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Wouldn't Make Mince-meat.
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Alexander Cook was the old-time village shoemaker in Parnassus and William Logue worked for him. The gang was telling hog stories in the shoe shop one day when Alexander said: "Huh! Seven hundred and fifty. Why, my father in Ireland killed man once an' it dressed 2,800." The crowd looked at him in astonishment. "Yes sir," he added defiantly, "an' it wuz 18 feet long. Why, when they went to hang it up they hed to take it up on the roof an' hang it over the side of the house." The gang looked at him silently and sorrowfully and finally went out. Cook hummed a tune and pegged away at his shoe. Logue did the same. Their backs were toward each other. Finally Logue stopped and looked around. "What's the matter, Logue?" asked Cook. "I was thinkin' about that hog," said Logue. "Well, I'll cut it in two," said Cook obligingly. "Nine feet long and 1,200 pounds," said Logue. They resumed work. In a few minutes Logue stopped and looked around again. "What's the matter, Logue?" repeated Cook. "I was thinkin' about that hog," said Logue. "Well, I'll cut it in two again," said Cook as he pegged away. "Four and a half feet long and 650 pounds," said Logue as he turned a second time to his work. Several minutes of silence intervened and finally Logue turned a third time. "Now what's the matter, Logue?" "I'm still thinkin' about that hog," said Logue. "Well, now luk ye here, Billy Logue," replied Cook. "I've cut that baste in two twice fur ye an' I'll be d— if I'll make mince-meat av it to accommodate ye or any other man."

Tommy's Grammar Rules Work Badly.

Tommy was told that "couple" was singular, and, to make him remember it, he had to write an essay about "A couple." Tommy went into his study corner, was quiet a half hour, except once, when he demanded the proper orthography of one or two big words, and this is what he handed his mother when it was all done:

A COUPLE.

There was a couple that went fishing. One half of it was a man; the second half was a woman. It went in a row-boat with a pair of oars, which was also a couple. So that there was a couple of couples. The woman half of the first couple caught a couple of fish. Then there was three couples. Said the man part of the first couple:

"We has caught enough fish."

Then it sat down together, and it put its arms around it and it said:

"Oh, my, don't."

But it didn't act as if it cared much. Just then the boat ran into a stump and stopped. This couple was very singular for a while, but finally she said to it:

"George, my dear, doesn't it think it is time to go home?"

It looked at its watch and said:

"Yes, dearie! It is!"

Then this couple was plural, while one of it rowed home.

So a couple is both singular and plural just the same.

Tommy was a Strategist.

A little boy dropped his drumstick into a well. In vain he entreated his parents, the footman, the gardener, the coachman, the cook, the housemaid to go down into the well to recover his drumstick. In his distress a brilliant expedient occurred to Master Tommy—he secretly carried off all the plate from the sideboard and threw it into the well. Great was the consternation when the plate was missed, and an active search for the robbers took place. In the midst of the alarm and the confusion Master Tommy ran with the news that he had found the plate. "Where?" was the cry. "Down the well," replied Tommy. "I saw it quite plain shining at the bottom—spoons, ladles, bread baskets, salvers and all." The housemaid hurried to the well, at the bottom of which, sure enough, the plate was seen. A ladder was procured, a servant descended, and the plate was brought up. Just before the last article was fished up Master Tommy whispered to him: "John, please bring up my drumstick when you go down for the soup ladle."

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