranged to have my house painted next week.—Chicago Tribune.

**Got Credit.**  
Perdita—I'll give him credit for getting me an engagement ring.  
Penelope—I understand that's what the jeweler did too.—Jewelers' Circular.

**First Thing That Ladies Forget.**  
The English writer Pope declared that women had no decided character, because they were too flighty to retain the same impression for any length of time. They are dark or fair, he adds; that is the only way in which to classify them.  
Saphir used to say, "The first thing women know is how beautiful they are; the first thing they learn is how strong they are; the first thing they are taught by experience is how weak they are, and the first thing they forget is how old they are."  
"Taking a Shine to Him."



—Life.

**"Dohd Man to Azlek"**  
In his journeyings to Courland Prince Bismarck managed to pick up one or two Lithuanian phrases, and on one occasion terrified a couple of ladies nearly out of their wits by an unexpected display of his acquaintance with their native language. He was sitting at a table d'hote in Frankfurt opposite to two young ladies who were carrying on an animated conversation. They laughed very frequently, and appeared to be criticising the company. From timely indications Bismarck gathered that he was singled out above the rest as an object of ridicule. He knew sufficient to convince himself that they were talking in Lithuanian. The ladies quite naturally supposed themselves perfectly safe in speaking a barbaric dialect which "nobody would understand," and enjoyed the fun immensely. Meantime Bismarck whispered to a friend who was sitting next to him:  
"When you hear me speak a few words in a foreign language, please hand me a key."  
At dessert, when the merriment of the young ladies was at its height, they heard, to their great consternation, the gentleman opposite calmly say to his neighbor:  
"Dohd man to azlek" (give me the key). He got his key, but the ladies suddenly turned crimson, jumped up from their seats and fled out of the room.—National Zeitung.

**Looked to the Future.**  
She was a stately creature and she received his proposal of marriage with perfect sang froid.  
"Will you accept my unworthy love, Gladys?" he whispered, gazing yearningly into her face.  
"Certainly," she replied with the combined frankness of the ingenue and the nerve of a gas company.  
He was transfigured with happiness. "And you will be my wife?" he demanded, fearful of his audacity, skeptical of the reality of the atmosphere of bliss in which he found himself.  
"On one condition."  
He kissed her rapturously.  
"Name it!" he exclaimed.  
She placed her hand confidently in his. "Do not blame me."  
A dew overspread her big brown eyes. "Fitzjulus, if I ask you to sign a stipulation for a public trial of the divorce suit. You know I am entirely dependent on my own exertions for a livelihood."  
She read consent in his beaming countenance.—Detroit Tribune.

**Saved from the Cruel World.**  
"Miss Clives," said young Lord George Fiat Herbert, "I feel the need of a wife. Don't you think it would be for my good if you were to marry me now?"  
"Yes, Sir George," replied Miss Clives. "If any one needs a protector I think you do."—Chicago News-Record.

**Himself Once More.**  
Banks—Yes, a policeman got after me last night for making so much noise, and when I reached home I was all out of wind.  
Brooks—You got it again, I see.  
"Oh, yes. My wife blew me up soon after I got there."—Life.

**No Time to Be Lost.**  
Mrs. Hicks—We can't go to Mrs. Dix's tonight unless you get me one of those feather boas today.  
Hicks—Why must you have it today?  
Mrs. Hicks—She is going to get one tomorrow.—New York Herald.

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