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A FIRST ESSAY IN HOUSEKEEPING.—*Mr. Jones.* "What is it, my pet?" *Mrs. Y.* "This rabbit (sob)—I've been plucking it—(sob)—all the afternoon, and it isn't half done yet!"

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THINGS ONE WOULD RATHER HAVE LEFT UNSAID.—“You remember that party at Madam Gelasma's, to hear Joachim, Rubinstein, and the Henschels, and

De Soria—quite a *small* party?”

“No; I wasn't there!” “No? Ah—well—it *was* very select!”

THE GREATEST QUESTION OF THE DAY.—
“My dear, what will you have for dinner?”

OUR WHIST PARTY.—*Major MacFlush* (at close of rubber, to partner). Didn't ye see me call for trumps?

Partner (a new hand). You may have called, Major, but I never heard you!