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The man who gathers the names for a Russian directory is the hardest worked man in the empire.

A humorous apothecary in Boston exposes a case of soap in his shop window, with the pertinent inscription, "Cheaper than dirt."

A zealous brother prayed in meeting: "Lord have mercy on us, for thou knowest we are the wickedest company ever gathered together."

Chicago will make an attempt to clear her courts of shysters, straw-bailers, perjurers and professional jurymen. Who will be left?

"Don't leave your old tobacco quids where the innocent little children will mistake them for chestnuts," reads a sign on a hotel in Maine.

A fast youth asked at a 'Frisco restaurant: "What have you got?" "Almost everything," was the reply. "Almost everything? Well give me a plate of that." "One plate of hash!" shouted the waiter.

That Maryland tramp who stalked into a lonely looking farm house and demanded dinner and a suit of clothes, didn't see the dog. The dog saw him, however. The doctor reported twenty-eight different bites and considerable denudation of epidermis.

A Scotch lad in a military school went up with a drawing of Venice, which he had just finished, to show it to the master. Observing that he had printed the name under it with two "n's" (Vennice,) the master said, "Dont you know there is only one 'hen' in Venice?" "Only one hen in Venice!" exclaimed Sandy with astonishment; "I'm thinkin they'll not have many eggs then."

"Massa," said a black steward to his captain, as they fell in with a homeward bound vessel, "I wish you'd write a few lines for me to send to the old woman, 'cause I cant write." "Certainly," assented the good-natured skipper, taking his writing materials; "what shall I say?" Pompey told the story which he wished his wife to know, which his amanuensis faithfully recorded. "Is that all, Pomp?" asked the captain, preparing to seal the letter. "Yes' Massa," replied he, showing his ivories, "thank you; but 'fore you close him jist say, Please scuse had spelling and writing, will you?"

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