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Young Father: "He was born on the first of the month."

ANSWER OBVIOUS.

"In time of trial," said the lecturer, "what brings us the greatest comfort?"

"An acquittal," responded a person who you should never have been admitted.

HE UNDERSTOOD.

Gray: "Does Brown understand the purchasing power of a sovereign?"

White: "Yes; what troubles him most is the purchasing power of his wife."

UNASSUMING.

"Is your wife one of those women who look at their husbands and say, 'I made a man of him?'" asks the impertinent friend.

"No," answered Mr Meekton. "My Henrietta is very unassuming. She merely says she has done her best."

MEETING OF CORPORATION.

Councillor Jones: "Owing to the urgency of the matter, I propose we have the cemetery extended as soon as possible, and have the ground consecrated ready for use."

Councillor Muggins: "I rise to second the proposal, and in regard to having the ground consecrated—well, it's ten years since I had my back yard done with it, and it's still wearing splendidly."

NOT WHAT HE WANTED.

Proud of his stripe, a newly made Lance-Corporal in a certain Battalion on the Rhine decided he must have a whistle. With this object in view he entered a German shop, and asked the Fraulein behind the counter, "Haben sie" (which is German for "have you").

He got no further, but placed his thumb in his mouth and blew out his cheeks.

"Ja, ja," said the Fraulein with an understanding smile, and produced a box of dummies!

DEAR AS A GIFT.

Billy was an iron moulder, but being on strike, he could not pay his rent. So on rent-day Billy went out of the way of the landlord, and left Mrs Billy to face the music.

Returning home at night, he said to his wife "Well, Polly, how did tha goo on with' landlord?"

"Oh, Billy," she cried, in ecstasies, "whaat does tha think. Th' landlord's giv' us hoose fur our very own."

"Whaat," roared Billy, "an' did tha accept it?"

"Suttenly," said Polly.

"Well, tha foo," continued Billy.

"We's ha to pay t' rates noo."

A BUSINESS DEAL.

A menagerie stopped in a little country village. One urchin, with more cheek than cash, thought he would like to see the animals, so he quickly pushed his head through a gap in the canvas and had a look.

But the manager saw him and hauled him out.

"Here, Agrippa," he yelled to a negro groom.

"Throw this lot into the lion's cage!" If he thought he had alarmed the youngster he was mistaken.

The boy said calmly: "Ari a minute, gov'nor. If you'll let me see the show for nothing, I'll get all the fattest boys in the village to crawl under the canvas to-morrow night!"

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