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Sir Astley Cooper relates the following anecdote of an Irish candidate before the Examining Board of the London College: "What is a simple and what is a compound fracture?" asked the examiner. The reply was: "A simple fracture is when a bone is broke, and a compound fracture when it's all broke." Sir Astley asked him what he meant by "all broke." "I mean," he replied, "broke into smithereens, to be sure." I ventured to ask him what was "smithereens." He turned upon me with an intense expression of sympathy upon his countenance. "You don't know what is smithereens? Then I give you up." * (Sir Charles A. Cameron, in Dublin Journal of Medical Science.)

* Medical News, Oct. 16, 1886, xlix, 448.