

## Hands Tied.

OLD Mose Parker was pretty sick, and the darky doctor promptly put him to bed and laid down all sorts of rules and regulations as to sleep and diet. After he had gone, Mose turned to his wife and complained:

"Mandy, how does dat dere fool doctor reckon ah's gwine to eat breast ob chicken ebory day if ah ain't got mah ebening's free?"

## Two Triers.

There was one person Smith did not wish to see, and that was Brown. So naturally Brown was the first person he met on going out.

"Ah, here you are, Smith!" said Brown. "Now what about that five pounds you owe me? I've asked you for it four or five times."

"Yes," replied Smith. "But think how many times I had to ask you for it in the first place."

## A New Game for Toby.

The golfer had made a perfect shot over the crest. As the ball rolled on to the green a small dog dashed forward and seized it. When the golfer came in sight he was furious and waved his arms excitedly.

"Put it down, Toby," said the dear old lady who owned the dog. "The kind gentleman will hit it for you again."

## In Lighter Vein

## Unkind.

"Now, this is really too kind of you," began the wealthy relative to the little daughter of one of her poor relatives. She took the parcel from the girl's hand and began to unwrap the birthday gift.

"I wonder what it can be?" she hazarded, with a smile.

"It's a fish," declared the child.

"A fish?" echoed the other.

"Yes," confirmed the little girl, innocently. "Daddy said it was a sprat to catch a mackerel."

## No Excuse.

Prisoner: It's hard to charge me with forgery, for you see I can't even sign my own name.

Judge: That point is immaterial; it's another man's name you're accused of signing.

## Flattery.

Two learned doctors were talking. After examining an X-ray photograph of a man's lungs, one said: "Good photograph, isn't it?"

"Flatters the left lung a little," said the second.

## The Reprimand.

The cadets were lined up on the field for inspection and as the commandant strode down the line he stopped suddenly before one young man and said: "You remind me a great deal of General Grant."

"Really, sir?" responded the cadet, eagerly.

"Yes, he didn't shave, either!"

## Absurd.

A terrific clatter was heard coming from the kitchen.

"Horrors!" exclaimed Mrs. Smith. "What is that noise?"

"Sure, Mum," came the voice of Bridget, the maid, "you don't expect me to break six plates and two dishes without any noise."

## Consoling.

A medical professor asked his class "If a patient swallowed a heavy dose of oxalic acid, what would you administer?"

There was silence, and finally one of the younger students murmured, in answer, "Spiritual consolation."

## A Family Resemblance.

The teacher was examining Johnny's homework.

"Johnny," she said, "this looks suspiciously like your sister's writing."

"Yes?" queried Johnny. "Well, miss, you see I used her fountain pen."

## News from the Radio World

IN the Yosemite Valley in America is an eminence known as Glacier Point, which rises 3480 feet above the floor of the valley. This point dominates the whole valley, and is the scene of an awe-inspiring spectacle known as the fire-fall. It consists of building a huge bonfire on top of the peak and pushing the blazing embers and red-hot ashes over the cliff. The fire falling that enormous distance is said to be a sight never to be forgotten. Appropriate music was supplied for the first time recently, and proved such a success that efforts are being made to establish it as a permanent feature of the entertainment. On this occasion two moving coil speakers with 41 paper horns were mounted on the rocks. They were pointed downward at such an angle that there would be no echo from the cliffs on the opposite side of the valley. Despite the fact that the full volume of the equipment was never used, the music, provided by a gramophone, was distinctly heard at points five miles distant. It was not possible to check up speech reception at that distance but speech was clearly distinguishable at a distance of one mile. This was proved by the announcer talking to people bathing in a pool one mile away. The bathers did as the announcer requested them to and so indicated that they could fully understand everything that was being said to them.

SO far as adult study is concerned, the B.B.C. does not claim that the broadcast lecturer can cover all the ground of the subject concerned, but they hold the opinion that he can stimulate interest in a subject which the listener can follow up by private reading. This is claimed to have been proved by the reports made by various librarians throughout the United Kingdom. They state that there is an enormous demand for books that have been recommended by adult education lecturers when broadcasting.

A WORKMEN'S Radio League has recently been formed in Austria, and it is to have a representative on the Radio Council controlling Austrian broadcasting. These "planks" in the "platform" of the league at present are (1) less classical music; (2) light music much earlier in the evenings (for relays of jazz orchestras after 11 p.m. are not much good to workers who must be on duty at 6 a.m.); and (3) no more gramophone records in the studio, as all listeners, as license-holders, expect first-hand music, unless for some exceptional reason or in an emergency. The same complaint about the general lateness of the brightest features of programmes is made by the peasantry in all provinces of Austria. Of course, opera and theatre relays cannot be much earlier than they are, nor can orchestral concerts, but studio performances can be timed at will. Farmers and their families and staffs are generally "early to bed," and in the winter months, want the loud speaker to cheer them up before they sleep. The Radio Council is doing its utmost to meet these criticisms and brighten programmes all round.

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