

to you for five pounds. Be saving, of course, and when you do make a bargain with any one, be sure no one hears you, and then if you get the worst of it and want to back out you can."

Hughes thought a second and then said:

"Did any one hear you make this bargain?"

"Not a soul," replied Jackson. "Well then," was the prompt answer, "I think I'll begin on you."—Cardiff Times.

IGNORANCE IS BLISS

"A lady on a sultry summer afternoon called on some friends," said a lecturer. "The talk buzzed along briskly, fans waved, and the daughter of the house kept twitching uncomfortably, frowning and making little smothered exclamations of annoyance. Finally, with an impatient sigh, she rose and left the room.

"Your daughter," said the visitor, "seems to be suffering from the heat." "No," said the hostess. "She is just back home from college, and she is suffering from the family grammar."—Milwaukee Sentinel.

LITTLE CAP'N HOBSON

(With amends to the creator of "Little Orphan Annie.") Little Cap'n Hobson 's coming to Washington to stay, An' make his yaller speeches an' draw a statesman's pay; An' shoo-the peace dove off the perch, an' make your flesh to creep, And send out seeds an' answer mail, an' earn his board an' keep; An' all us other people, when the breakfast things is done, Can read the mornin' paper an' have the mostest fun A-lis'nin' to the war scares the Cap'n tells about— An' the Hobson-uns 'll git you Ef

you don't watch out!

One't there was a little boy, his name was Uncle Sam; He had a nofful muscle, an' a fist jest like a ham, But the Germans heard his holler, an' the John Bulls heard him bawl, An' when they hunted for him, he wasn't there at all; They seeked him at the north pole, an' seeked him eas' and wes'; An' all around the tropics, an' everywhere, I guess, But a great big Jap had got him, an' shoved him up the spout— An' the Hobson-uns 'll git you Ef

you don't watch out!

An' little Cap'n Hobson says, when the blaze burns blue, An' the banquet lamp-light splutters an' the wind goes woo-o-o-o, An' you hear the cabbies quittin', an' the moon is turnin' gray, An' the Washin'ton reporters are a-sendin' news away, You 'd better watch the Jappy, who 's a-creepin' near an' near, An' build a mighty navy, though it does come offul dear, An' make jobs for sea experts, who is everywhere about— Er the Hobsön-uns 'll git you Ef

you don't watch out!

—By the writer of "Center Shots" in the Denver Republican.

ONLY ONE OBJECTION

Some sage said that "life would be tolerable if it were not for its amusements." Many people give most cordial assent to this dictum. No objection can justly be made to it, except that it is not true.—London Saturday Review.

DON'T SLAM THE DOOR

E. H. Sothern had received the actor in his dressing room because he was extremely anxious to replace a certain member of his company with a stronger and more versatile player. The applicant, too, was anxious but he had heard that the members of the Sothern-Marlowe company were very highly paid and he believed that to name anything but a figure double that he had ever received before would but cheapen him in Mr. Sothern's estimation, and, perhaps, cost him the chances for a very desirable engagement.

"How much would you want to take up three parts; one each in 'Jeanne D'Arc,' 'The Sunken Bell' and 'John, the Baptist?'" asked Mr. Sothern, busy with his paint pots.

The visitor, in a flash of bravado, named a price even more exorbitant than he had previously fixed upon.

"Don't slam the door when you go out, will you?" was Sothern's only reply, made without his even turning from the make-up table.

Here is a new reply for anything not wanted. So are trite American phrases in expressive slang originated. "Don't slam the door."—Kansas City (Mo.) Post.

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