

HOW IT WOULD WORK IN THE FAMILY

"Johnny, did you take that jam? Answer me this instant!"
 "What jam, ma?"
 "You know very well what jam. Did you take it?"
 "That's a leading question, ma. I can't incriminate myself."
 "JOHNNY!"
 "And besides, ma, it's no crime to take jam, because there's no mention of blackberry jam in the constitution."
 "Johnny, I'm losing patience. Once more, did you take that jam?"
 "Ma, I'd like a delay until next

fall to prepare my case. My witnesses have gone to Europe."
 "You're overruled. If I waited you might destroy the evidence."
 "Then I want a change of venue."
 "Overruled. This is just as good a place as the woodshed."
 "Can I have a nabeas corpus, ma?"
 "Johnny, you're hurting your own case by all this quibbling. Come, now, did you take it or didn't you."
 "Ma, I'd like to appeal the case to some court that isn't in session."
 "Nonsense. This court is capable of trying it. If you're guilty I want to know it, and if you're innocent I should think you'd be glad to have

a chance to prove it. Are you guilty or not guilty?"
 "NOT GUILTY, MA!"—Chicago Tribune.

EXPLAINED AT LAST

Neal Ball, the only player in the major baseball leagues who ever made a triple play unassisted, that is, put out three men in one play, is convinced that women are more intelligent on the average than men, but is equally convinced that they do not understand baseball. Accordingly, when he talks baseball to a woman, he adopts a light, facetious tone. "A woman once said to me,"

he tells the story, "I love baseball, Mr. Ball. I love especially to watch the man at the bat. It is so cute, too, the way he keeps hitting the ground gently with the bat's end. Why does he do that, though? 'Well, you see, madam,' I said, 'the worms have an annoying habit of coming up to see who's batting, and that naturally puts a man out a bit; so he just taps them on the head lightly, and down they go.'"—Christian Work and Evangelist.

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