



**LOOKS THAT WAY.**

Brown: 'China is to be opened up now.'  
Jones: 'Ah! post mortem?'

**HIS THREAT.**

She: I've decided to enlist as a nurse.  
He: By George, just wait! The next baby we have I'll bet I won't pay out 10s a week for a girl to take care of it!

**THEY HAD GONE.**

'Has your measles gone, Bessie?' shouted a little friend to the tot who was looking wistfully from the window.  
'Yes; they's left. I heard the doctor tell mamma that they broked out last night.'

**ONLY ONE.**

Wife: Do you think there is a man that could conscientiously say to his wife, 'You are the only woman I ever loved?'  
Hubby: Only one that I can think of.  
Wife: Who? You, dearest?  
Hubby: Oh, no; Adam.

**JUVENILE LOGIC.**

'Paw, can you see farther with a telescope than with the naked eye?'  
'Of course you can, Johnny.'  
'How can that be when it brings everything nearer?'

**NOT THAT KIND.**

'Don't this old injury hurt you when you attempt to run?' asked the examining surgeon of a candidate for enlistment.  
'Course it does. If yer lookin' for soldiers what's goin' to run, just count me out.'



**THE BETTER HALF.**

Nephew: 'Please, Uncle 'Enry, can we go out in your boat this afternoon?'  
'Wot'll yer father say?'  
Nephew: 'O, that don't matter, we've asked mother!'

**THE GREAT POINT.**

Mrs Upjohn: Doesn't your husband ever resent the way in which you manage him?  
Mrs Highup: 'Sh! He never suspects that I manage him.

**HIS FIRST ENGAGEMENT.**

'I think I know now,' said the soldier, who was making a determined effort to masticate his first ration of army beef, 'what people mean when they talk about the sinews of war.'

Gladys (reading the news of the first battle): Every man on the Hercules was engaged and—  
Myrtle: Oh, Gladys, I wonder how they found out about Fred and me? He must have told it himself.

**THEIR VIEWS.**

First Tramp: Best if I like dis here secret ballot. A man shouldn't be ashamed to let it be known who he votes for.  
Second Tramp: No. De only ting dat ought to be kep' secret is de price he gets for his vote.

**NOW WHAT DID HE MEAN.**

Hubby: And what did you think of the play?  
Wife: Oh, John! It was simply superb—I was struck dumb—  
Hubby: Ah, bravo! You must go again and take your mother.

**AFTER COLLEGE.**  
Wife: If Will goes to college you will have to support him for four years before he finishes, dear.  
Husband: I don't mind that so much.  
'Then why do you hesitate?'  
'I was thinking of the four years after he gets through.'

**GREY IN SERVICE.**  
'Well, did the boss give you a rise?'  
'No.'  
'Not even when you told him you had grown grey in his service?'  
'No. Gave me the name of a good hair dye.'

**GOOD DAY.**  
'Willie, how did you get along at school to-day?'  
'First rate.'  
'Now, Willie,' his mother went on severely, 'don't tell stories. I heard you had to be punished.'  
'Yes, but it didn't hurt as much as usual.'

**BELLIGERENT.**  
Big Chap (who is spoiling for a fight): Did ye slove me, you little blackguard?  
Little Chap: 'No-o, sir-r!'  
Big Chap: 'Well, why didn't yer?'

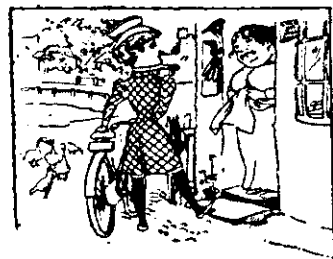
**QUEER FACT.**  
In financial circles when a man is unable to raise the wind he tries to do so, strange to say, by flying kites.

**EXPENSIVE.**  
Author: But why do you charge me more for printing this time than usual?  
Publisher: Because the compositors were constantly falling asleep over your novel.

**FRIGHTENED.**  
Delicate Boarder (to friend): Is the butter stronger than usual?  
Friend: It is.  
Thanks. I was afraid I was growing weaker.

**POSTHUMOUS PROSPERITY.**  
Brown (absently): Seen Jones lately?  
Smith (dryly): Hardly. I went to his funeral last September.  
Brown (musingly): Not seen him since? H'm. He must be doing well. I never knew Jones to stay anywhere half so long if he wasn't.

**CONQUERED.**  
She: If you dare write to me while I am in the country I shall return your letters unopened.  
He: Well, then I'll have to use postal cards. And you know a country post-master's wife has a good deal of spare time.



**THE LOCAL SIGHTS.**  
'Is there much to interest one in the place?'  
'Well, Miss, the children's all 'ad the measles, but they's gettin' over 'em now pretty fast.'

**REAL VANITY.**

'I'd like to be as vain as that man Timmins.'  
'Timmins is a little vain. I do believe that he believes that if he jumped into the sea there would be a hole where he went down.'

**WELL SAID!**

It was at a 'recognition' meeting, and everybody was saying nice things about the new pastor. At least everybody had done so until the junior elder, who was a bit of a greenhorn, got up and said: 'Well, dear friends, we are plain folk, and we might have got along with a less eloquent and a less able man than Mr Preachwell, but, as you all know, we were unable to find such a one!'

**TOO FULL FOR UTTERANCE.**

'When I proposed she could not say a word in reply,' said Spikes to his friend Spokes.  
'Her heart was too full for utterance, I suppose.'  
'No; it was her mouth which was too full. I proposed at the dinner table.'

**FLANKED.**

'Pa,' said Petey, 'what is a flank movement?'  
'A flank movement, my son,' replied the father, who is a raw recruit, 'is when I prepare to go out and make a night of it and your mother secures possession of the latch key.'

**ALIKE.**

Employer (sternly, to clerk): Jones, I should like to know how you came by that black eye.  
Clerk (who was out last night): So should I, sir!

**USUAL.**

Boarding-house keeper: There! I've done this all wrong again!  
Boarder: You generally make a hash of things, Mrs Scraper.

**LUCID.**

A certain man had a quarrel with his wife, whereupon the woman fled from his house. The husband pursued her; he found her, and then, giving way to the violence of his passion, he killed her. He was arrested for the crime and duly brought into court.  
'Why did you kill your wife?' demanded the judge.  
The prisoner replied: 'Because I could not live without her!'

**NEW WOMAN AGAIN.**

'I would go with you to the end of the earth,' he asserted, with emotion.  
'Not with me, you wouldn't,' she replied, with a cold smile that chilled the surrounding atmosphere.  
'Why not?' he demanded.  
'For two reasons,' she replied. 'One is, that I'm not going; and the other is, the earth has no end.'  
When one meets the practical new woman, one has to select one's language with great care.

**CLEAN.**

'There is one thing I can say,' observed the retired pirate. 'My life has least been a clean one. For many years I scoured the seas, and now I have washed my hands of the whole business.'

**PROBLEM.**

Hospital Surgeon (to anxious mother): 'I think it right to tell you that your son will be compelled to have one leg taken off.'  
Anxious Mother: 'Dear, dear, and what am I to do with his other boot?'

**KNEW.**

Servant (answering bell): 'My master isn't in, sir. You may leave the bill if you wish.'  
Caller (in surprise): 'Bill! I have no bill. I wish to—'  
Servant (in surprise also): 'No bill! Then you must have called at the wrong house.'

**FAMOUS.**

May: 'That Miss Uperthen is a perfect Amazon.'  
Clara: 'Yes, she has the widest mouth I ever saw.'

**SARCASTIC GIRL.**

He: 'Cariyle says it is not well to tell all one knows.'  
She: 'But I wouldn't mind that if I were in your place. One really can't afford to keep quiet all the time.'

**SUSPICIOUS.**

First Partner: Fire that new ad writer at once.  
Second Partner: What's the matter?  
First Partner: Listen to this, after a description of our new bicycle.  
'Don't risk being cheated elsewhere. We have sold over 3,000 already.'



**A NATURAL YEARNING.**

'Ah, if the scientific men would only invent a smokeless tobacco!'

**SPOILED IT.**

The facetious boarder had the train all laid for a killing joke.  
'It's a wonder,' he said, 'that you didn't serve up this hen feathers and all.'  
'The next time,' said the landlady, with marked emphasis, 'I'll serve her up bill and all.' And the joke was ruined.

**EXTRAORDINARY MAN.**

'Extraordinary? Well, I should say he was.'  
'In what way?'  
'Why, he rides a bicycle and doesn't act as if he thought he was a racer every time he gets on a crowded street.'

**SIMILAR.**

'Waters' talk reminds me so much of a river.'  
'It does run pretty steadily.'  
'Yes; and though there is undoubtedly some connection between his head and his mouth it is not apparent.'

**DISSIMILAR VIEWS.**

Stern father: Young man, I saw you kissing my daughter as I passed the parlor door, and I want you to know that I don't like it. What have you got to say for yourself?  
Young man: Well, all I've got to say is that you don't know a good thing when you see it.

**THE CHEERFUL IDIOT.**

'Is the crying of an infant in the night,' asked the newest boarder, 'a call to arms?'  
'Sometimes,' admitted the Cheerful Idiot. 'And again, it may be only a bottle-cry. It all depends.'

**IN THE RESTAURANT.**

Stranger: Waiter, let me have a poached egg.  
Stranger at next table: One for me, too, please, but see that it isn't a bad one.  
Waiter (in the kitchen): Two poached eggs, one good one.



**COMPARING NOTES.**

Musician: 'You look tired to-night.'  
Banker: 'O, I have to work harder than you, a pianist. While I work you play!'  
Musician: 'Yes, but I shouldn't mind playing if I had your notes!'