

SCOTSMEN

Two Highlanders were walking down Whitehall in London and admired the impressive big buildings. Suddenly one exclaimed: “Look over there, Jack,” and he pointed to a door over which was carved in big letters: M C M I V. “I've never heard of a McMiv before, but here's a Scotsman who has made his way and put his name on one of the finest buildings in London.”

Highlander	from Scotland	to admire	to look at
Whitehall	London street where government offices are	to exclaim	shout

HE LOST HIS MONEY

A Scotsman was visiting London. He dropped 50 pence in Piccadilly Circus and could not find the coin. He reported his misfortune to a policeman and gave him his address. A year later the Scotsman was in London again. When he came to Piccadilly Circus, he saw six men digging up the street just where he had lost the money. The same policeman happened to be on duty. The Scotsman went to him and said: “Man, the London police are wonderful. But there was no need to take all that trouble.”

to drop	fall	to dig	make a hole in the ground
coin	piece of money	on duty	working
report	tell	trouble	bad times
misfortune	bad luck		

NO NEED TO DO IT

An Irishman visited his friend Paddy in his cottage. He noticed that the rain was coming through the roof.

“Why don't you mend the roof, Paddy?” he asked.

“Well, it's like this”, Paddy explained, “when it's raining I can't mend it, and when it's fine, there's no need to do it.”

cottage	hut, little home
to mend	repair



AN OLD IRISH COTTAGE

NOT AT MY HOUSE

A professor at Columbia University spent an evening with a friend and his wife. The conversation—about their work, their students, politics, baseball—was lively, but it began to slow down after midnight. At last the host said: “Irwin, I hate to get rid of you, but I have a class at 8 in the morning.” “Good Lord,” the professor exclaimed, “I thought we were at my house.”

spend, spent, spent	being there	host	he who has guests
lively	loud and fast	get rid of	throw out

Put into the past tense:

was

A Scotsman ~~is~~ walking down Whitehall. He admires the buildings. Suddenly he drops 50 pence. He cannot find the coin. So he goes to a policeman and reports his misfortune. He gives the policeman his address. Three months later the Scotsman is in London again. When he comes to the corner where he has lost the coin, he notices that some workmen are digging up the street. The same policeman happens to be there. The Scotsman asks him why they are taking all that trouble.

Make questions:

He has heard of him before. ... *Has he heard of him before?*

They mend the roof.

She is at her house.

He speaks about politics.

It's raining.

There was no need to take all that trouble.

Make the sentences negative:

I've heard of him before. ... *I haven't heard of him before.*

He went to the police.

Look over there.

He could find the coin.

The men were digging up the street.



PICCADILLY CIRCUS , AFTER G.H. POWALL, ca. 1910