

Punctuation

CSS 2017

A quaker was, one day, walking on country road. He was suddenly met by a highway man. Pointing a pistol, the man exclaimed, "Your money or your life?" "My friend," said the quaker, "I cannot deliver my money, for I should be helping thee in evildoing; however, exchange is lawful, and I will give thee my purse for the pistol." The robber agreed on receiving the purse. The quaker at once held the pistol at the robber's head and said, "Now friend, my purse back or the weapon may go off." "Fire!" said the robber, "there is no powder in the pistol."

CSS 2019

A hungry lion slipped out of the forest into a barnyard one evening when he saw a plump donkey. His mouth began to water but just as he was ready to jump on the donkey, a rooster crowed. He was frightened and so turned away into the forest again. "Hey! look at that cowardly lion," the donkey brayed to the rooster, "I am going to chase him." And the donkey ran after the lion. "Wait!" the rooster shouted, "You do not know that." But it was too late. The lion had turned and killed the donkey. "Ah, my poor stupid friend!" said the rooster as he watched the lion eating the donkey, "The lion wasn't afraid of you but of my crowing."

CSS 2023

While taking a nap on the porch, one hot summer day, Hodga dreamed that a stranger promised to give him ten pieces of gold. The stranger placed them in Hodga's hand one by one until he reached the tenth piece, which he hesitated to give him. "Come on! what are you waiting for," said Hodga, "You promised me ten." Just then he woke up. He immediately looked at his hand and saw that it was empty. He quickly shut his eyes again, stretched out his hand and said, "All right, I'll settle for nine!"