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TAMM ANIMALS I HAVE KNOWN

A thick-fleeced lamb came trotting by.
"Pray, whither now, my lamb?" quoth

"To have," said he, with a leer at a shop.
"My wind stopped at the baa-baa shop."

I asked the dog: "Why all this din?"

Said he: "I'm fashioned outside in.

And all my days and night I've tried

My best to get the hard, outside."

A horse was crackling loud and long,

Baa'd I over her! "How strange your

sing!"

Baa'd she: "The scene's a smash; in fact,

It's just a lay, to be egged-out."

I asked the cat: "Pray tell me why,

You have to sing?" She blinked her

eyes,

"My purr-purr, sir, as you can see,

Is to a mew's my self," said she.

I asked the cow: "Why don't you

The man who whips you with the stick?"

"Alas! I must be lashed," said she,

"So I can't give creamy cream,

You."

—Christian A. Johnson.

SPARROWS

Characteristic of the readiness of the

Celt, her reply noted in "Leaves from

the Diary of Henry Greenleaf."

"I can not get over your nose," said

a frank-American woman to the Irish

novelist, Colley Cottrell, whose nose

was flattened.

"No wonder you can't," he retorted,

for the bridge is broken," ex.

"Full many a man, both young and

handsome, by his scruplesqueus

By pouring water, icy cold,

Down his hot esophagus."

Maurice and Johnnie have been run

to the moon. Moonie has con-

plained to papa, who is heard coming

upstairs.

Johnnie: "I say, Maurice, here

comes papa. I shall pretend to be

asleep."

Maurice: "I shan't. I shall get up

and put on my trousers."

"Now's our chance," whispered the

chain, as when the organists fell asleep.

"See if you can'tido the tenor," sug-

gested the soprano.

"You daren't duet," replied the con-

tralto.

"It would wake hymn," growled the

baritone.

"You're also bows to sing in a choir,"

said the falsetto.

"Blow you all," murmured the bel-

lows boy, but solo that nobody heard him.

Then the organist woke up.

The coldest, the most momentous as-

sociations often times attack them-

selves to the most trifling things. Thus

at dinner the hostess said to a sour-

faced man on her left—

"May I help you to some of the bal-

oil rice, Mr. Smith?"

"Hic! No, thank you, no rice for me,"

Smith answered volubly. "It is

associated with the worst mistake of

my life."

"You know, dear," cooed the belli-

"you promised to let me have all the

pin money I wanted."

"Yes, love, you shall have it."

"Oh! my dear thing! Well, I saw

a pin-to-day with diamonds and pearls

in it, and I do want it so."

THE RAT'S INTELLIGENCE

The average rat possesses extraordi-

nary capacity. On a sailing ship

bound to Calcutta from Cape Town

some time ago it was decided to try

to reduce the number of rats which

had boarded the vessel at the former

port. The end of an ordinary cask

was planed perfectly smooth, coated

with grease, and a meat half baked

tucked in the centre. The end was fixed on

with two nails, balanced so that

anything touch it off in the centre it

would go down. The cask was partly

filled with water and buried in the

ballast, within a few inches of the top.

The first night over two hundred

rats were caught, the second and

night none were caught. It was found

by the marks of rats' foot in the grease

and the missing half that they had dis-

covered the exact centre and took the

half as they liked. Half an inch on

either side of the centre meant death.

NOT THE RIGHT NAME

She was extremely bashful when she

entered the florist's shop.

"I'd like to get some flowers for a

young man's birthday party," she said,

blushing a cherry red.

"You, miss," replied the polite florist,

with a low bow. "How would sweet

wilsons do?"

She was all confusion.

"I'm afraid I wouldn't answer,"

she faltered. "You know, I'm not a

William he is sweet Charlie.

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FLOORING PAPA

Five year-old Tommy was being put

through a test in numbers before the

admirer family one day at dinner.

Finally, papa asked him the question

that had proved the Waterloo of the

older children in past years.

"Now, Tommy," said papa, "how

many are two apples and three pears?"

"Five fruits!" promptly answered

Tommy. "Dullard."

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MAKING A STRIKE ORDERLY

A despatch, referring to the C. P. R. strike, to the Toronto World, from Montreal, where the great August strike of the C. P. R. was situated, says:

"Free beer was again distributed, or rather offered, by the proprietor of the Angus saloon. He also had a large sign out offering free soup from 11 to 1.

"Hell Hardy, Mowat, Chartrand and Sonerville and several other prominent labor leaders stood in front of the door of the saloon, however, and not a man of the strikers passed inside all morning. The saloon proprietor sent a box of cigar outside by one of his men to a man standing near the door, but the man refused even to take a free cigar this morning.

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"Yes, sir," replied the little girl, gravely, "please be seated."

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