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got hit in the head with a clam gun and cashed in his chips. Too bad, too, after he carried the banner to pull through the hard winter.

Well, so long, Eric.

WOOD YOU BELIEVE IT?*

RUSSELL E. GETTY

One bright summer day a ——— looking man, named ———, sat on a ——— by several years than the girl, ———, who shared his seat on the ——— looking out across the ———. His dog idly watched an air—— fly overhead.

"I ——— for some good fishing, but I believe ——— be scarce in these waters. What do ——— think?" he said, knocking the ——— from his cigar and offering her a piece of ———.

Just then he saw the girl ——— her hand to her heart.

"Are you ill?" he asked.

"No, indeed, I am never ———; ——— healthy girl does not exist. I was afraid the ——— bite. Just hand me my ——— coat. ———ling, I am all right now."

"That's a ——— of a coat."

"Yes, I asked ——— to buy me a raccoon coat, but he ——— could afford this."

"Why doesn't he ——— for the money he owes him? The old ———."

"He says he never ———. ——— priced fur does not wear well, but a better lining of ——— ——— improve the garment."

"Oh, Oh!" she cried. "There's a bug on my arm."

"——? Pshaw. It's only a ———."

"Well, I hate bugs. The things I've ——— make anyone look upon them with aversion."

Just then the hound treed an opossum. First the ——— bark at the opossum, then the ——— run from the dog. It was very amusing.

"——, ———," she laughed. "What a comical ——— of animals."

—— looked so sweet that ——— could not resist kissing her ———.

"Don't," she said. "You may kiss ——— but you daren't kiss me."

At this rebuff ——— began to ———, but soon he controlled his grief and simply said, "——, baby."

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*Can you fill in the blanks by using the specific or generic names of some common trees and shrubs? The correct answers are found on page 87.
FOUND

Once through the forest  
Alone I went;  
To seek for nothing  
My thoughts were bent.

I saw i’ the shadow  
A flower stand there;  
As stars it glisten’d,  
As eyes ’twas fair.

I sought to pluck it,—  
It gently said:  
‘Shall I be gathered  
Only to fade?’

With all its roots  
I dug it with care,  
And took it home  
To my garden fair.

In silent corner  
Soon it was set;  
There grows it ever—,  
There blooms it yet  
—Goethe.

EXALTATION

In the green depths of a majestic wood  
I heard God speak. A murmur stirred the glade,  
Some night-bird’s wing just touched me as I stood,  
Pure eyes of heaven looked down. I knelt and prayed.

And in the stillness of the breaking morn  
I talked with God. In such high altitude  
Of soul I felt an ecstasy new-born,  
Humility, with sovereign power, endued.

Lo! I have walked with God. A little child  
Smiled on me, and a little hand clasped mine.  
My soul is raised, triumphant, undefiled,  
Heaven’s gate is opened by a love divine.  
—Harriet Kendall.