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**The Day and the Knight.**  
Lord Kelvin when a professor at Glasgow university was occasionally obscure and complex when the interest of a side issue led him off the beaten track. This was made the subject of an epigram which contrasted his methods with those of his assistant, Day, to his disadvantage. The occasion chosen was that of his return from having received his knighthood, and a student wrote upon the blackboard, "Work while it is yet Day, for the knight cometh when no man can work."

**Rossini's Resting Place.**  
For years Rossini's body rested in Pere Lachaise, and then city of Florence asked that it might be transferred to the Church of the Holy Cross in that city, where the bodies of Galilei, Michelangelo, Machiavelli, Alfieri and other great Italians are entombed. Consent was received from the municipality, but the master's widow, Dona Olympia, would consent to the translation only on condition that when her time came her body might be placed next to that of her husband. This request was bluntly denied, for the reason that only Italians "who had achieved greatness" could rest there. In 1878 the widow died and before her death consented in writing to the removal of her husband's body to Florence, provided her body be placed in the grave from which his would be taken in Pere Lachaise, and after a long time for consideration this was done.

**A Dilemma's Horns.**  
The young lady sighed deeply and was almost affected to tears. "Harold," she said, "declares that if I don't marry him he will end his life, and I am afraid he will." She stifled a sob, then continued: "And Randolph declares that if I don't marry him he will go into politics and become great and famous, and then he says I shall see what I have missed, and I am afraid he will keep his word too."

Overcome by emotion, she buried her face in her hands, not knowing whether to save a life or to spare the country another politician.

**The First Census.**  
The idea of the census originated among the Romans, when a group of the many functions performed by the high officer called censor received the name of census. It was taken every five years and indicated not only the number of the respective classes of the people, but their domestic positions as husbands, wives, fathers, mothers, sons and daughters. The first modern nation to take up the census was the United States of America in 1790. The first British census was in 1801, but this did not include Ireland.

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### SOUTHERN RY., TIME TABLE

Schedule in Effect Sunday Feb. 21 the Following is to Indianapolis and is not Guaranteed.

EASTBOUND		WESTBOUND	
No. 5 DAILY	9:34 A. M.	No. 12 DAILY	9:31 A. M.
No. 17	2:52 P. M.	No. 14	11:31 A. M.
No. 18	5:10 P. M.	No. 9	7:28 P. M.
No. 19 SUNDAY ONLY	6:50 A. M.	No. 20 SUNDAY ONLY	11:05 A. M.
Time shown at Huntington.			
EASTBOUND		WESTBOUND	
No. 1, DAILY, 4:37 A. M.		No. 2, DAILY, 12:55 A. M.	
No. 6	9:20 "	No. 4	11:20 "
No. 8	3:53 P. M.	No. 14	11:50 A. M.
No. 22	8:42 "	No. 10	7:50 P. M.

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### Prudence and Zabel.

By M. QUAD.

(Copyright, 1902, by T. C. McClure.)  
Prudence Smith and Zabel Winters met at spelling school and were impressed with each other. Zabel would have married her if the Widow Penrose hadn't mixed in. She wanted the young man for herself, and in awe-some whispers she imparted the information that Prudence Smith was knock-kneed and would never be able to stand at a washtub or run up and down the cellar stairs. The young man was at once impressed. He ceased to speak Prudence on Sunday nights and assure her that he longed to jump over precipices for her sake, and of course she resented it. She went about with her chin in the air and asked for no explanations, and so relations were strained for many long months. Then Zabel's mother found out what was the matter with him and set him right. The widow had lied. Zabel made it up with the girl. The doves came back again and turtled, a new date was set for the marriage, and Farmer Smith reached out his horny hand for a shake and said:

"Zabel, gol darn your buttons, you're gittin' the real thing, and you orter be the happiest man in Woodchuck county."

Zabel was for about two weeks. Then Deacon Gray, who was a widower and wanted Prudence for his second wife, gave up some information about Zabel. When he had sworn her to the most awful secrecy he confessed that the young man had a live frog in his stomach and would probably go mad within two years and cut the throat of his wife if he had one. The frog had jumped down Zabel's throat one day when he was drinking from the horse pond, and, though thousands of inducements had been held out to him, nothing could prevail upon him to jump out.

Well, where is the young girl, no matter how her heart tunks with love, who is going to marry a young man with a live and growing frog in his stomach? She can't be found. She wasn't found in this case. Prudence Smith cooled off on Zabel Winters, and he went about with his chin in the air and was too good to ask for an explanation. It was a year before one came. Then a lightning rod man stayed overnight at Smith's, and after supper he got to talking about frogs. Seeing he was posted on the subject, Prudence made bold to ask him if he had ever heard of a frog taking up inside quarters, and he answered that such a thing was absolutely impossible and beyond belief. Zabel Winters had probably swallowed a small fish and the fish might be growing, but if left alone he could in time be fished for and caught. That settled the frog question, and Zabel was invited to come around and make up. He got a bottle on him, and the turtledoves sang soft and low, a new date was appointed, and Farmer Smith stopped chopping wood long enough to extend a hand and say:

"Zabel, you gol darned idiot, don't you know when you've got a good thing? Don't fool around any more."

Zabel didn't want to, but before it had been decided which minister should marry them old Mrs. Snyder struck his trail. She was too old to marry, but not too old to utter a warning for the benefit of a young man who had put in a day hoeing her garden and refused to take pay for it. She told him right straight out that Prudence Smith snored like a steam engine, that she had six toes on her right foot and forty four on her left, that she had had St. Vitus' dance when a baby and that it was sure to come back on her some day. It might not be a year after marriage that Zabel would come up from the cornfield some afternoon and find her darnin' all around the dooryard and kicking as high as a fence. That settled Zabel. He wanted Prudence, but he didn't want a dancing dervish. More cold-ness, more strained relations. It was a full year before old Mrs. Snyder was proved a liar, and it took three months longer to make up and set another date. Things had run smoothly to within a fortnight of the date when a tin peddler came along and bought a sheepskin of Zabel and then told him that Prudence Smith was deaf in the right ear, nearsighted in both eyes and would be tongue tied before she was two years older. Zabel hadn't noticed the deafness or blindness, but he believed in tin peddlers and at once grew frigid. Result, another year lost.

Fate was still in the game, however, and when everybody, including the two principals, had made up their minds that there would be no marriage she came loafing around to do her duty. Farmer Smith and his daughter were in the village one day buying calico and brown sugar when Zabel Winters appeared. He had eggs to sell for hickory shirting. The lovers were brought face to face, but they didn't speak. They thought of frogs and St. Vitus' dance and six toed feet and were turning away when Father Smith reached out one hand for his daughter and the other for Zabel and said:

"Boy, are you two gol darned idiots?"

"Um!" replied Prudence.

"Um!" replied Zabel.

"If you wasn't you'd come along with me to the preacher and git married and hev this tarmahon thing settled to once and for good and all." Prudence looked at Zabel. Zabel looked at Prudence. Then they smiled and edged up near each other, and as how later they have now and then.

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