

**Free In Spite of Himself.**  
Under the first French empire the administration of the prison of Sainte-Pelagie was so loose that it was not rare for accused persons to lie there six months without knowing the cause of their incarceration. The following adventure, narrated in "The Dungeons of Old Paris," discloses the fact that release under similar conditions of ignorance was not impossible:  
The doctor had given to a prisoner who was slightly ill an order for the baths. Not knowing in what part of the prison the infirmary was situated, he presented his order to a tipsy turnkey, who opened the outer door of the prison.  
M. Guillon, a free man without being aware of it, took the narrow street to be a sentry's walk and went a few paces without finding any one to direct him. Returning to the sentry at the door, he inquired where were the baths.  
"The baths?" said the sentinel.  
"The prison baths," said the sentinel.  
"The prison baths," said the sentinel, "are probably in the prison, but you can't get in there."  
"What—I can't get into the prison? Am I outside it, then?"  
"Why, yes, you're in the street. You ought to know that, I should think."  
"I did not know it, I assure you," said M. Guillon, "and this won't suit me at all."  
He rang the prison bell and was readmitted, and his recital of his adventure restored to sobriety the turnkey who had given him his freedom.

**Sheridan and the Joke.**  
Sheridan, himself a brilliant orator as well as a shrewd observer, was one day asked how it was he got on so well in the house of commons. "Well," he said, "I soon found out that the majority were fools, but all loved a joke, and I determined to give them what they liked." The great advantage of a joke is that it puts the speaker at once on good terms with his audience. Hence Cicero recommends it for an exordium. A common way of winning the good will of an audience is flattery. When the Jews brought down the orator Tertullus to accuse Paul, Tertullus began his speech with flattery of King Agrippa, "Since by thee we enjoy," and so on. Another way, a subtle form of flattery, is to describe yourself as a native of the same place or county as those you are addressing. The forensic formula, the fustian apostrophe to the "intelligent and patriotic and high minded men" whom the rhetorical Buffaz sees before him, is played out, but it has its modern equivalents.—Westminster Review.

**Disconcerting.**  
Mrs. Manycooks (severely)—Didn't I hear a man talking loudly with you in the kitchen just now, Mary?  
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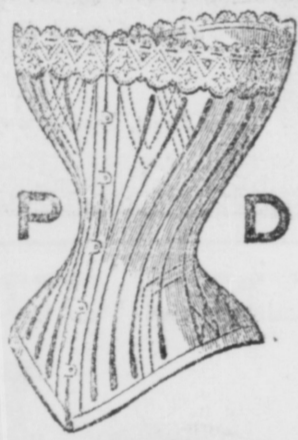
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**Hubby's Good Qualities.**  
The curate was making a call on a humble member of his flock, when the good woman, in course of conversation, very much extolled the virtues of her absent husband and finished up by saying, "And he is such a good man too."  
"In what way?" asked the curate.  
"Why, sir," she said, "he always says his prayers every night of his life—drunk or sober—he never misses that."—London Telegraph.

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