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Tess—Why didn't you speak to her? She met you with a smile of reconciliation on her face.

Jess—Yes, her face was what you might call "reconciled," wasn't it?

Tess—"Reconciled"

Jess—Yes. "Made up," you know.

**PURELY FORMAL.**

Mrs Maginnis met Mrs Moriarty at an afternoon tea.

Says Mrs Maginnis—How do you do, Mrs Moriarty.

Says Mrs Moriarty—I am glad to see you, and how do you do, not that I care a rap, but it helps along the talk.

**CUTTING EXPENSES.**

"Well I've made arrangements for our divorce, my dear."

"Divorce? Oh George, what have I done?"

"Done? Nothing! But what with the high price of coal, petrol and tyres, and the upkeep of my cars and racchorses, and the expenses of my club, I find it impossible to support a wife!"

**WELL PACKED.**

Freddie, accompanied by his governess, was passing a street where a load of straw had been scattered in front of one of the houses.

"Miss Manning, why did they put all this straw here?"

"Well, Freddie," she replied, a little baby came to Mrs Reed last night."

"I say; it was well packed, wasn't it?" was Freddie's comment.

**VERY POLITELY PUT.**

The shy man sat in a crowded tramcar next to a lady who wore very dangerous protruding hairpins.

For a time he bore her movements, which spelt danger to all in her vicinity, but at last he summed up courage enough to say:—

"Forgive me, madam, for addressing you without an introduction but I thought I ought to tell you there is a spot of blood from my cheek on one of your hairpins."

**THE JOYS OF PARSING.**

At a school examination the sentence, "Mary milks the cow," was given to be parsed.

The last word was disposed of by the pupils as follows:—Cow is a noun, third person, and stands for Mary."

"Stands for Mary," said the inspector; "how do you make that out?"

"Because," answered the pupil, "if the cow didn't stand for Mary, how could Mary milk her?"

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**TOO REALISTIC A GAME.**

A man came home the other night and found his three children all busy on the floor with his new and expensive box of cigars.

"What are you doing with those cigars?" he roared.

"Oh, father," said the boy, pointing to the brown tobacco remnants on the carpet, "we was pretending that they was khaki soldiers and we took off their puttees, and now we can't get them on again."

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