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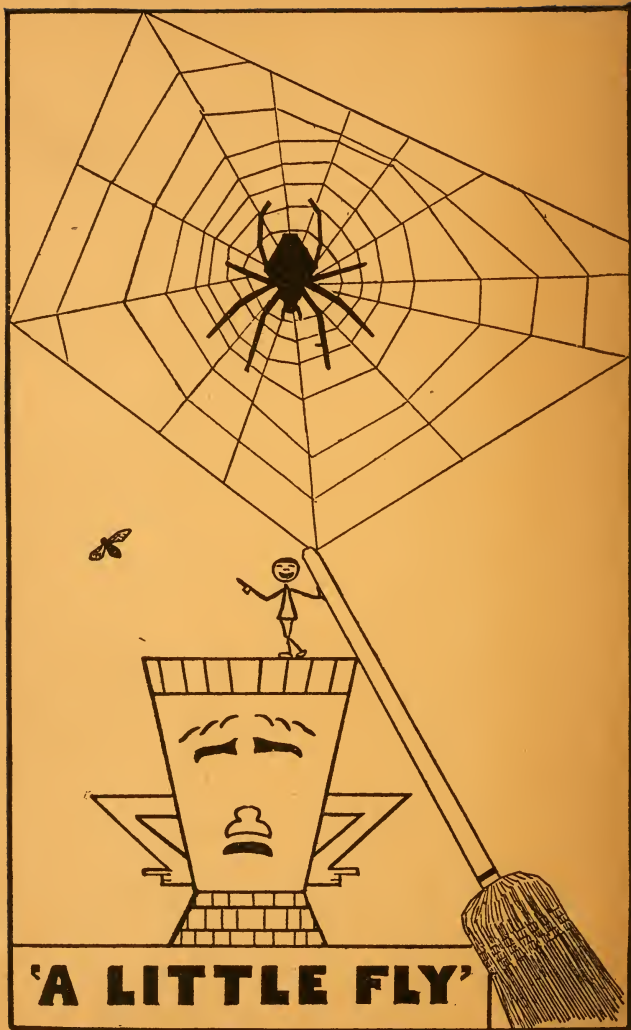
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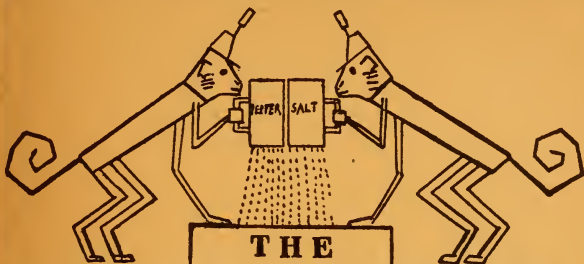






**'A LITTLE FLY'**

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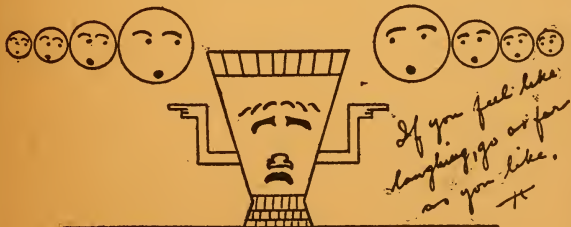




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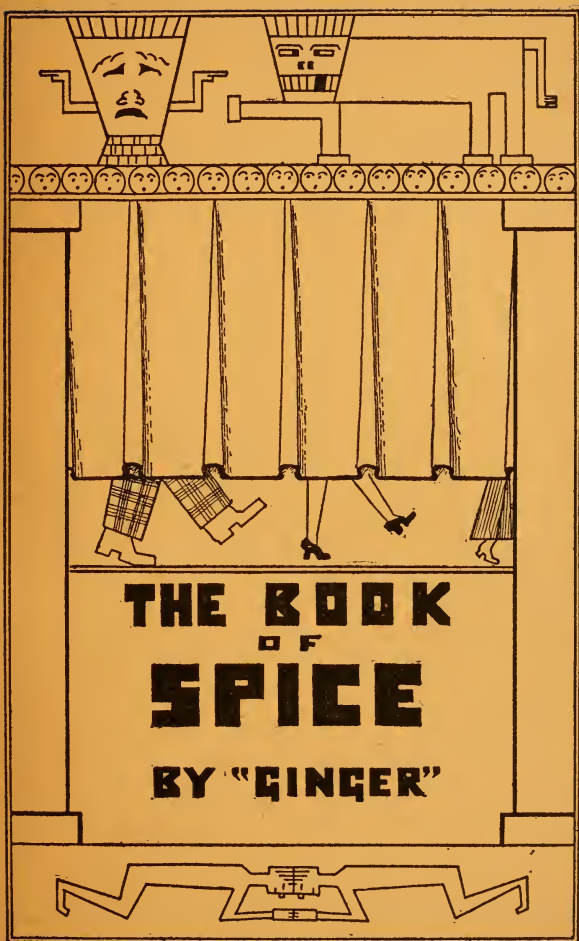
Ladies and Gentlemen:-

The Jug-Face down below is called the Great Josh. He is sad because he sees his own jokes. Nobody else can. The thing <sup>reptains</sup> with the piano-legs is called the Sinky-Lion. He takes food through the hole in his face. The little Fellow is one of Nature's mistakes. The round things are called Moonatics.



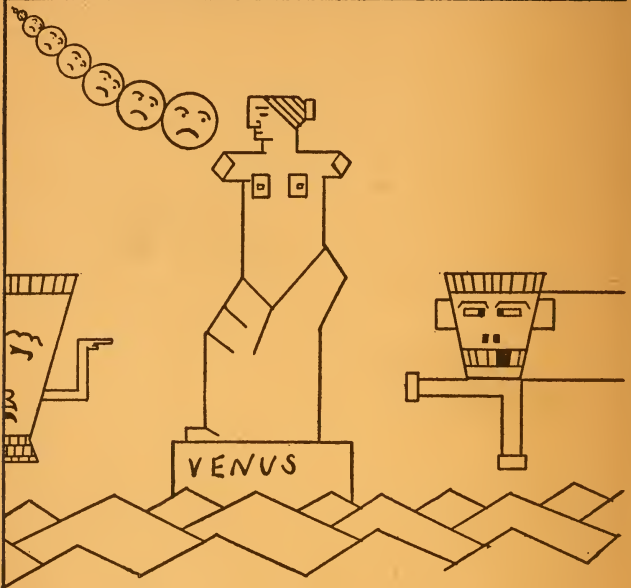
If you feel like  
laughing, go as far  
as you like.  
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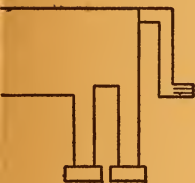
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When Venus, rising from the waves, her pulchritude  
divulges,  
And posing in the All-at-once, displays her curves  
and bulges,  
Then comes one sweet, consoling thought: If  
Nature built her squarer,  
She'd be a "straighter girl," no doubt, but Artists  
couldn't bear her!

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O say, can't you see?

When Fate made Venus armless

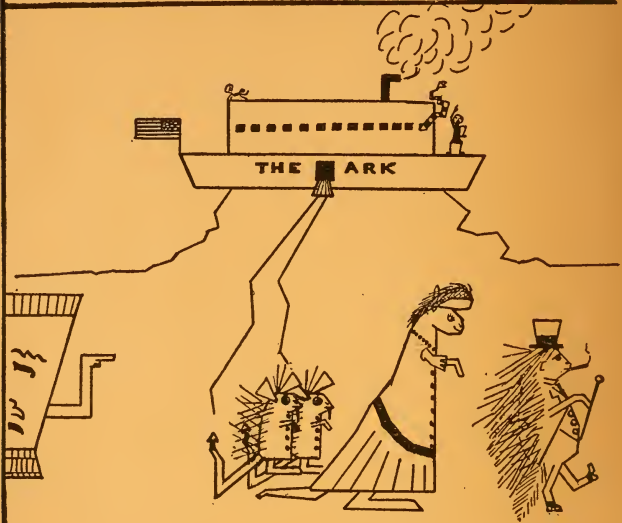
It also made her harmless —

For in a squeezing-contest — gee!

She couldn't Hold Her Own with me!



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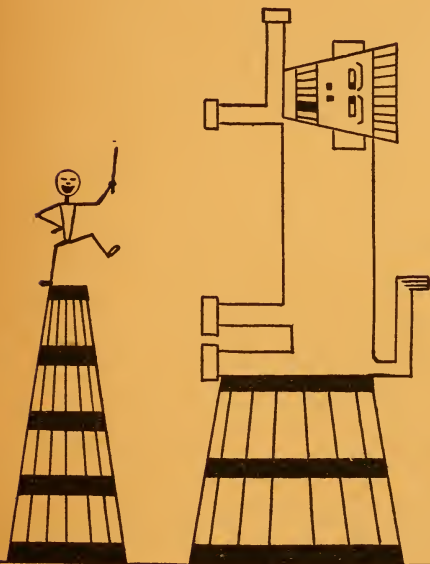
The Kangaroo and Porcupine they met upon  
the Ark.

They first began to bill and coo, and then to  
flame and spark;

So they were wed and settled down to calm,  
domestic habits.

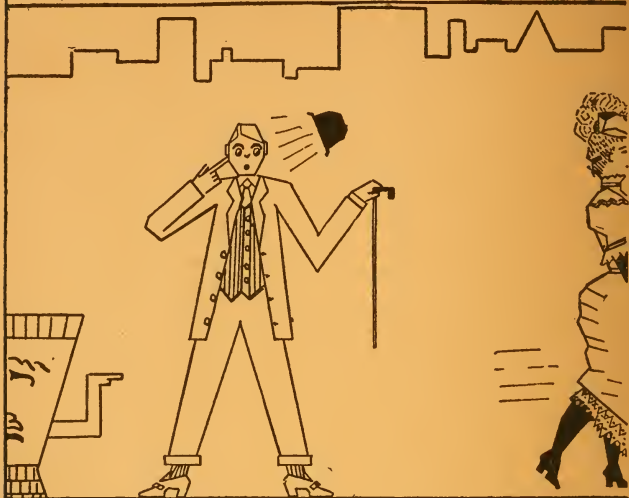
Then Baby came, or rather, twins — both little,  
tough Welch Rabbits.

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At midnight when you try a lot  
Of indigestive grub,  
Just take a Rabbit piping hot—  
Then join the Nightmare Club.

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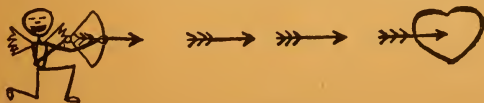
When e'er my true love's skirts do get  
To fluttering in the wynde  
I cannot choose but look—and yet  
They tell me Love is blind!!



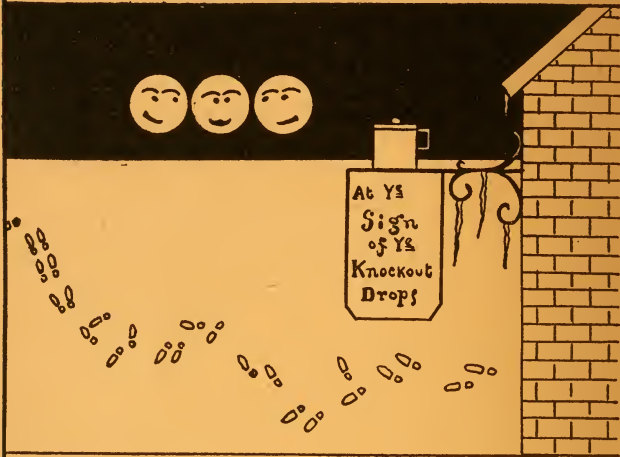
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When lovely Woman hurries by  
Some passing car to hook  
And holds her dresses rather high  
The Blind Man stops to look.



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Zeal is something which flags at nagging and nags at flagging.



In every up-to-date marriage the Parson ties a slip knot. This is much easier to untie in the Divorce Court than the old-fashioned true-love knot.





Kissing is a bad practice — but practice makes perfect.





It requires no explanation when your wife goes to an auction sale and pays \$4 for a fifty-cent sofa-cushion. Auctions speak louder than words.


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 She found herself alone in a Great City. Her first problem was: How to remain Beautiful though Poor. But before she'd been there a month her problem changed to: How to remain Poor though Beautiful.

 "There's no fool like an old fool," I used to say in youth.  
"There's no fool like a dam fool," seems nearer to the truth.

 Kindness makes friends—but it doesn't make money.

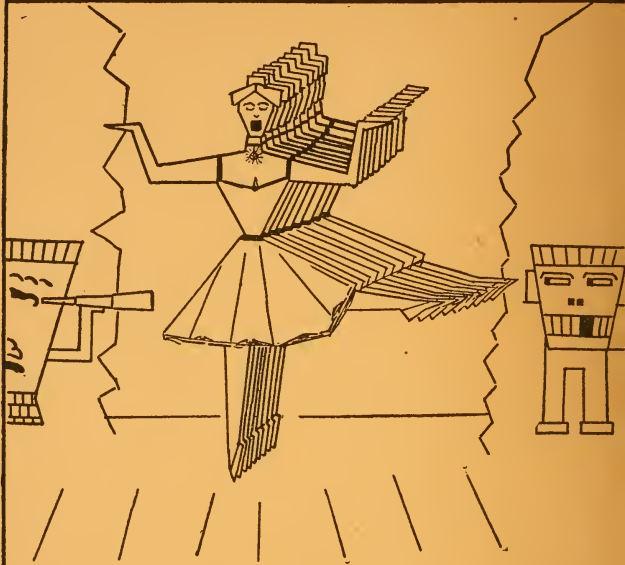
 A bird in the hand lays no eggs—but two in the bush build a nest.

 A Career is a mirage, the desire for which robs the office of good stenographers and fills the stage with indifferent performers.

 Immorality is a good motif for plays, but a bad motif for private life.

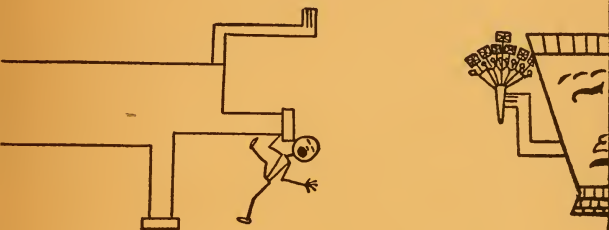


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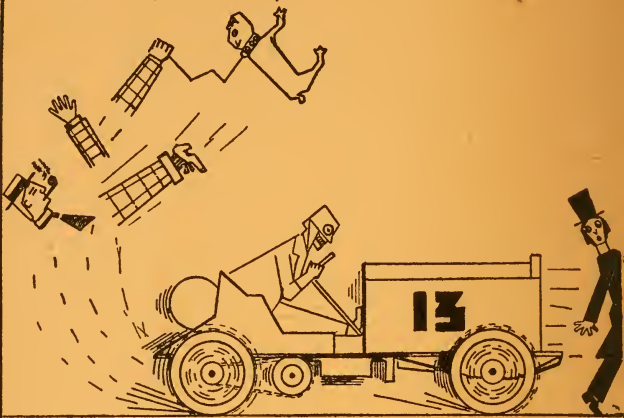
The Chorus girl  
Is a porous girl—  
In fact she is a sponge.  
She bathes her brain  
In iced champagne  
And rather likes the plunge.  
I'll live for her, I'll die for her—  
But hang me if I'll "buy" for her!

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A diamond necklace more or less  
Is nothing much to her—  
'Tis strange how well a girl can dress  
On \$15 per!

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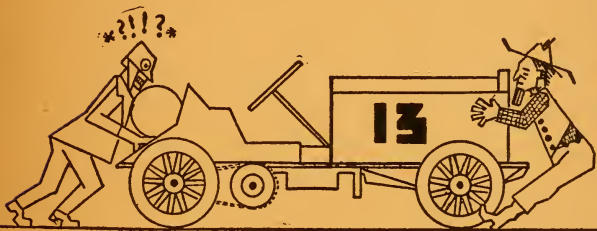
The Automobile keeps a-mowing  
Down victims wherever it pops.

It's fearfully fast when it's going,

BUT . . . . .



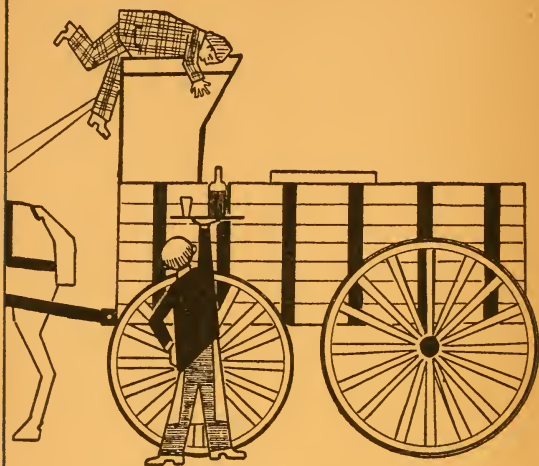
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... it's frightfully slow when it stops.



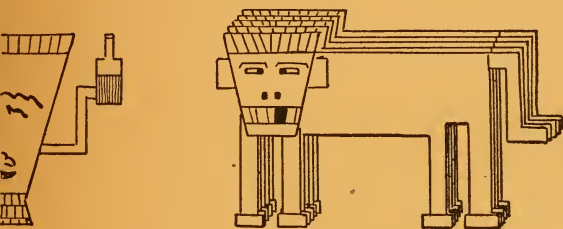
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As sad hours I drag on  
The old Water Wagon,  
It makes me still sadder to think, now  
and then,  
That water's so dry—  
And the seat's so damp high  
That I cannot reach down for a drink,  
now and then.



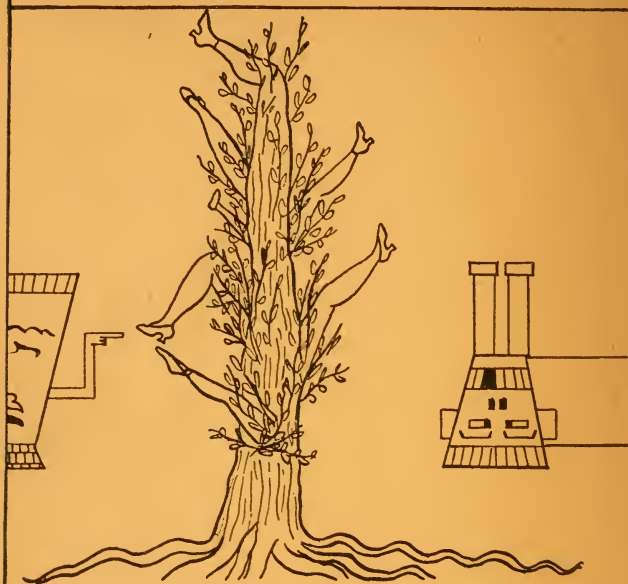
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All drinking is risky:  
The man who takes  
whisky  
Is apt to fight blue toads  
and slaughter snakes;  
But beware, son and  
daughter, —  
If you tipple cold water  
Too much, you'll be apt  
to see Water Snakes!

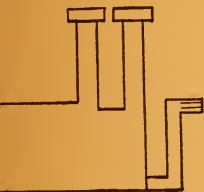


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If limbs like these  
Grew on the trees  
I think I'd die of heart disease.  
I wouldn't dare to look at all  
When autumn leaves began to fall.

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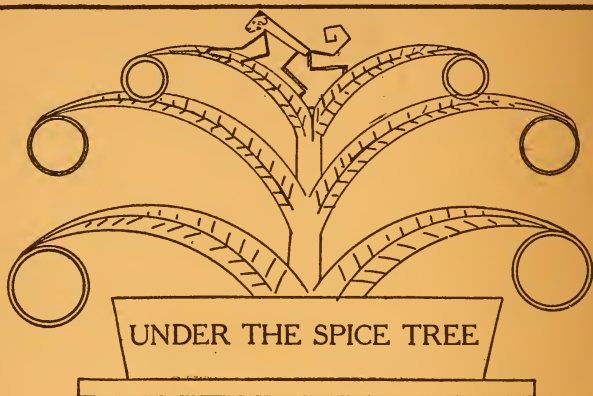



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If all the trees had limbs like mine  
I think the woods would look divine!





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 "Don't you believe in flirting, Sol?" asked one of his thousand wives of the wisest of kings. "No, I don't—I'm a married man," replied Solomon as he turned to telephone for 65 new baby carriages.

 Hell hath no fury like a woman's corns.

 When Diana took her morning bath no man was there to look—but the woods were full of rubber-trees.

 Ladies, remember—in the Matrimonial Journey the Slow Freight is better than the Fast Male.

 If the good die young, Methuselah must have been a long time in the Insurance Business.

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Cupid is a good press-agent, but a poor book-keeper. When he finds his books won't balance he makes up the deficit as follows:

DEBIT		CREDIT	
10 hours worry	\$10		
Haber dashing	\$7		
Flowers	\$3		
Theatre Tickets	\$4	1 Kiss	?
Cab Fare	\$6		
Supper	\$11		
Sundries	\$5		
Total	\$46	Total	?



Why do women marry? Some for love; some for money; some for a cheerful companion who will always be on hand to hook up her dress in the back.



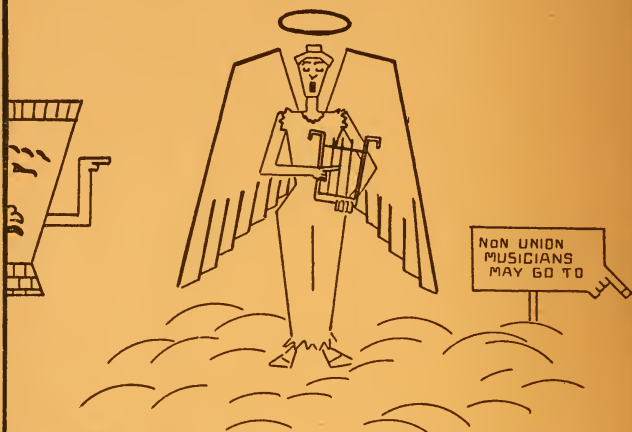
There's a woman at the bottom of everything—even of the Bottomless Pit.



Even in the Age of Christian Enlightenment there still existed a Society which said, "If there is any doubt about a woman's virtue, give it the benefit of your doubt."



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I'd hate to be an Angel  
And never do a thing  
But practise on that darned old harp  
And sing, and sing, and sing.

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But if I were a Devil  
I'd quite enjoy my doom,  
And raise old Hades with the boys  
Down in the Smoking Room.



MAM BATHS  
XT DOOR



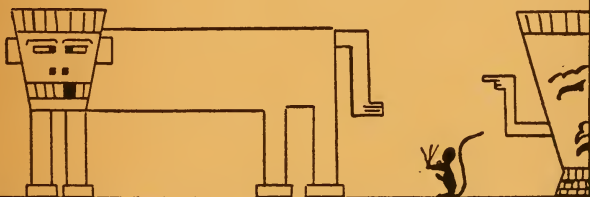
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A Mouse who was searching for flats  
Got into a crowd of old cats.  
He turned up his nose  
When he looked at their hose  
And said, with a snicker, "O rats!"



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The Mouse only smiles  
When he looks at the styles  
    Brought out for display.  
He gazes a minute,  
Then says, "Nothing in it!"  
    And scampers away.

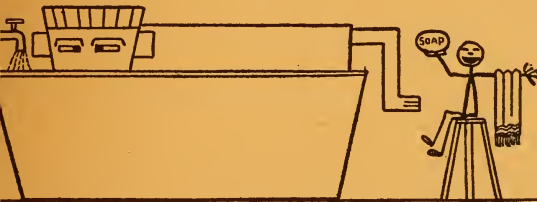


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The Moon looked in the window  
When Gladys took her bath;  
He boldly peeked. The lady shrieked,  
And drew the blind in wrath;  
But still the moon continued  
To beam upon the mesh.  
I think the Moon was rather "new"  
To do a thing so fresh.

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The lovely maid protested  
And raised an awful fuss,  
But the Moon ain't interested  
In us.

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### What the Waiter Sees.



It's what the waiter doesn't see that he gets paid for. If a gent won't tip, tip his soup.



When a guy talks like money it's no sign that he's going to hand you a dollar.



If you notice it, a chorus-girl always likes her lobsters well "done."



You needn't think you're a General because you can give orders to a waiter.




Don't cry over spilt milk — charge it on the bill.  
The constitution follows the jag.


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 Cold bottles make warm hearts.


 Cold steaks make hot words.


 On with the dance, let joy be unrefined!


Bad morals — everybody's but your own.

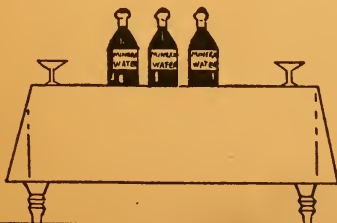
 A Dinner is a bite or a collation — depending on who pays for it.

 A Johnnie is a small “angel” who thinks that he is a little devil.

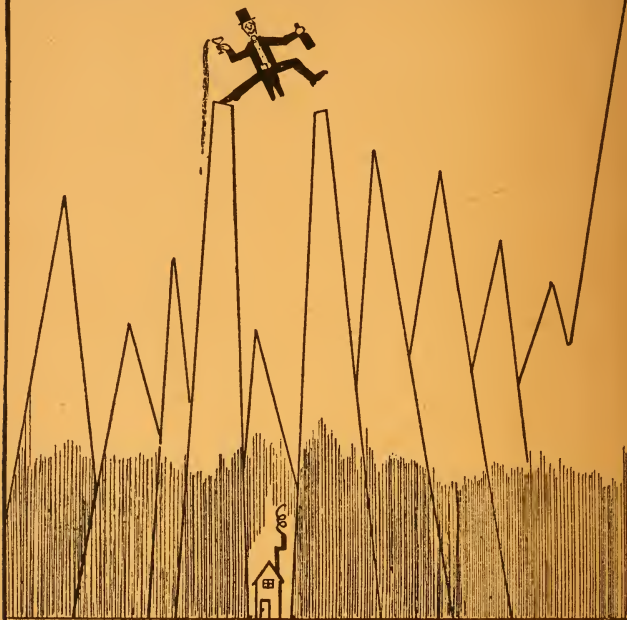
 Frills are a light, fluffy material that cover a multitude of shins.

 Jealousy makes men shoot and women coo.

 A dumb-waiter is the only safe kind to take drinks into a private room.

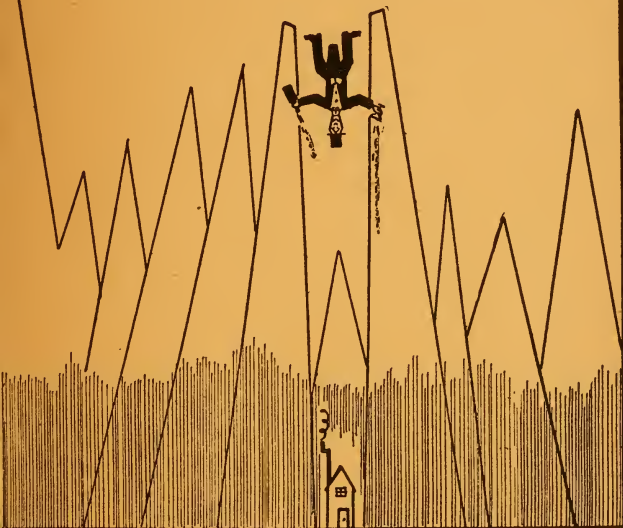


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I'd like to be a billy-goat  
And live upon a crag.  
With "mountain dew" I'd wet my  
throat  
And leap from jag to jag.

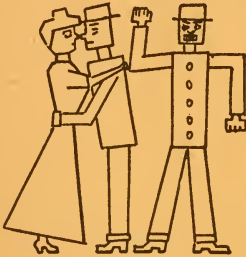
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But, should I slip,  
The downward trip  
    Would need no kind assistance.  
When "extra dry"  
Comes extra high  
    You fall an extra distance.

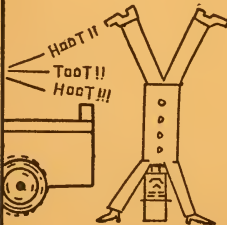


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It is considered dreadful luck,  
Of Fate's confounded cook-  
ing,  
To kiss another fellow's wife  
When 'tother fellow's look-  
ing.

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It's also very horrid luck,  
And brings all sorts of troubles,  
To stand upon your head in  
front  
Of passing auto-mubbles.



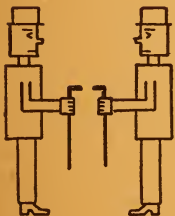
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When I am walking down the street  
It takes away my breath  
To see an undertaker's sign —  
For that's a Sign of Death.

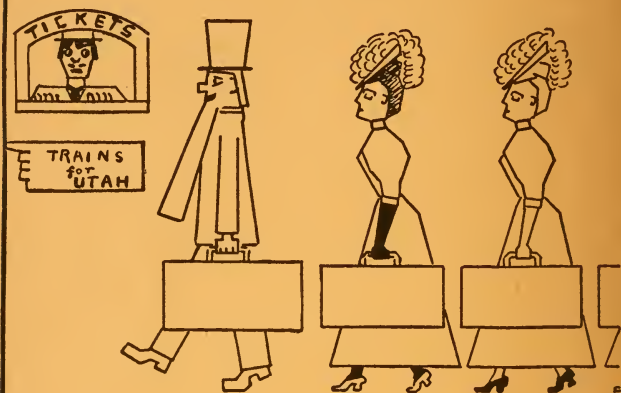
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Bad Luck comes never singly, sir —  
And so I feel a shock  
Whene'er I chance to meet myself  
A-coming round the block.



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A rollicking old Mormon wed a chorus  
girl named Flo  
And they went upon a honeymoon  
uproarious.

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He telegraphed her manager, "I like  
your sample so  
That I think I'll take the balance of the  
Chorus."

44 MILES  
TO SALT LAKE



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Since Dionysius blithe and young inspired old Hellas' air  
And beat the muses at their game "with vine-leaves  
in his hair,"

Since Wotan quaffed oblivion from Nieblungen gold  
And Thor beside the icy fjord drank thunderbolts of old,  
Since Omar in the Persian bowl forgot the fires of hell  
And wondered what the vintners buy so rare as that  
they sell,

What potion have the gods bestowed to lift the thoughts  
afar

Like that seductive cocktail that they sell across the  
bar?

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Perhaps it's made of whisky and perhaps it's made of  
gin,

Perhaps there's orange bitters and an orange-peel within,  
Perhaps it's called Martini, and perhaps it's called, again,  
The name that spread Manhattan's fame among the  
sons of men;

Perhaps you like it garnished with what thinking  
men avoid,

The little blushing cherry that is made of celluloid —  
But be these matters as they may, a *cher confrère* you are  
If you admire the cocktail that they pass across the bar.

And as the hours of talk grow late, the hours of drink  
grow more,

What makes the barroom mirror shine as never shone  
before?

What makes the dullest utterance the cogs of mirth  
anoint

Until no joke is so obscure you cannot see the point?

What makes the sidewalk, homeward bound, like storm-  
tossed ships careen,

Until a dear, familiar voice says, "Charles, where have  
you been?"

You hear yourself, like some one else,  
make answer from afar,

"'Sh' thoshe d'lish's cocktailsh (hic!)  
they pash acrosch th' bar!"



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When Eve came to Adam  
He said, "My dear Madam,  
You're pretty, God bless you—  
But who's going to dress you?"

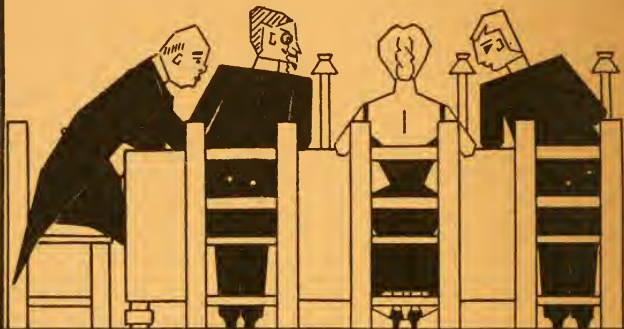
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When the Snake coiled about her  
Eve looked rather pleased.

She said with a shrug,  
“Well, if that’s called a hug  
It makes me quite nervous—  
But heaven preserve us,  
I like to be squeezed!”

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A pretty girl named Snowdown  
Who wore her dress quite low-down  
Said "Some men swear  
That I'm not fair —  
I'll give them all a show-down."



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'Twas safe enough to call their bluff —  
She won out on the show-down.



A bluff like mine won't go down.  
It's something of a throw-down.

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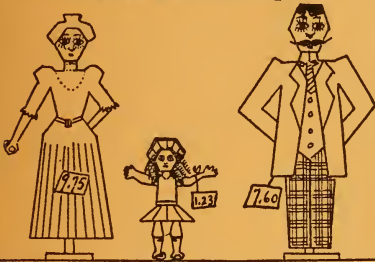


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Two ardent Clothing Dummies, to  
flirtatious glances reared,  
For many moons within a window  
tarried.

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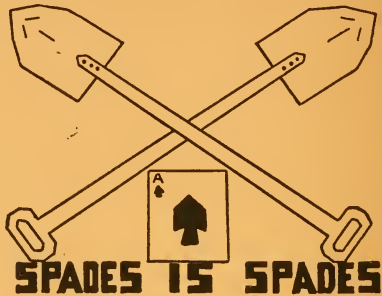
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Until one summer morning, lo! a lovely  
Doll appeared—  
Good gracious! and they were not  
even married!!

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When a girl looks simple, don't fool yourself—that's only the way her mother dresses her.



Wild oats never grow near wall-flowers.



A yacht is a seagoing craft which is christened with champagne and waterlogged with the same beverage.




An army officer is a young gentleman employed by the U. S. Government for active service—principally dancing.





A kiss is a small, explosive toy, of small commercial value, but highly esteemed as a gift or souvenir. It grows behind curtains, under palms, in the shade of icebergs—in fact in secluded spots of almost


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any temperature. When well cared for it attains a magnificent size and delicious flavor.

 A kiss is something which a girl always looks forward to with expectancy — and receives with surprise.

 When a theatrical company goes broke the actors may roar for their money loud enough to wake the dead — but they cannot make the ghost walk.

 When a woman sets her cap at him the average man can find an answer; but when she asks if her hat's on straight it's impossible to make an intelligent reply.

 In Paris they call it "Bohemia," in Boston "The Simple Life," and in Podunk "Vagrancy." Podunk is the only place where it's curable.

 Millions for expense, and not one cent for alimony!



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Love in a Cottage is pleasant enough,  
Love in a Mansion is swell,  
Love in a Flat is a little might tough —  
But love in an Office is Hell!

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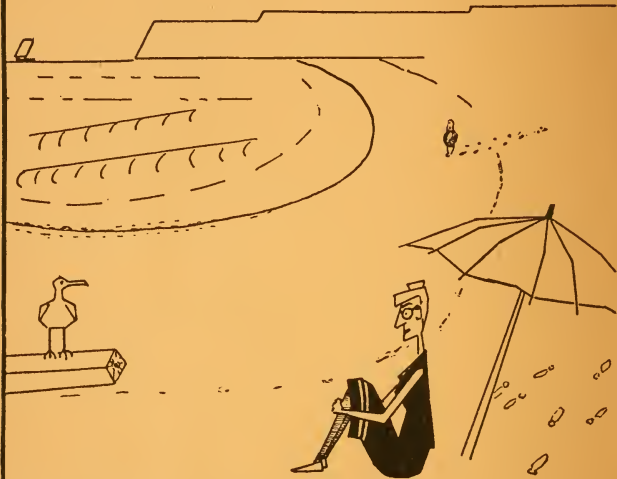


There's no use enquiring, "Where is 'e?"  
He's busy.



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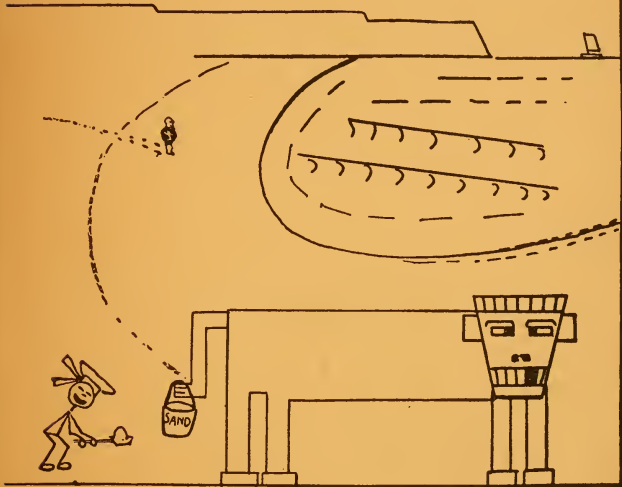
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A Spinster sat upon the sand and asked the  
reason why  
When she came down to take a bath the  
beach was always dry.  
A Sea-gull heard her tender plaint and  
answered with a grin,  
"You make the tide so bashful that it  
does not dare come in!"



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But sometimes when the seaside nymphs appear in  
lovely form

The tide becomes so restless that the waves grow  
almost warm.

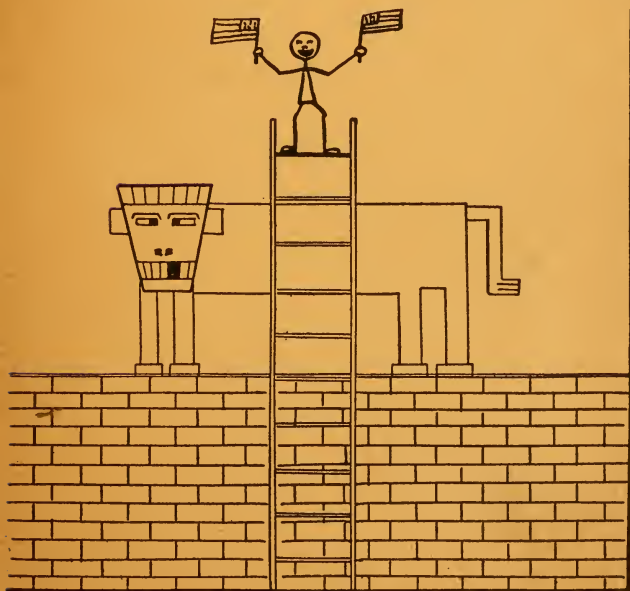
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He left her at the garden wall  
And said in accents sadder,  
“I hope I may see more of you” —  
And then she climbed the ladder.




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The maid who is shyest  
Looks ofttimes the fly-est  
When climbing a ladder— The best things come  
highest.



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 Dr. Slitz, the famous surgeon of Keokuk, Iowa, recently performed one of his sensational operations on the human brain. A gentleman from Ohio, suffering from localized paresis, dropped into the doctor's office the other morning to discuss the tariff. Quickly chloroforming the patient the brain was removed and laid in an open window to thaw out. Here a hitch occurred which very nearly resulted in a mortifying predicament for Dr. Slitz. A vagrant ice-man, seeing the brain in process of melting, focused his burning glass on the congealed member from force of habit. In a moment it was reduced to an unrecoverable dew-drop.


 Dr. Slitz immediately saw that the recovery of the precious organ was impossible and that he must act quickly, if at all; so, with his usual self-possession, he filled the patient's skull-cavity with a mixture of sawdust


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and beeswax, placed the lid back on his skull and sent him home. The patient entirely recovered and continues to hold his important position under the U. S. Government where the deficiency (if deficiency there be) will never be noticed.

 Codfish eye—this distressing malady has developed into an epidemic recently at Back Bay, Boston, and at Newport. It is usually accompanied by icy feet and a chronic sneer. The speediest cure consists in reducing the patient's bank account 95%, rolling him in corn-meal and soaking him with a wet towel. Hard work on a farm is also beneficial.

 To cure that Tired Feeling in the Morning, go back to the Night Before and be a little more careful.

 Eating on an empty stomach is apt to be followed by loss of appetite.

 Before operating on a patient first determine the strength of his heart, then the size of his bank account.



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O clock upon yon dizzy height,  
Don't kick up such a rumpus.  
I do not need a clock to-night —  
But I wish I had a compass!

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North-by-East and galley-West —  
Hurrah for the wild sea rover  
Who pulls his freight on a roller skate  
And is always half seas over.  
The Demon Rum, like a guiding star,  
Glares on with burning eyeball  
Till he steers his boat right over the bar —  
And wrecks it on a highball.

## THE BOOK OF SPICE



# FOOLOSOPHY



It keeps the Man with the Hoe busy to support the Girl with the Hose.



I don't know much about those "flesh pots of Egypt," but if they were put up in the Chicago stock-yards they must have been a pretty fierce variety of canned stew.



"Order!" is the first law of head-waiters.



Some promises won't keep—not even in cold storage.



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A flea once attended a fashionable dance. He was not invited, but before the evening was over he was very intimate with the best people there—and very much sought after, I am told.



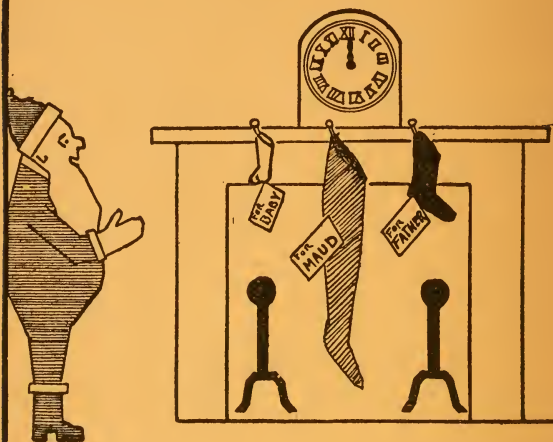
There was a romance in the side show. The fat lady married the living skeleton. “They will stick together through thick and thin,” said the bearded lady. “Yes,” murmured the dog-faced boy, “Love will have its weigh.”



The longer I watch stage doors the more I believe in Dr. Osler.



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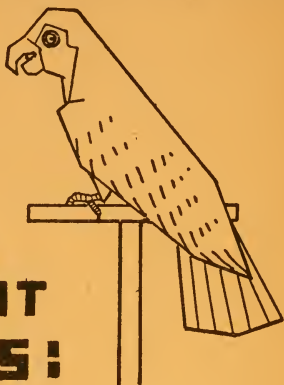


Said Santa Claus, puzzled of manner,  
As he blew on his cotton bandanner,  
“The size of Maud’s stocking  
Is perfectly shocking—  
I think she must want a pianner!”

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Yet Maud is a maid of such generous build  
I'm sure that her stocking is always well filled.



**THE  
PARROT  
SAYS:**



Don't refuse a maiden's "first kiss" — but take it with a grain of salt.



Superior wisdom is not the only thing that keeps old maids virtuous.



The moon is a good matchmaker, but as a chaperone — look out, girls!

If every man obeyed every woman when she said, "Please stop!" Cupid could take a vacation and the Recording Angel could close up his books and go fishing.

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If you want to cheat your grocer, rob your neighbor, and betray your friend's wife, get an "artistic temperament." That will excuse you for all your sins.



If she seems cold at first, don't you care. Chills are often followed by fever.



When Adam got his apples in the raw state it wasn't so bad, after all. But when Eve started in to experiment with apple pie, there was trouble in Paradise.



Many a girl who says "she'll be a sister to you" is mature enough to act *in loco parentis*.



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“Boy with the floral offering, pray tell me,  
who’s the dead ’un?”

“Oh, no one’s dead,” the boy replied. “This  
wreath is for a weddun.”

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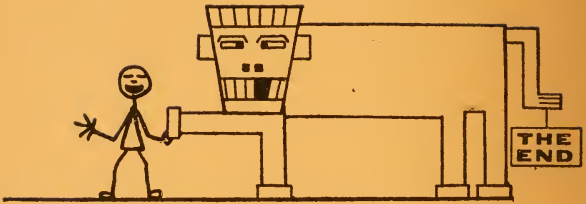
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“Nay, nay,” replied the Married Man, “though  
death may bring release,  
No earthly marriage e’er deserved an offering  
marked ‘Peace.’”

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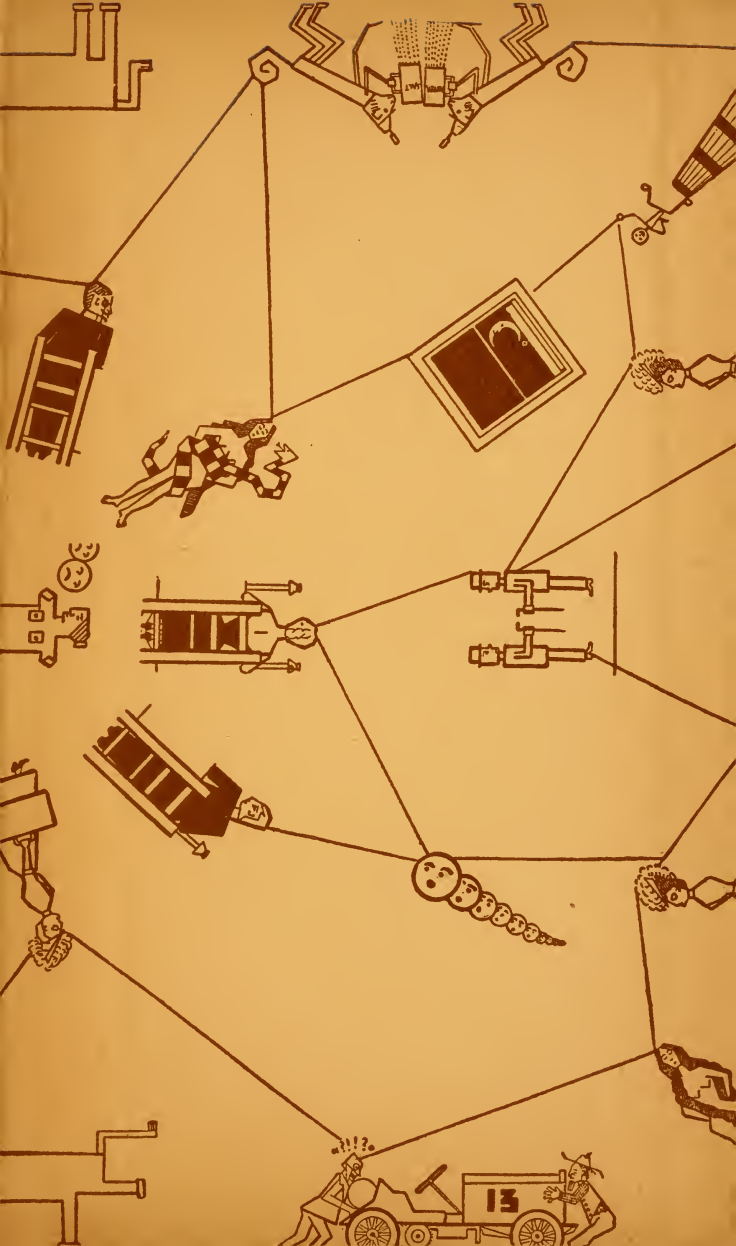






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