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"Well, my good men," said his lordship, "What are you doing?"

The reponse of one of the men was not calculated to please and encourage the amiable prelate. "We been a loyin'," he said.

"Lying!" said the horrified bishop. "What do you mean?"

"Why, yer see," was the explanation, "One of us fun' a kettle, and we been a-tryin' who can tell the biggest lie to have it."

"Shocking!" said the bishop; and straight way improving the occasion, he turned to impress upon the sinners the enormity of lying. He informed them that he had been taught that one of the greatest sins was to lie, and in fact, so strongly had this been urged upon him that never in the whole course of his life had he told a lie.

No sooner had the excellent bishop made this announcement than there was a gleeful shout: "Gie th' governor th' kittle! Gie th' governor th' kittle!"

☞ One of the teachers in a Methodist Sunday school was "stumped" badly Sunday afternoon, during the services of the hour. He was teaching the infant class, and, after explaining the lesson as well as he knew how, he threw open the question box, figuratively speaking, and told the children they might ask him any questions that suggested themselves. He was gratified by a seven-year-old girl, who immediately piped out: "Who's elected?" He could not tell.

☞ A German looked up at the sky, and remarked: "I guess a leedle dot it will rain some dime poly queek, don't it." "Yees do, eh?" responded an Irishman. "What business have ye to purtind to know anything about American weather, ye ignorant furriner?"

☞ Two acquaintances meeting on a wet day one greeted the other with, "Beautiful rain, this! Fetching things out of the ground."

Second friend (disconsolately)—"Hope not, sir—hope not! Got two wives there, sir!"

☞ Are you a christian?" asked one of Mr. Moody's assistants at an inquiry meeting, of a hard-looking customer who had taken a front seat.

"No," he answered, sadly. "I'm a printer." It was a hopeless case.

☞ Are these gratuitious?" asked an old gentleman of a druggist's assistant, taking a patent medicine almanac from a pile on the counter.

"No, them's almanacs," answered the matter-of-fact assistant.

☞ "Married couples resemble a pair of shears," says Sydney Smith, "so joined that they cannot be separated, often moving in opposite directions, yet always punishing any one who comes between them."

☞ Some one said to a parveneu whose brother had remained in poverty:—"You are, I believe, the brother of M. Durand?"

"No, sir; I am not his brother—he is mine."

☞ A sign in a neighboring city reads: "Hickre nuts fur sail." An intelligent old fellow says he don't see any joke about it, except that the fellow has spelled "nuts" with one t.

☞ What is pleasanter these nice, bracing mornings than getting up and taking a walk of four or five miles before breakfast? Nothing, certainly; unless it is lying in bed and thinking about it.

☞ Josh Billings remarks: "The muwl is a larger burd than the guse or the turkey. It has two legs to walk with, and two more to kick with, and it wears its wings on the side of its head."

☞ A little girl hearing the remark that all people had once been children, artlessly inquired: "Who took care of all the children?"

☞ "When I die," said a married man, "I want to go where there is no snow to shovel." His wife said she presumed he would.

☞ "Girls, don't be afraid to work. Ruth gleaned in the harvest-field and got just as good a beau any girl in the neighborhood.