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"Well, this one is attached all right. We've been trying for two hours to pry him loose with a stick, and ma's poured two kettlefuls of hot water on him, and he's still attached!"

THOSE IRISH.

"But, Pat, are you sure you love her?" "Shure, is it? Pe hivins, Oi can't slape for dramin about her."

PA DIDN'T ANSWER.

Little Billie: Say, pa!"

Pa: "Well, what is it, my son?"

Little Billie: "Will my hair fall out when it gets ripe, like yours did?"

THE INDICATION.

Angler: "How do you know the good places to fish in this stream."

Wangler: "Oh, I walk along until I find a place where there are a lot of empty bottles scattered about."

HIS DESERTS.

Box: "You're looking rather tired."

Cox: "Yes, I've been troubled with insomnia lately."

Box: "You don't say so. Boy or girl?"

HE MEANT BUSINESS.

Editor: "Going to sue us for damages?"

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NOT QUITE SURE.

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Attendant: "Oh, no. She only got five."

Reggie: "Gracious! Isn't that enough?"

Attendant: "No; she paid for six, I believe."

UNDOUBTEDLY.

Visitor: "Well, my little man, how old are you?"

Johnnie: "Five."

Visitor: "And what are you going to be?"

Johnnie: "Six."

HE COULDN'T UNDERSTAND.

Mother: "Willie I'm surprised at you!"

Willie: "I wonder when you'll get used to me, mamma. You're always surprised at me, yet I've always been with you."

SEA BREEZES.

"Did you have a good passage?" was asked of a recent traveller.

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