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☞ "Is your father at home?" inquired the man of the little girl who admitted him. "Is your name Bill?" she asked. "Some people call me so," replied he. "Then he is not at home, for I heard him tell John if any bill man came, to say he was not at home."

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☞ A negro witness in a trial the other day was asked what he was doing in a certain saloon at a certain time. He exclaimed that he had gone there to "change his breff." The explanation was accepted.

☞ On coming for the first time from a wretched garret in an inland town to the sea-shore, a poor woman, gazing at the ocean, said: "I am glad for once in my life to see something which there is enough of."

☞ A negro was put on the stand as a witness, and the judge inquired if he understood the nature of an oath. "For certing, boose," said the citizen; "if I swear to a lie I must stick to him!"

☞ A retired schoolmaster excuses his passion for angling by saying that from constant habit, he never feels quite himself unless he is handling the rod.

☞ Why is the figure nine like a peacock? Because it's nothing without its tail.

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