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The lawyer's reply was prompt and to the point:

"The man to whom you refer died some time ago. He left nothing subject to attachment except a widow."

**A LONG SLEEP.**

Alexander Dumas was at the theatre with his friend Soumet during the playing of a piece by that author, when Dumas noticed a man in the audience asleep.

"Look at that!" said he to Soumet, "That's your work."

A week later they were at the theatre again, when one of the plays of Dumas was being acted. Again they saw the same man sleeping.

"Look there!" said Soumet, pointing to the sleeper. "That is what your work does."

"Why, dear Soumet," said Dumas, "that man has never yet awakened from the sleep which your play induced a week ago."

**WHERE THE FAULT LAY.**

In a dingy and dirty alley two "ladies" with rubicund faces might have been seen engaged in a wordy battle that seemed likely to culminate in a yet more dangerous one.

"Look 'ere," shouted one, "you just keep your boy and 'is peg-top indoors. 'E's broke two panes of glass in my front window already." "I shall do no such thing," retorted the other lady hotly.

"It's not the boy's fault; it's 'cause the string is too thick 'e tries to spin 'is top with."

"String!" almost shrieked the first speaker. "What do I care about 'is string? Got nothin' to do with me, it ain't."

"In course it 'as," leered the other. "You shouldn't 'ang such nasty thick stuff in your backyard for clothes lines. Get thinner string, an' then p'raps 'e could spin 'is top properly, 'an you wouldn't get any more windows broke."

**THE DOWNFALL.**

An old woman from a remote country district, visiting Edinburgh for the first time, happened to arrive as a party of golfers were hurrying to catch a suburban train for the links. On her return the minister asked her how she enjoyed herself.

"It's a fine town," she said, "but it hurt me, sair, tae see sae many decent-like men carrying bags of broken umbrellas. There maun has been sair, down-comes, and though I wadna mention it for the world to another, there was two or three that lookit as if they hau been ministers."

**MORE CONVENIENT.**

Little Betty was staying with her grandmother in the country. Just before dinner-time one day she discovered that chicken was to be the principal attraction.

"Oh, wherd you get the chicken, grandma?" Betty asked, very excitedly.

"In the poultry yard," the old lady replied. "You remember the chickens you saw this morning, don't you?"

"Do you mean the ones I fed?"

"Certainly. Well, we killed one of them."

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