

MOMENTS OF BIRTH.

The greatest philosophy is in not wanting things you can't get.—Athenian Globe.
The man who "knows it all" wouldn't be such a bad fellow if he only kept it to himself.—Yonkers Statesman.
"Have you a large staff of reporters to gather the news for you?" Country Editor—No; we have a wife.—Puck.
Women are not cruel to dumb animals. No woman would willfully step on a mouse.—Richmond Recorder.
The average wife hates to ask her husband for money, and in most cases he hates to have her.—Somerville Journal.
The young man who can write "a good hand" hasn't half the chance in life with the youth who can hold one.—Washington Post.

Sausage—Bad times make money scarce.
Rodd—Yes; but not nearly so scarce as a real jolly good time does.—New York Herald.
It seems to be the opinion of a large number of financiers that no stock can be floated without water.—Boston Transcript.
"How is your boy getting along at Harvard?" "First rate. He writes me that he goes to Boston every night to study the stars."—Boston Gazette.
"If you have a million you can get into the four hundred." Yes, and if you have four hundred you are likely to stay in the million.—Brooklyn Life.
"Talk about striking a tender chord," soliloquized the tramp at the woodpile; "this is one of the toughest cords I ever struck."—Yonkers Statesman.
"Do you think that tailors are on the whole a deserving class of men?" "Well, it can't be denied that we owe them a great deal."—New York Herald.

Somelody asks for a good definition of a philosopher. A philosopher is a man who earns \$9 a week and is contented with his income.—Somerville Journal.
"Dear me!" said old Mr. Hogg, hesitatingly; "I know I've forgotten something, but for the life of me I can't remember what it is."—Harper's Bazar.
A Compliment.—"The managing editor spoke of your work yesterday." "What did he say? Something pleasant?" "Yes. He said you had nerve."—Chicago Tribune.

Wife—Frank, how do you like the way our new laundry girl does up your collars and cuffs? Frank—Oh, first rate! first rate. She does things up brown.—Puck.
Johnnie—Mamma, is General Greely the best of the weather? Mamma—Oh, no, my child. He is the easiest. He gives us our change, don't you know.—Washington Star.

Briggs—Does your wife ever threaten to go home to her mother? I am willing to own that mine does. Briggs—No; she threatens to send for her mother.—Indianapolis Journal.
Weeks—Well, how are things over in Boston? Have they raised up new the Aristotle yet? Weeks—Yes, but I heard a man there ask for a Plato soap.—Christian Register.

"Yes, we two boys were thrown together a good deal when we went to school in the country." "In the same class, eh?" "No; we rode the same mule."—Boston Gazette.
"See here, doctor, you told me to avoid any sudden excitement." "So I did; it's likely to be fatal to you." "Then why, sir, did you send your bill to me yesterday?"—Fitzinger Dispatch.

Professor to class in geology—Now, gems are peculiarly crystallized. What is the form of the diamond? Bright pupil—They are generally diamond shaped.—Jeweler's Weekly.

HAD TO HAVE AN INSPIRATION.

The Reason Why a Preacher Borrowed "V" Every Saturday Night.
A merchant had a clerical friend, between whom and himself there existed a warm intimacy. Every Saturday night, as the merchant was balancing his cash, there would come a note from the minister requesting the loan of a \$5 bill. The money was always returned punctually on Monday morning. But when puzzled the lender was that the identical bill was always returned. One Saturday night he sent a \$5 gold piece instead of the usual bill, and marked it. Still the very same coin was returned on Monday. The merchant became nervous about this strange fact. He was becoming consumed with curiosity, when a note came from the reverend borrower on Christmas Eve, asking for a loan of \$10. He resolved to call and inquire into the mystery. When he was shown into his friend's study he found him plunged in melancholy.

"Mr. B.," said the merchant, "if you will answer me one question, I will let you have that \$10. How does it happen that you always pay me the money that you borrow on Saturday night in the very same coin or note on Monday?"
The parson raised his head, and after a struggle said, "My friend, you are a gentleman, a Christian, and a New Yorker—I know that I can rely on your inviolable secrecy. Listen to the secret of my eloquence. You know that I am poor, and when on Saturday night I have bought my Sunday dinner, I seldom have a red cent left in my pocket. Now I maintain that no man can preach the gospel properly without having something in his pocket to inspire him with confidence. I have, therefore, borrowed \$5 of you every Saturday night, that I might feel it occasionally as I preached on Sunday. You know how independently I do preach—how I make the rich quake in their shoes! Well, it is owing to my knowing that I have a \$5 bill in my pocket. Not having to use it for any other purpose, it is not changed, but returned to you next Monday. But tomorrow I want to make a special impression on my congregation, and I thought I would see what the effect of a \$10 sermon on them would be."—New England Magazine.

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