

**A Logical Inference.**  
**Little Bess**—Who is that strange lady, mamma?  
**Mamma**—That is Miss Goodwin, the philanthropist, my dear.  
**Little Bess**—What is a philanthropist?  
**Mamma**—It is a word derived from the Greek signifying "a lover of men."  
**Little Bess**—Then I guess all women are philanthropists, aren't they, mamma?

**Retribution at Hand.**  
**"Mandy,"** said Farmer Corntassel, "do you know that one of them boarders is the man that got me into a crooked game in the train last winter?"  
**"Are you goin' to have him arrested?"**  
**"No, jes' you see that he doesn't pay his board in counterfeit. They an' we'll get even all right."**

**About the Size of It.**  
**"Ever notice it?"** queried the man who begins his remarks in the middle.  
**"Ever notice what,"** asked the easy mark.  
**"That for every dollar a man wins on fast horses he loses two on slow ones?"** continued the other.

**The Old, Old Story.**  
  
**Ted**—Well, ta-ta, old chappie, I must get away; I have an engagement.  
**Gus**—A pressing one?  
**Ted**—Well, it generally ends in that, don'tcherknow, when the gas is turned down.—**Half-Holiday.**

**Real Thing.**  
**Native**—See those two men standing over there on the corner?  
**Stranger**—Yes. What of them?  
**Native**—They are professional highwaymen.  
**Stranger**—What are you giving me?  
**Native**—Facts. One is a lawyer and the other is a doctor, so it's a case of your money or your life.

**A Little Encouragement.**  
**Young Sorreltop**—Then you utterly cast me off, Esmeralda?  
**Miss Esmeralda**, (with great gentleness)—Why, no, Sylvester; but—but it would be so silly for a girl to say yes the first time. If—if you are of the same mind you might ask me again some day, you know.

**Real Genius.**  
**Jigsaw**—That fellow Piker is certainly a clever, ingenious chap, isn't he?  
**Browning**—Why, I never heard of his doing anything remarkable.  
**Jigsaw**—That's just it. He manages in some way to get along without doing anything.

**Some Omissions.**  
**"Does he advertise all the comforts of home?"** inquired Mr. Tiredout.  
**"No,"** replied Mrs. Tiredout, "the advertisement simply says, 'No mothers-in-law, cross cooks, or crying babies.'"  
**"We'll go,"** asserted Mr. Tiredout, emphatically.

**At Niagara Falls.**  
**"Ah!"** exclaimed the lady excursionist from Boston, "what a stupendous waste of water!"  
**"Yes,"** rejoined Col. Peppers of Kentucky, "but think, madam, how much more terrible it would be if it was corn juice?"

**She'll Get Him Yet.**  
**"Miss Chellus married Mr. Gayman, I understand."**  
**"Oh, yes, some time ago."**  
**"So she caught him at last, eh?"**  
**"No, she hasn't caught him yet, but she has her suspicions."—Quincy Herald.**

**His Artistic Temperament.**  
**"Now, then!"** cried Mrs. Luschman, letting him in at 6 a. m., "what have you to say for yourself, you brute?"  
**"Brute!"** protested Luschman, "why, m' dear, I'm a poet; been 'miring' shunrise—beautiful shunrise. Shtayed up all night 't' shtee it!"

**Too Costly Aspiration.**  
**Godfrey**—I am sorry to hear that Squellop is in a bad way financially. What is the cause of it?  
**Scorjel**—As nearly as I can learn, he has been trying to maintain an automobile position in society on a bicycle income.

**Just Like the Giver.**  
**"Whew! Who gave you this cigar, old man?"**  
**"Why, Dauber, the artist."**  
**"I thought so. It's just like him."**  
**"In what way?"**  
**"Why, it's cheap, full of saws and saws poetry!"**



**"Who is at the telephone?"**  
**"Your wife, sir."**  
**"What does she want?"**  
**"The only word I can understand is 'm' skull.'"**  
**"Let me come there. She probably wants to talk with me."—Topeka State Journal.**

**Closed Season.**  
**Yeast**—I see a dispatch from Malone, N. Y., says a man has already been shot who was mistaken for a deer.  
**Crisis**—Why, I thought the law wouldn't allow a man to shoot another man for a deer, yet?

**The First Flirtation.**  
**Sphrodite** had just risen from the waves.  
**"How's the water?"** queries Mercury, thermometrically.  
**"Cold,"** responded the goddess.  
**This is the first seashore flirtation on record.—Chicago Journal.**

**Comparing Notes.**  
**"What do you do with your money?"** asked the married man.  
**"I'm saving it up to get married,"** replied the bachelor. "What do you do with yours?"  
**"I'm saving it up to get a divorce,"** answered the married man.

**Undoubtedly.**  
**"You're a queer looking thing to want to fight with me,"** said the young bull dog, contemptuously, "you're not in my class."  
**"Perhaps not,"** replied the porcupine, quietly, "but I think I can give you a few points."

**Sorry He Spoke.**  
**Reggy**—Bah Jove, there are a lot of people who sing songs these days and don't even mean what they sing.  
**Miss Rose**—You are right, Reggy. Last night you sang 'Good-by, My Lady Love' at 10 o'clock and didn't leave until 12.

**Modern W. W.**  
**"Do you pull teeth without pain?"** asked the sufferer.  
**"Well, not always,"** answered the truthful dentist. "About six weeks ago I sprained my wrist while pulling a tooth, and it pains me yet occasionally."

**Not Pressing.**  
**"Ah!"** he cried, "now that we're engaged, let me press you to my heart in—"  
**"Don't lose yourself,"** said the summer girl, pushing him away. "This is no pressing engagement."

**Always First.**  
**"I would die first!"** is a typically feminine exclamation. It shows how deeply the desire of precedence intrudes into the female mind.

**Sage Fixes Wedding Date.**  
**No Korean couple would think of marrying without consulting the sage, who fixes the happy day for them. This he does simply by adding the bride's age to the bridegroom's and after determining which star rules the destiny of their united ages, he decrees that the wedding shall take place upon the day sacred to that star.**

**The Devil Grows Clumsy.**  
**A Maiden woman whose sprained knee was made well by faith alone, two days after she fell from her bicycle, explains the accident: "Satan had a special spite against my bicycle, because it was dedicated to God before I ever mounted it." Yet the bicycle did not suffer. The devil is growing clumsy.—Boston Advertiser.**

**Ancient Cross.**  
**An ancient stone cross is still preserved in England, near Mitchell Troy, which dates back to early Saxon times. The general lines are obviously of Saxon design, as are the quaint bosses used in the ornamentation. Its exact utility is in doubt, but it is supposed to have marked the meeting place of early Saxon tribes.**

**Stolen.**  
**A blue creole mare, pacer, no brand, about 7 or 8 years old, upper part of tail bare like hair had been chewed off. A reward will be given for return of above horse to Judge H. L. Mopnier.**

**Pipe a Savage Invention.**  
**A purely savage invention, which is perhaps the most familiar object of modern life, is the tobacco pipe—not only the common clay which the North American Indians molded centuries ago out of the red sandstone of Colorado, but the wooden pipe, the prototype of the everyday briar.**

**Alas! Alack!**  
**The fool-killer sat in his easy chair smoking his pipe of clay, for he hadn't a thing to do on earth but while the time away. But soon the fool-killer's pipe went out and then he burst into tears; it was only a dream—his regular work was behind full a dozen years.**

**Longest Single Span of Wire.**  
**The longest single span of wire in the world is used for a telegraph line stretched over the River Kistuah, between Bezorah and Sectanaroum, India. It is over 6,000 feet long, and is carried from the top of one mountain to that of another.**

**Popularity of the Kiss.**  
**It would be exceedingly interesting to know how the kiss has spread from nation to nation, as it has, around the world. For centuries apparently the love labial, as Dr. Holmes calls it, has been known and used by even the stolid, unemotional Chinese.**

**Motor Monkeys in Malabar.**  
**In Malabar monkeys are actually made to work at pankhas. The hands of the langoor are tied to one of the cords and by means of another cord the machine is put in motion. It was an English officer who conceived the idea.**

**Tie Bundles by Machine.**  
**A man employed in a Paris tea store has invented an apparatus that will fill and tie up parcels at the rate of forty a minute. He says that when the machine is in full working order it will do the work of seventy persons.**

**Silver Service.**  
**"Hey!"** shouted the rich man, peering cautiously over the stairway. "I want you."  
**"Well,"** chuckled the burglar, reaching for the silver, "I am at your service, sir."

**Sure Way to Get Rid of Fleas.**  
**Visitor**—You don't seem to mind giving Mrs. Van Blue's pet poodle a bath twice a day.  
**The Maid**—No, indeed, mum. Some day I'll be able to drown it on the sly.

**Didn't Want Much.**  
**"You may have one wish,"** said the good fairy, "and it will be granted."  
**"Well,"** replied Johnny Wise, "I wish I may have everything I want."

**Information Free.**  
**Backe**—A man is never too old to learn.  
**Benne**—No, he can always find something to marry him.

**Financial Stringency.**  
**"I was in a little friendly poker game yesterday afternoon,"** began young Sportleigh, "and I regret to say I am—"  
**"Sorry I can't oblige you, old man,"** interrupted his friend Goodwin, "but I attended a church social last night."

**Blissful Ignorance.**  
**"What is the prevailing cult in Cleveland now?"** asked the Cincinnati girl.  
**"Really, I can't say,"** replied the maid from the village by the lake. "As far as I know we haven't had an epidemic of any kind for years."

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