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"No. She's readin' a perfum d letter she found in your inside vest-pocket."
"Hem! Tell her I've gone out to buy her some new novels."

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Every-Day Life.
Mrs. D'Avnoo (at front window)—"Officer!"
"Police man—Yes, ma'am. What's wrong ma'am?"
Mrs. D'Avnoo—Nothing's wrong; but I wish you'd step into the kitchen and tell the cook not to burn the meat as she did last night. I'm afraid to."

Not an accident has happened on the Holland railways since women were appointed switchtenders, it is stated. Women seem to take naturally to the switch.

Bagley—"And Mr. Pessin called in the doctor just before he died? Why did he wait so long?" Winks—"Well, he would n't take chances until he saw there was no hope anyhow."

"Then the guests went home and the neighbors went to sleep," is the way a local weekly winds up its account of a lively party given down town.

When Nature
Needs assistance it may be best to render it promptly, but one should remember to use even the most perfect remedies only when needed. The best and most simple and gentle remedy is the Syrup of Figs, manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co.

Clara—"Why did you break your engagement with George? He used to bring you such delicious candy!"
Dora—"Yes, used to, but since I accepted him, he's been bringing me the twenty-five cent kind."

Bouton—"I didn't meet Jack Goodheart at the restaurant today."
Upton—"N—o Jack is a married man now, and its three days since pay-day."

Friend—"You took your son into your establishment some months ago, to teach him the business, I understand. How did it turn out?"
Business Man (wearily)—"Great success. He's teaching me now."

Old Editor—"Where is Scribber?"
Assistant—"Gone off to get married."
Old Editor—"Well, I'm glad of that. He won't kick so about staying here nights now."

Mrs. Willam Murden, 197 Third St., Albany, N. Y., gives it the meed of praise, as follows: "I have used Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup and find it has no equal. No family should be without it."

Miss Forund—"This fashion of having hired singers is just horrid, and I'm going to stop it. Mr. Nicsefellow has gone now."
Mrs. F—"Gone where?"
George—"Did you sell your horse for as much as you paid when you bought him?"
John—"Well—er—I sold him for as much as he was worth when I bought him?"
Bilkins—"Jimson must have built that fine house of his under a mortgage didn't he?"
Wilkins—"Yes. How did you know?"
Bilkins—"I notice his shoulders are beginning to look like a Mansard roof."

Had Noticed It.
Mr. Richfello—Isn't Miss De Mure pretty when she blushes?
Miss Beauti—"Yes. I noticed it the other day. It was the first time I ever saw her face color."
"Indeed. What was she blushing over."
"Over a plate of hot soup."

Mrs. J. Brown Stone—"After all, the plumber who was working for us is a very satisfactory man." Mr. Stone—"Yes; he fills the b.H."

WEALTH OF THE STATES.

The Riches of the Country Lie More Largely East Than Was Supposed.

The detailed figures of the assessment by States, in the census bulletin just issued, shows how unevenly wealth is distributed in the different sections of this country. Of course these totals are not perfect for purposes of comparison, as the assessment laws differ in the various States, but the Louisville Courier-Journal claims that with a few provisos they serve well enough to give one a fair idea of the relative riches or poverty of the sections. One of the most important of the provisos is in regard to Illinois, where the State Board of Equalization estimates that the 1899 assessment represents only one-fourth the true value of the property. This estimate is upheld by the fact that the assessment of Illinois is but little more than one-third that of Ohio, and is considerably less than that of Indiana, although Illinois has the great city of Chicago within her borders and possesses a population nearly double that of Indiana. In Massachusetts the assessment is likely to be a little high as compared with that of other states, as property there is rated at pretty nearly its true value.

The figures indicate that the wealth of the country lies more largely in the East than had even been generally supposed, although it was universally known that the East, because of greater age, was the richer section.

Massachusetts, though one of the smallest States in size and but the sixth in population, is the third in assessed wealth, falling less than 20 per cent. behind Pennsylvania, while New York, with a population nearly three times as great, exceeds her only 60 per cent. Her assessment is greater than that of Ohio, more than four times that of Kentucky, six times that of Tennessee, more than fourteen times that of South Carolina and nearly three times that of Missouri.

More than one-third of the assessed wealth of the United States is in the three States of New York, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts, and nearly one-half of it is in the five States of New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Ohio and California. The assessment of California, though that State is only about forty years old, exceeds that of any other state except New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and Ohio, though Illinois would be far ahead of her if property there were properly assessed.

The six New England States, with about one-thirtieth of the population of the Union, contain one-seventh of the assessed wealth. Massachusetts with one-thirtieth of the population having one-eleventh of the assessed wealth. The fifteen States that were formerly slaveholding contain about 22 per cent. of the assessed wealth and about 36 per cent. of the population of the Union. What was the old Northwest Territory, which Great Britain endeavored to hold, now the five States of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, and Wisconsin, contains 2 1/2 per cent. of the population and 2 1/2 per cent. of the assessed wealth. Illinois being given her proper assessment, about equal to that of Ohio.

Some of the far western States, besides California, are rising rapidly in the scale of wealth. Thus the assessment of Washington or Colorado is larger than that of South Carolina or West Virginia or Arkansas. In fact, the assessment of Washington exceeds that of Nebraska, but we must take into consideration that values are placed on a much higher scale in the new and Western States than in the old and Eastern States. It is safe to say that the newer a State is the more inflated its assessment is. There is also another important item to be taken into consideration in estimating the relative wealth of East and West. A large portion of the West is owned in the East, while very little of the East belongs to the West.

The smallest State in the Union is by no means the poorest. Little Rhode Island, with her 1,300 square miles, has a higher assessment than those of twenty-six States and Territories. Of the strictly Southern States only Virginia, Georgia, Tennessee, and Texas exceed her in assessed wealth, and her assessment is more than three-fifths that of Kentucky. Delaware, the next smallest State, has an assessment less than one-fourth as large as that of Rhode Island. The highest assessed valuation per head is in Massachusetts, where it is about \$965, and the lowest is in the three States of North Carolina, South Carolina and Mississippi, where it is about \$135 each per human being. In Kentucky the average is about \$265, in Ohio about \$500, in New York about \$630, in Pennsylvania about \$500, in Rhode Island about \$920, in Michigan about \$440, in Virginia about \$235, in Tennessee about \$200, and in Georgia about \$205.

On The Way.
The day when a boy puts on his first pair of diminutive trousers is indeed a time of importance.
Two children, one in a boy's sailor suit, the other in a little checked woollen frock, were accosted by a nintestered passer-by one day, as they played together on the sidewalk.
"Good morning, children," said the lady, addressing them with a smile, as she stopped a moment to watch their game of "hop-scotch"; "are you brother and sister, playing so nicely together, or," as she saw a somewhat distressed and aggrieved expression on the face of the child in the frock, "are you both boys?"
"We aren't relations," replied the other child, "and I'm a boy now, and Tommy's going to be one next week, when he gets his new suit!"

A Wonderful Son.

Fussy Old Gentleman—"Have you any children?"
"Yes, sir; a son."
"Ah! Does he smoke?"
"No, sir; he has never touched a cigar etc."
"Does he frequent the clubs?"
"He has never put his foot in one."
"Does he come home late?"
"He goes to bed directly after dinner."
"A model young man, madam. How old is he?"
"Just two months."

A Wicked Suggestion.
Reporter—"If you will allow me to have the sermon which you are to deliver on Sunday, I will copy it and print it in Monday's paper."
Reverend De Goode—"I cannot allow my sermon to go out of my hands if you will come to church on Sunday, you can hear it and take notes."
Reporter (with dignity)—"I do not work on Sundays, sir."

A Poet With a Cluck.
"Who is that long-haired young fellow who seems to have nothing to do?" inquired the casual observer.
"That's our poet," said the village clerk. "The village clubs together and pays his board and clothes."
"Where are his works published?"
"Ain't never published. He's arranged to have 'em printed after he's dead. That's why we are trying to keep him alive as long as we can."

Thins Them Out.
Appleton—"I think the Spanish bull-fights much preferable to our prize-fights."
Plumpton—"Goodness! Why?"
Appleton—"Sometimes the bull-fighters get killed."
Nervous Lady—"Have you killed many snakes around here this summer?"
Farmer Hayseed—"No, I allers leaves 'em for summer boarders to kill. You'll find plenty o' sport, mum."

Old Lady (pointing to elevated railroad)—"Where do them cars go to?"
City Man (hurriedly)—"Almost anywhere you want 'em to."
Old Lady—"Land sakes! I thought they had to stay on the rails!"

Bilkins—"Did you ever notice how much money butchers have in their pockets when they are picking out your change?"
Wilkins—"No-o but I've often noticed how little I've had in my pockets after I got my change."
"McWatty wasn't elected, was he? His campaign seemed to be struck by lightning." "Well, it was. There was a big bolt."

Country Cousin—"I think these elevated railroads are just lovely!"
City Hostess—"Do you really?"
Country Cousin—"Yes, indeed. They keep off the sun."

Mrs. Dwentoff—"Vy you admires dot man so, Rachel?"
Daughter—"He pought dose giothes mit our store, and he becomes dem so beautifully."

St. Peter—"You were an editor of a political organ, I see. Didn't you do a good deal to help the devil?"
Shade of Editor—"No, sir—no, sir—never! He was never nominated by our party."

Ted—"He's full of impracticable ideas." Ned—"I should say he was. The only one of his schemes that didn't go up a flying-machine."

Church Worker—"And how did you like the singing of our choir?"
Visiting Stranger (anxious to be polite)—"Well, the members didn't allow their efforts to be diverted by the mere mechanical accuracy of the organ."

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Daughter—"Why, pa where did you learn so much about bangs?"

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