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An Indirect Appeal. There is company to dinner, and Margot has been strictly enjoined not to ask for anything. The guests were very lively, and, at the second course, materfamilias forgot, in the heat of conversation, to serve the little one. A few minutes afterward the servant was ordered to bring another plate. Margot (bashfully)—Will you have mine, mother dear, it is quite clean?—Journal Illustr.



A Doubtful Compliment. Lady Morton—Oh, yes, major, little Miss Angel is a charming girl enough and paints very well for her age, you know; but— Little Miss Angel (overhearing)—Thank you, Lady Morton. I know it takes years and years of practice to paint as well as you do!—Judy.

Cure for Obesity. A certain fat man in New York who wished to reduce his weight began by collecting pamphlets offered by firms that advertise cures for obesity. He was much struck by the fact that all agreed in one particular. While each firm advised the regular taking of its particular cure and several said, "Others are useless or worse," all insisted that a great deal of exercise and a peculiar diet must be taken with the medicine.

About six months afterward the pamphlet collector, now no longer a fat man, entered a New York drug store. "I'm eternally obliged to you," he said to the proprietor. "How's that, sir?" "Six months ago I weighed 227 pounds. Now I weigh only 180." "Would you kindly give me your name and address, sir?" said the fat cure vender in great delight. "Certainly," and he gave it. "Now, sir, if you'd allow us to refer to your case we should be greatly obliged."

"Certainly. That's what I came in for. I've written out a certificate." He handed it to the delighted proprietor, repeated "I'm eternally obliged to you," and departed. Then the druggist read the following certificate: "I have much pleasure in recommending Mr. —'s pamphlet on the cure of obesity. In consequence of reading it, I have reduced my weight in six months from 227 to 180 pounds, with great benefit to my general health. I rigidly followed the pamphlet's advice to take regular exercise and eschew fatty, starchy and sweet foods. This saved me a good deal of money, for I never took one particle of Mr. —'s medicine."—Youth's Companion.

An Editor Pro Tem. A drummer for a certain paper will met a sentimental young woman on a Grand Trunk train going up to Port Huron, and it was not long before his modest diffidence so impressed her that she let him sit beside her and divide the charming landscape with her through the same window. After a delightful talk of half an hour he began to refer to himself and his labor. "What business are you in?" she inquired naively.

"The newspaper business," he said. "Oh," she twittered, "how lovely it must be to be an editor. So much intelligence is required. Such intellect. Such a comprehensive breadth of knowledge. So much of all that develops a man's brain and makes him equally a scientist, teacher, poet, artist, politician and statesman. I am sure"—and, oh, how softly sweet her eyes turned upon him—"I am sure I could love an editor."

Then the modest, diffident drummer kicked his sample case under his seat and didn't tell her any better.—Detroit Free Press.

A Neighboring Mistake. Amateur Soprano—It's just too mean for anything! That dog of yours howls every time I sing. Neighbor—I'm very sorry, mum. "Why don't you stop him?" "You see, mum, we didn't know it was that way." "What way?" "We thought, mum, that you was tryin' to spite us by singin' every time he howled."—New York Weekly.

Of Course It Was. Tom—Did you ever hear Smith tell about that trout he caught last summer? Jack—No, but it must have been a big one. Tom—A big fish? Jack—No, a big lie.—Yankee Blade.

The Redeeming Feature. "Of course," said the critic, "I have taken the worst side in criticising your poems. But they have, nevertheless, their good side too." "And that is?" "The side of the paper that's not written on."—Fliegende Blatter.

An Appropriate Background. Miss Elderby (at furniture store)—Would I look well in this chair. Penelope? Penelope—Should think so. It is an antique, you know.—Brooklyn Life.

A Proviso. Judge (after the jury has acted against his judgment in acquitting a man)—Give this man his liberty—but watch your coats and umbrellas.—Fliegende Blatter.

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