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Tommy Consented.

He was named Thomas and she was named Jane. They sat on a hotel balcony for three long hours and giving themselves dead away as being out of towners. As they sat down Thomas took one of Jane's hands. She allowed that sort of thing to go on without a word of protest, and the flaxen-haired youth finally seized the other one. They talked and talked, and looked down upon the street, and sighed, and the hours slipped away. At the end of the third hour she said:
"Tommy, dearest, I want to ask you something."
"Ask me a hundred—a thousand—a million things!" he exclaimed in reply.
"Well, Tommy, I've got an awful cold in my head," she continued, "and if I drew one of my hands away and wiped my nose would you think I was mad? I've either got to do that, Tommy, or let my nose wipe itself. Just one wipe, Tommy, and then you may have it back."
Tommy released her hand, though he hated to, and her nose was softly and duly wiped.

A newsboy rushed into a retail shirt store, the other day, and thus accosted the proprietor:
"Say, mister, do you retail shirts here?"
"Yes, my son! we have them to fit at seventy-five cents a piece—very nice ones."
"Oh, blazes! I don't want a whole one, but I seed on your sign, 'Shirts retail and wholesale,' and I thought you might retail mine, for it wants it bad; a dog got hold uv it, and he wouldn't let go if I hadn't kill'd him!"
"Why don't your mother mend your clothes, boy?"
"Well, thar! do you think I got a mother? I ain't got a mother, nor never had—that I nose on—"
"You had best go to the man over the way. We can't retail you one."

Tom Wright, a Burlingtonian of the colored persuasion, started out a few nights since to hunt possum, and espying one perched on the limb of an oak tree, commenced operations at once. He related his experience as follows:
"I clumb out on a limb and shuck, and shuck, and shuck it, and by'm by I heard somethin' drap, and what de yer think it were?"
"The possum," said the listener.
"No, by golly, 'twas dis nigger," said Tom.

One of the teachers in a Binghamton public school the other day received the following excuse in behalf of a delinquent pupil written by the father:
MR. DEACHER:—Dot poy of mine was absent de oder day ven he shtaid out. He got one big colt in his neck vot made him much trouble all de vile. Please don't give him some bunishment ven he was late in de morning. He would get there shusi in time every day, but he is not himself to blame, he is got no mother. She vos dead 10 years ago. I am this poy's parent by his mother before she vos dead.

"Have you got the lesson to-day?" asked a Sunday-school teacher of a pupil whose head was bandaged up under a couple of inches of flannel. "No ma'am," replied the teacher. "Have you got your catechism with you?" asked the teacher. "No ma'am." "Have you got anything?" again asked the teacher, getting a little impatient. "Yeth ma'am," was the timid reply. "What is it?" "The mumph, ma'am."

Speaking of patchwork, a woman on Parsonage street has a quilt in 673, 280 pieces. She spread it out in the yard to air, and a puppy dog played it was a bear. The puppy has been unwell since, and the woman spends a good deal of time in the yard waiting for him to come out from under the house. There will be some more of this item when he comes out.

In a restaurant, a gentleman and a scrub are seated at the same table. The scrub is just finishing his dinner, the gentleman just beginning his. The scrub lights a cigar and blows a cloud of smoke over his coffee. The gentleman rises and says in the politest tone: "Excuse me, sir; will it annoy you if I eat while you are smoking?"

"It is said that a boy down in Virginia has feet so large that when he wants a pair of boots he just kicks a calf out of his hide and slips the skin right on.

"Sally," said a fellow to a girl who had red hair, "keep away from me or you'll set me on fire." "Don't fear," she answered; "you're to green to burn."