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### A Culinary Triumph.

The chefs may look wise and roll up their eyes  
O'er salads and dressings and oils;  
They may seek to devise some edible prize  
Of baking or stewing or broils.  
I rise to declare, to affirm and to swear,  
That none of their Frenchy cuisines  
Can ever compare to a meal good and square  
Of onions and lettuce and greens.

The Frenchified rote of the fine table d'hôte  
Beginning with thin soup and fish,  
And ending with "float" with Parisian note  
I pass up to any who wish.  
My good appetite seeks nothing so light;  
To something substantial it leans.  
It is longing with might for the beautiful sight  
Of onions and lettuce and greens.

Of bacon a slice; salt, pepper, a trice,  
Lambquarters and mustard leaves curled—  
These come at low price and when boiled are so nice—  
There's nothing so good in the world.  
Young onions to munch, crisp lettuce a bunch,  
Then away with your Frenchy cuisines!  
Just give me a hunch that for dinner or lunch  
There's onions and lettuce and greens.

### It Sometimes Happens.

The street car conductor stood in front of the gray-haired and well-dressed gentleman and exclaimed, "Fare, please."

The gray-haired gentleman felt nervously in every pocket, but evidently he had left his purse at home. "I beg pardon," said he, "but I have left all my change in my other clothes. If you will kindly allow me to ride I will hand you the fare the next—"

"Can't do it," growled the conductor. "Put up or get off."

"But, sir, I—"

"Can't waste time talking, old man. Step lively when I stop the car."

The conductor viciously pulled the bell-cord and the car slackened its speed.

"Allow me, sir," said a charming young lady, stepping forward. "Allow me to tender your fare."

"Thank you, my kind young lady," said the gray-haired gentleman. "I will appreciate your kindness very much."

"Pray do not mention it, sir," said the young lady, giving the nickel to the conductor.

"But I insist upon having your address," said the gentleman. "I—"

"It is of no consequence, sir."

"Pardon me, it is of consequence. I cannot—"

"Very well, sir; here is my card."

"I thank you," said the gentleman. That evening a gray-haired and well-dressed gentleman rang the bell at 7689 Spruce street, and to the maid who answered he asked:

"Is this where Miss Soandso lives?"

"Yes, sir, please step in and I will call her."

When Miss Soandso appeared the gentleman stepped forward and exclaimed:

"Ah, you are the young lady who paid my car fare this morning!"

"Yes, I had the pleasure."

"And I thank you heartily, my good

## Whether Common or Not

By WILL M. MAUPIN.

young woman. I have come to ask if you will kindly lend me \$2 until Saturday."

### Papa Goose Rhymes.

Sing a song of delegates,  
To catch 'em now they try;  
Hanna and John Clarkson  
Working on the sly.  
When the game is opened and  
The delegates are sought  
What a pretty joke, boys,  
If they won't stay bought.  
Hanna in the senate chair  
With his pension bill,  
Clarkson in the southland,  
Tramping vale and hill.  
Delegates are waiting now  
Till money is in sight;  
Trusts are being fat fried  
Morning, noon and night.

### Sad Position.

"Your money or your life!" hissed the highwayman.  
The scheming millionaire who worshipped his gold made haste to reply:  
"Alas, if you take either I'll have no use for the other."

### Great Scheme.

"You say you have something that will make millions for both of us if properly worked? What is it?"

"I've got a splendid name for a new breakfast food. All we need is something to eat to fit it to and a lot of display advertising."

### Envious.

"I envy dat man Rockefeller, Dusty," observed Fatigued Ferrars as he laid aside the well polished bone.  
"Ah, wot's de use of envyin' a man dat's got t' take care o' so much money, Fatty?"

"I ain't envyin' him his money, Dusty. I wuz jus' thinkin' dat he is a mighty lucky man. I'd call it luck if I had a stomach dat didn't yearn f'r food. Jus' t'ink how much time we lose, Dusty, from our loafin' by bein' compelled t' hustle f'r somethin' t' eat."

### A Quick Sale.

"But I can get all the names and addresses I want for nothing," said the green goods man.  
"But these are especially select names for a man in your business," replied the salesman.  
"In what way do they differ from the average list of names?"

"These names were copied from a poll book. They represent all the men who walked up to the polling place in Podunk and demonstrated by their votes that they think they can tax themselves rich by paying tribute to the trusts."

With a shriek of joy the green goods man handed over a roll of bills and seized the list.

Satisfying himself that the bills were genuine the salesman disappeared around the corner in the direction of the nearest thirst emporium.

### Orthographical.

There was a young lady named Beauchamp  
Who sang at high notes but would screauchamp.  
But try as she would  
She couldn't make gould;  
She never was able to reauchamp.

### The Inquirer.

"Papa," said little Willie, looking up from his book, "may I ask you a ques-

tion or two?"

"Certainly, my son. I will be glad to import information to you, and I am pleased to know that you are seeking after knowledge."

"Well, papa, please tell me why an angleworm is all curves, and—"

"Look here, sir; I've—"

"And why gooseberries have no feathers, and—"

"Young man, I'll—"

"And if a horsefly paces or trots, and—"

"You young jackanapes, I've a good—"

"And if a clock is too tired to walk up after it has run down, and—"

"What do you mean by—"

"And whose scales the big fish use when they get a weigh, and—"

"If I hear another word out—"

"And why a man says he is all broke up when he is down in the mouth, and—"

But the street door slammed behind papa's form as he chased after the car already a block ahead of him.

"That's always the way," muttered Willie. "How can papa expect me to acquire information if no one will answer my questions?"

### Query.

If all the world were water,  
And all the water chalk,  
Pray tell me how friend Morgan would  
Proceed to float his stock?

### Brain Leaks.

A white lie soon loses its complexion.

A soft answer often saves hard knocks.

Every home should be quarantined against gossip.

True charity does not stop to hunt the small change.

Widow's weeds do not always take root in the heart.

The sky is never dark when the heart is full of hope.

Men who sow wild oats discover that the crop never fails.

A man is better able to look up after he has looked in.

Paying the preacher is not all of a church member's duty.

Fine feathers do not make fine birds, but they do make expensive ones.

The man who tries to please everybody does not even succeed in pleasing himself.

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