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"Tomato Growers in east may quit."—*Ledger*.
Probably to give the preservers time to ketchup.
—*Punch Bowl*.

ACCIDENT TO A SHIRT

Husband (looking up from the paper which he has been reading)—"I see Thompson's shirt store has been burned out."
Wife (Slightly deaf)—"Whose?"
Husband—"Thompson's shirt store."
Wife—"Dear me, who tore it?"—*Blighty London*.

"Ladies hosiery will stay up this summer."
—*Altoona Mirror*.
Brethren, let us pray.—*Punch Bowl*.

REASONS FOR MATRIMONY

Some fellows marry poor girls to settle down.
Others marry rich girls to settle up.—*The Jester*.

REBUFFED

A Dutch pastor makes it a point to welcome any strangers cordially, and one evening after the completion of the service he hurried down the aisle to station himself at the door.

A Swedish girl was one of the strangers in the congregation. She is employed as a domestic in one of the fashionable homes, and the minister, noting that she was a stranger, stretched out his hand.

He welcomed her to the church and expressed the hope that she would be a regular attendant. Finally he said that if she would be at home some evening during the week he would call.

"Thank you," she murmured bashfully, "but Ay have a fella."—*Atlanta Journal*.

ETHIOPIAN VERBIAGE

A staff officer while at the front saw a negro soldier who belonged to the 167th Field Artillery Brigade. Knowing the fine work the brigade had done, he stopped to question the soldier.

"What did you do?" asked the officer.

"Ah's de do'-tendah ob de swahzant cans," he replied.

"The what?"

"De swahzant cans."

It dawned on the officer that the man was in a regiment using the soixante-quinze guns, the French 75s.

"I see," he said, "but just what do you do?"

"Ah 'tends de do'," replied the negro. "Ah

epens de do' an' a man puts in de shell. Den a man pulls de lonyard an' de gun has its little say."

"Then what happens?"

"We all steps back and says, 'Kaiser, count yo soldiers.'"—*The Evening World*.

THE LIGHT IN THE WINDOW

The transport had entered New York Harbor. On board was one lone colored soldier among the homeward bound. As the ship passed the Statue of Liberty there was absolute silence, when suddenly the dusky doughboy broke the quiet by remarking: "Put your light down, honey, I'se home."—*The American Legion Weekly*.

PROPHYLAXIS AT A DISTANT

A Milwaukee boy told his teacher that his sister had the measles.

"You go right home, Jonny," she said, "and don't come back until your sister is well."

Jonny left in a hurry. After he was gone another little boy held up his hand and said:

"Teacher, Jonny Dolan's sister what has the measles lives in Philadelphia."

MAKING LIGHT OF IT

A little's girl's mother was combing her hair one cool evening, when it cracked.

"What's that mother?" asked the little girl.

"Electricity," said he mother.

"That's funny," said the little girl. "Mother's got electricity in her hair and grandma has gas in her stomach."

ETIQUETTE FIRST

Mother was very keen on correct deportment, and never lost a chance of instilling it into Mabel.

"There's one important thing, my dear," she said. "You must never point at a nything."

"But, mama," objected the girl, "suppose I am shopping, and don't know the name of a thing?"

"Then let the assistant show you everything in stock until he comes to the article you desire."—*St. Augustine Record*.

BOILED DOWN

Not long ago the editor of an English paper ordered a story of a certain length, but when the story arrived he discovered that the author had written several hundred words too many.

The paper was already late in going to press, so there was no alternative—the story must be condensed to fit the allotted space. Therefore the last few paragraphs were cut down to a single sentence. It reads thus:

"The Earl took a Scotch highball, his hat, his departure, no notice of his pursuers, a revolver out of his hip pocket, and finally, his life."

SHE COULD IF SHE WOULD

She—"I don't think it is right to say a woman can't keep a secret."

He—"What makes you say that?"

She—"No woman ever tried."—*The Widow*.