

Compensation.

A soldier in hospital with a maimed hand asked the nurse if he would be able to play the piano when his hand had been treated. She replied brightly, "Yes, of course you will!" "A' weel," he reflected, "that's a guid thing, for I couldna' befoor."

The Insult.

The traffic officer raised his hand and the lady motorist stopped with a jerk. Said the officer, as he drew out his little book, "As soon as I saw you come round the bend, I said to myself, 'Forty-five, at least.'"

"Officer," indignantly remonstrated the lady, "you are very much mistaken. It's this hat that makes me look so old."

Knows His Business.

"Is he a good rabbit dog?" inquired the hunter, after inspecting the animal.

"I'll say he is!" the dealer replied, with pride. "You should have seen the way he went after my wife's new fur goat!"

In Lighter Vein**A Good Collector.**

English grammar was the lesson in progress. "Now, give me an example of a collective noun," demanded the teacher.

"Vacuum Cleaner," replied the bright boy.

Selected.

"I take in boarders," said the poulterer's new customer. "Pick out some of your toughest birds, if you please."

The delighted poulterer very willingly complied with the unusual request, and said in his politest tones:

"These are the tough ones, ma'am."

Upon which the customer coolly put her hand on the remaining pile and said, "I'll take these!"

A Good Excuse.

Housewife: "If you love work, why don't you find it?"

Beggar: "Ah, lady, Love is blind."

A Bargain.

An old negro, who was leading a dog, was asked what he would sell it for.

"Two dollars, Massa," he said, with a grin.

"That's far too much for a dog like that. I'll give you half a dollar for it."

"No, sah, it couldn't be done," said the negro. "Why, de man I got that dog from gave me a whole dollar to get rid of it!"

Well Wrapt Up.

"Go to Father," she said, When I asked her to wed.

Now she knew that I knew

That her Father was dead;

And she knew that I know

Of the life he had led—

So she knew that I knew

What she meant, when she said

"Go to Father."

News from the Radio World

SOMETHING new in gramophone records is announced. Some of the leading English novelists and poets are heard in ten-minute readings from their own works. Here is a list of some of these records:—W. W. Jacobs, in a reading from "Short Cruises"; Sheila Kaye-Smith, from "The George and the Crown"; Rose MacCauley, from "The Alien"; Compton McKenzie, from "Rogues and Vagabonds"; A. E. W. Mason, from "Other Tiger"; Alfred Noyes reads "The Highwayman," from his collected poems; H. De Vere Stacpoole reads from "The Dreams of War"; E. Temple Thurston, from "The Patchwork Papers"; and A. A. Milne, from "Winnie the Pooh."

LAST year a Royal Commission was appointed by the Canadian Government to look into the whole question of Canadian broadcasting with a view to bringing it thoroughly up-to-date. The Commission has now made its recommendations, and, roughly, these suggest a cross between the broadcasting methods in vogue in this country and those in the States, the best features of the two systems being retained. The Canadian Commission also suggests that a central authority should control the broadcasting, somewhat on the lines of the B.B.C., but owing to the special conditions in Canada, where such a very large area has to be covered, and where, consequently, the different stations and local requirements will differ very considerably—much more so than here—the Commission thinks that individual stations should be given as much freedom as possible in their choice of programmes.

DR. Curt Stille, a well-known German engineer, who, for some considerable time, has been at work on apparatus for the electro-magnetic registration of sounds, is reported to have constructed a Press talking machine. When connected to an ordinary telephone the apparatus registers all incoming communications, which in their turn can be amplified and reproduced as required through a loudspeaker. The main advantage of the invention, however, lies in the fact that it permits a species of high-speed telephony. If, for instance, a Berlin news agency receives a telephoned bulletin lasting thirty minutes from, say, its Stockholm or Copenhagen correspondent, the entire message can be registered on a steel ribbon. Later, should it be necessary to pass the information on to Paris or London correspondents, the mechanical transmission can be speeded up, with the result that the message can be sent over the usual long-distance cables, and compressed into some six minutes' duration, thus effecting a considerable saving in expense. When slowed down the receiving apparatus gives an intelligible message.

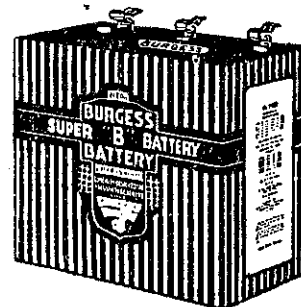


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