

# Banister Banter

## Winsome Wit and Wisdom

The teacher was having some difficulty in explaining fractions. By way of making the matter clear she began in this fashion: "If I should divide a piece of beefsteak in two pieces, what would each piece be called?" Some one said, "halves" "Then" proceeded the teacher, "If I should divide each of these halves into two pieces what would each part be called?" That was not so difficult but what someone could say, "fourths." "Suppose each fourth were divided into two parts, what would each part be?" continued the questioner. Eighths, came the ready answer. "If each eighth were cut in two pieces what name would be given to those parts?" continued the pleased teacher. Not so easy; but at last some young brilliant said "Sixteenths." "Now," said the teacher, "we divide each of these pieces in two parts and what do we have?" "Hash!" came the unhesitating reply.

Thick skulls do not always contain the most skill.—Anon.

No truly good purpose ever dies—E. R. Gurney

S. C. [after benignly elected president of the newly organized H. S. baseball club] "Just goes to prove that looks don't count for anything!"

If you would gain mankind, the best way is to appear to love them; and the best way of appearing to love them is to love them in reality.—J. Bentham.

If you're sick with something chronic,

And you think you need a tonic,  
Do something

There is life and health in doing,  
There is pleasure in pursuing;  
Doing, then, is health accruing,  
Do something.

And if you're seeking pleasure,  
Or enjoyment in full measure,  
Do something

Idleness, there's nothing in it;  
'Twill not pay you for a minute  
Do something—Anon

Teacher: What word is opposite of misery?

Class: (in unison) Happiness!

Teacher: What word is opposite of woe?

Class: Giddap!