

## HER MISTAKE.

The inexperienced maid was instructed to prick each sausage so that they should not burst open before they were served at breakfast. She seemed surprised at the instruction, so her mistress said: "Just stick a fork in each."

The girl nodded comprehendingly.

Imagine the family's astonishment when at breakfast a dish of sausages was served up with a kitchen fork standing upright in each sausage. One diminutive sausage had a cork-screw in it, there being a shortage of forks.

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## BLAMED THE BAND.

At a performance of an amateur dramatic club an amusing incident occurred through the nervousness of one of the performers.

In the play a very fine band was the leading feature, and on every side nothing but praise and flattery of the music was to be heard.

In the third act the nervous young amateur, who was playing a minor part, was to rush on the stage while the band was playing and cry: "Stop the music! The king is dead."

The critical moment came, and the excited highly-strung amateur rushed on. "Stop the music!" he cried. "It has killed the king."

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## SMILE RAISERS.

"You are the sunshine of my life! You alone reign in my heart. Without you life is but a dreary cloud."

"Is this a proposal or a weather report?"

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"He knows all the best people in town."

"Then why doesn't he associate with with them?"

"They know him."

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Miss Camperdown: "Don't you think there should be more clubs for women?"

Miss Assid: "Oh, no! I should be inclined to try kindness first."

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Customer: "But if you are selling these watches under cost price, where does your profit come in?"

Salesman: "We make our profit out of repairing them."

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After a meeting of the City Council a grouchy old ratepayer had this to say:

"Gentlemen, you ought to hold your next meeting on a merry-go-round."

One of the councillors asked him why.

"You never get anywhere," he said.

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## Science Siftings

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## Power From the Air.

A well-known scientist proposes to obtain power from the air by having a number of thin metal gas-filled balloons anchored by conducting wires at a height of 1500 feet from the ground, thus making use of the static discharge from the atmosphere, first discovered by Benjamin Franklin in his famous kite experiment.

The great difficulty, however, with such apparatus is to control and regulate the energy received, as at times the discharges are of great violence. Many wireless amateurs who have experimented with vertical aeriols have found that atmospherics are more violent and more continuous with such aeriols than with horizontal ones.

## First Seaplane Ambulance.

A new seaplane has been built for service in British Guiana between the plantations of a certain company and the nearest township, and has been equipped with wireless apparatus.

The machine has been specially designed to carry white men who fall ill with fever on the plantations to the nearest place where they can obtain treatment. Hitherto the distance, though little more than 200 miles, has taken seventeen days owing to the many rapids necessitating portage, and many sick men have not survived the journey. The seaplane will accomplish it in little more than two hours.

The wireless installation will enable telegraphic or telephonic communication to be carried on with both ends of the route. A special wireless station has been erected to work in conjunction with the seaplane.

## Colored Pictures by Wire.

A few months ago considerable interest was aroused in the scientific world when engineers demonstrated a method of transmitting pictures by wire. Now, by the same process, pictures in eight colors are transmitted and reproduced within an hour.

The transmission of colored pictures is effected by a method resembling that used in printing pictures in colors. Three pictures are sent over the wire. From one all colors except red have been screened out; from the second, all colors except blue; from the third, all colors except yellow. The pictures are transmitted and received in black and white by the usual process. Then, when received, the original colors are restored, and the result is a picture that contains not only the three primary colors transmitted, but five other intermediate tones, just as in color printing one color plate is superimposed on the printing of the other color plate.

The transmission of colored pictures was undertaken merely as a laboratory experiment, but the engineers who developed the process say that it is fraught with practical possibilities such as the identification of criminals or stolen property.

## The Death Rocket.

A new weapon of offensive and defensive warfare has been developed in the form of a "death rocket" designed to throw out a flaming shower of molten metal miles above the earth's surface.

The inventor is Mr. Ernest Welsh, of North Ferriby, Yorks, and his experiments with medium-sized rockets are said to have proved that each shower, bursting high in the air, can cover an area of 100 square yards, and can ignite any object within that region. The experimental rockets, it is claimed, can climb to a height of five miles.

The rocket contains a destructive charge of seven hundred pellets, a regulating charge, a detonator, and a propelling charge. When it is to be sent aloft, it rests in a diagonal launching cradle, somewhat similar to those used for ordinary sky-rockets. When the fuse is ignited, the propelling charge sends the rocket soaring out of its cradle. Thereafter, at regular intervals, it is given fresh impetus by the bursting of additional charges.

For use as defence against raiding aircraft, the inventor says that batteries of the rockets could be shot upwards in the form of a barrage. The pellets burn themselves out quickly, so that the rockets could be used over a city.

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