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Swxxt Mariax Typxwritxr Co.,  
Jxrsxy City.

Dxar Sir—What thx hxlk kind of a typxwritxr is this? I will nxvvr ordxr by mail again. As you can sxx thx silly machinx has no lxttxr “x,” you know thx fifth lxttxr in thx alphabxt. I am sxnding it back immxdiatxly and if I don’t sxx my monxy back in thrxx days, you will hxxr from thx bxst lawyer in Grxxn County.

Xbxnxzxr Jonxs.

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An oculist was examining the eyes of a patient and had requested him to read the top line of a test card, the letters of which ran H P R T V Z B F H K.

When some moments elapsed, the specialist said: “Do you mean to say you cannot read letters of that size?”

“Oh, I can see the letters all right,” replied the patient, “but I can’t pronounce the blooming word.”

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Irate Pa: “What do you mean by bringing my daughter in at this hour?”

Young Feller: “Well, I gotta be at work by seven.”

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After the locomotive had smashed a flivver at the crossing, a sweet young thing arose from the wreckage and began to powder her nose. The engineer and others gathered around. “Why the devil didn’t you stop when you saw the train coming?” asked the engineer.

The coed was indignant.

“I sounded my horn before you blew your whistle,” she said defiantly.

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Two golfers sliced their drives into the rough and went in search of the balls. They searched for a long time without success, a kindly old lady watching them with sympathetic interest. Finally, after the search had lasted half an hour, the dear old lady spoke to them. “I don’t want to bother you, gentlemen,” she said, “but would it be cheating if I told you where they are?”

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Abie, at a dance lost a wallet containing \$600. Abie climbed up on a chair and announced:

“Gentlemen, I lost my pocketbook with \$600 in it. To the man that finds it, I will give \$50.”

Voice from the rear: “I’ll give \$75.”

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Mother: “Mary, come upstairs immediately.”

Mary: “But, mother, I’m all wrapped up in my problem.”

Mother: “Tell him to go home.”

An Irishman and a Scotchman met in London. Both were thirsty, but neither had any money. A bright thought struck the Irishman.

“Jock,” he said, “at the Star and Crown Oi knows a barmaid what is very forgetful. If yez engage her in conversation, she forgets whether she’s been paid or not. Oi’ll go in and try it and see if it works.”

In he went and in a short time came out to find Jock patiently waiting.

Being advised that the scheme worked as planned, Jock went in, ordered his glass of whisky, and then engaged the barmaid in a very interesting conversation. After ten minutes had passed he casually remarked: “Ah, weel, I’ll hae to be goin’. Whit about my change?”

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Pauline: “Don’t you love an evening like this?”

Paul: “You bet, but I generally wait until we get a little farther out in the country.”

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There’s nothing strange in the fact that the modern girl is a “live wire.” She carries practically no insulation.

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Warden: “It’s our custom to let a prisoner work at the same trade here as he did outside.”

No. 1529638: “That’s fine. I’m a traveling salesman.”

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She: “You’re no collar-ad, you know.”

He: “Well, you’re no Fisher body yourself, darling.”

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Two Chicago men left a banquet together; they had dined exceptionally well.

“When you get home,” said one, “if you don’t want to disturb your family, undress at the foot of the stairs, fold your clothes neatly, and creep up to your room.”

They met the next day at lunch.

“How did you get on?” asked the adviser.

“Rottenly,” replied the other. “I took off all my clothes at the foot of the stairs, as you told me, and folded them up neatly. I didn’t make a sound. But when I reached the top of the stairs—it was the elevated station.”

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Hinky: “I see by the paper that a widower with twelve children has married a widow with nine children.”

Dink: “That was no marriage—that was a merger.”

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“What is college-bred, pop?”

“My boy, they make college-bred from the flour of youth and the dough of old age.”

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