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"Do handsome husbands pay?" asks a Sunday paper. The usual experience is that, whether handsome or not, they pay just the same.—"Passing Show" (London).

COMMON FEMININE PURSUIT.

"In Borneo," remarked Georgette, "women do the pearl-fishing."
"Don't they everywhere?" demanded Tricotine.—"Kansas City Journal."

THEN AND NOW.

They used to call her the hired girl, and once in a while she had a day off. Now they call her the maid, and she gets the use of the family car any day she wants it.—"Detroit Motor News."

MILITARY NOTE.

Hygienic Friend to Unsympathetic Friend—"It ain't no use a argifying with me. I tells yer that 'highlanders are the best ventilated soldiers in the world, and ye: can't deny it!"—"London Blighty."

WHY SO MANY OF US GET LOOKED AFTER.

I was praising my wife for her devotion and care in nursing me through a critical illness. "Well, Henry," said she, "who wants a window with three children?"—"Chicago Tribune."

TECHNIQUE.

Grandfather (to aspiring artist, who flatters himself on the modernity of his outlook)—"I have no wish to depress you, my boy, but I must say your grandmother used to knit better pictures than that!"—"Passing Show" (London).

THOUGHTFUL YOUTH.

"You're in a bad way, my friend," announced the doctor to the young Irish lad in the hospital. "Would you like to see the priest?"

"Did ye say I have scarlet-fever?" asked the boy.

"You have, and a serious case."

"Then send in a rabbi. Do ye think I want to give the fever to a priest?"—"The American Legion Weekly."

WILLIE ANSWERED.

A doctor who was superintendent of the Sunday school in a small village asked one of the boys this question:

"Willie, will you tell me what we must do in order to get to heaven?"

Said Willie, "We must die."

"Very true," replied the doctor, "but tell me what we must do before we die?"

"We must get sick," said Willie, "and send for you."—"Newark Speed Up."

THE RETORT POINTED.

After a ruthless process of rejection there were five applicants for the post of errand-boy left for the head of the firm himself to interview.

It was one of his flippant mornings, and he sought to amuse himself by asking the eager boys puzzling and quite irrelevant questions to test their general knowledge.

"How far away from the earth is the North Star?" was the question he fired at the third shiny-faced youngster.

"I'm sorry I can not give you the exact figure offhand, sir," was the reply, "but on a rough estimate I should say that it is far enough away not to interfere with me running errands."

He got the post.—"London Tit-Bits."

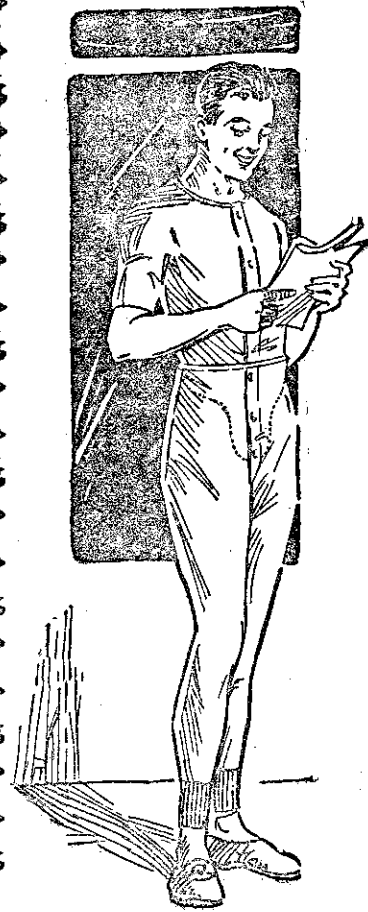
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Tommy—Yes, ma'am the gas companies.

Teacher—Why do you think they cause it?

Tommy—'Cause they need the money.

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