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CRANKS AND COUNTERSHAFTS

"Traveled all over the world, eh? Went up the Rhine, I suppose?"

"Climbed it to the top."

"Saw the Lion of St. Mark?"

"Fed it."

"And visited the Black Sea?"

"Filled my fountain pen there." —*Stray Stories.*

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Magistrate: "Witness says you neither slowed down nor tried to avoid the pedestrian."

Motorist: "I took all precautions. I blew my horn and cursed him." —*Answers.*

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Landlady: "So Mr. Newboard has found something fresh to complain about this morning?"

Maid: "No, mum, it's the eggs."

—*Boston Transcript.*

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Shop Girl: "Could I interest you in a bathing suit, sir?"

Mr. Gay: "You certainly could, baby, but my wife is over there at the glove counter." —*Life.*

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Caller: "And what are the twins to be named, Johnny?"

Johnny: "Helen and Maria."

Caller: "Why, no, Johnny; it can't be that."

Johnny: "Well, anyhow, that's what Pop said when the nurse brought them in." —*Boston Transcript.*

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An actor had just finished a tour of the country in *Hamlet*.

"What kind of a run did you have in Savannah?" he was asked.

"Well," was the reply, "we beat the audience over the county line by three minutes!"

—*N. Y. Morning Telegraph.*

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Burglar (to belated assistant): "You're late. I told you 'arf past one."

Young Burglar: "I forgot the number of the 'ouse and I've had to break into every one on this street."

—*Passing Show.*

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Diner: "I know of nothing more exasperating than to find a hair in my soup."

Waiter: "Well, it would be worse, wouldn't it, to have the soup in your hair?" —*Pathfinder.*

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Patient: "Will I be able to play the piano after this broken finger gets well?"

Doctor: "Yes, you should be able to in a few weeks."

Patient: "That's funny, I never could play it before."

—*Elks.*

The advertising man was proposing. "Remember," he said, "this is the last day for this astounding offer."

—*Lehigh Burr.*

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"Has the doctor whom you're engaged to got any money?"

"What do you think I'm marrying him for, my health?" —*London Opinion.*

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"Got any references?" asked the plumber.

"Yes," replied the applicant for the assistant's position, "but I've left 'em at home—I'll go get them."

"Never mind, you'll do."

—*New York Watchman Examiner.*

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Mrs. Brown: "Yes, I heard a noise and got up, and there, under the bed, I saw a man's leg."

Mrs. Smith: "Good Heavens! The burglar's!"

Mrs. Brown: "No; my husband's. He'd heard the noise, too." —*Cornell Widow.*

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Jones: "Sorry, old man, that my hen got loose and scratched up your garden."

Smith: "That's all right, my dog ate your hen."

Jones: "Fine! I just ran over your dog and killed him." —*Boston Transcript.*

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During a history lesson a teacher asked a class: "What happened in 1483?"

"Luther was born," answered a pupil promptly.

"Quite right. And what happened in 1487?"

After a long pause the pupil ventured, "Luther had his fourth birthday." —*Tid-Bits.*

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He: "He who laughs last laughs best."

She: "Yeah, but he soon gets a reputation for being dumb." —*Pathfinder.*

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Wife: "You talked in your sleep, John."

Hubby: "Well, I've got to talk some time, haven't I?" —*Talking Picture.*

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A Los Angeles baby only two years old can ask for something in nine languages. Yes, it's a girl. —*Life.*

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Convict: "When I get outta this pen I'm going to have a hot time, aren't you?"

Second of Same: "Don't know, I'm in for life."

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Man Overboard: "Help, drop me a line."

Man on Deck: "Thanks, and write me, too."

—*Lord Jeff.*