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ALL OVER.

Hearing a crash of glassware one morning, Mrs Blank called to her maid in the adjoining room, "Norah, what on earth are you doing?"

"I'm doin' nothin', mum," replied Norah, "it's done."

A GREAT TRAVELLER.

In Paris a Y. M. C. A. man from Missouri ran into a soldier from his home state. They had a great time talking about Missouri and its people.

"Did you ever attend a fish-fry on Salt River?" the soldier asked.

"Sure; I've been there," the Y. M. C. A. man assured him.

"Then you know what it is to really eat!" exclaimed the soldier!

"Also I've been to a frog-leg banquet in Kennet," the Y man added.

"Kennet, Missouri!" exclaimed the soldier, admiringly. "Why, man, you've been everywhere!"

"What are the middle classes doing?" asks a correspondent in a morning paper. Alas, theirs is not to do—but to be done.

IT ALL DEPENDS.

The suburban night was being made hideous by the howling of a dog whose soul was lonely, and the strolling police officer paused to speak to the citizen who, standing at his gate, was evidently listening to the canine wails.

"Awful racket!" the officer observed. "Tierce!" the citizen agreed.

"Want to make a complaint?" the officer suggested zealously.

"Why—er—no until I am sure," the citizen responded.

"Sure of what?"

"Why, whether that is my dog or Brown's. If it is my dog—oh, well, we have to put up with a few little annoyances in this life, you know; but if it is Brown's, why, by George, I don't propose to have my life made miserable by a nuisance like that!"

IMAGINARY GENEROSITY.

Pat: Oi'm that thirsty if Oi had a bucket av beer Oi'd drink the whole av it, barrin' the sup Oi'd lave for yes, Moike.

Mike: Faith, Oi think ye might say ye'd lave the half av it, seein' there's no chance av ye gettin' the bucketful.

NOW WHAT DID SHE MEAN.

A busy business woman had engaged outside help to wash and clean up house. As they entered the kitchen, on arrival of the help, who had been recommended as a jewel, the mistress said:

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"Never mind, missey; I've used to white folks."

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