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# CRANKS AND COUNTERSHAFTS

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Landlord: This room was formerly occupied by a chemist. He invented a new explosive.

Prospective Boarder: I suppose those spots on the wall are results of his experiments.

Landlord: Well, indirectly, yes. You see that's the chemist. —*Exchange.*

Old lady: Isn't it wonderful how a single policeman can dam the flow of traffic!

Boy: Yes, grandma; but you ought to hear the taxi-drivers.

"I'd like some rat poison."

"Will you take it with you?"

"No, I'll send the rats over after it."

A group of tourists were looking over the inferno of Vesuvius in full eruption.

"Ain't this just like hell?" ejaculated a Yank.

"Ah, zese Americans!" exclaimed a Frenchman, "where have zey not been!"

## A GREAT ANNOYANCE

While a play was in progress a lady turned in her seat and said to a man behind: "I hope my hat is not annoying you?"

"It is, madam," was the reply, "for my wife wants one just like it." —*Nebraska Blue Print.*

Dean (addressing lazy student): Have you ever been up before me since the beginning of the quarter?

Student: I don't know, sir. What time do you get up? —*California Engineer.*

## ANTICIPATION

He: I think I've got a flat tire.

She (disgustedly): Oh, give me a chance. We're not a block from home yet.

—*Iowa Engineer.*

She: Very well, then, I'll commit suicide.

He: O.K. But don't let me find you hanging around here.

Mother—Now, Willie, I want you to go in and get acquainted with the new nurse and kiss her nicely.

Willie—Yes, and get my face slapped like papa did. —*Exchange.*

She—I can't light this match. My foot's too small.

He—Light it on your—er—. Here—better let me light it. —*Auburn Engineer.*

Identity of the young lady is withheld, but the memory of her answer lingers on with the instructor of a high school science. One of the requirements in the written quiz was: "Define a bolt and nut and explain the difference if any."

The girl wrote, "A bolt is a thing like a stick of hard metal such as iron, with a square bunch of windings on one end and a lot of scratching wound around the other end. A nut is similar to the bolt only just the opposite, being a hole in a chunk of iron sawed off short, with wrinkles around the inside."

Night Watchman: Young man are you going to kiss that girl—

James (straightening up): No, sir.

Night Watchman: Here, then, hold my lantern.

—*Armour Engineer.*

She (playing the piano: My, how that song haunts me.

He: It ought to; you just murdered it.

## SALESMANSHIP IN RUSSIA

General: How're things?

Captain of firing squad: Oh, I've got a few prospects lined up. —*Auburn Engineer.*

Actor: I insist on real food for the banquet scene.

Stage manager: Very well, then, you shall have real poison in the death scene. —*Exchange.*

"Do you regularly attend a place of worship?"

"Yes,, I'm on my way to see her now."

Prof: I believe you missed my class yesterday.

Student: Why, no, Professor, not in the least.

If you're caught in hot water, be nonchalant and take a bath. —*The Technograph.*

"Well," remarked a friend after inspecting a friend's new yacht, "I wish I could afford a place like this."

"Yes," replied his friend, "You married men have the better halves, but we bachelors usually have the better quarters."

Hubby (on phone): "So, honey, I'll be awful busy at the office and won't be home till late."

Wife: "Can I depend on that?"

## STEPPING INTO A MODERN WORLD



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