

## Unit 5 Life's Simple Comedies

### Section 1 Bidesia Babu

#### Answer the following

1. What jobs did Bidesia Babu do? What jobs did he excel at?

Bidesia Babu worked as a geologist at the Government Survey Office during the week. He also worked as a homeopath and inventor on Sundays. The job he excelled at was inventing.

2. What was the Bedesia Babu's most famous invention? Why was it special?

Bidesia Babu's most famous invention was the Immediate Upstart Finder. This was a little box with big antennae that picked up nervous responses typical to troublemakers. It was a big success because it was excellent for picking up potential troublemakers at a *mela*.

3. Why did the immediate Upstart Finder start shaking on a Sunday morning?

The Immediate Upstart Finder started shaking on a Sunday morning because there was a great commotion when some thieves chopped down trees in the forest, as a result of which the tiger who lived in the jungle had started rushing about and frightening the people of Pipli.

4. What was the solution to the problem that was agreed to ?

The solution to the problem of the tiger that was agreed to was that Khichri and Motia would sit at the edge of the forest and fast like the old sadhus did, and the power of their fasting would drive the tiger back into the forest.

5. What had tempted the tiger and what had scared it away?

The tiger was tempted by the sight of the two fasting men, especially Khichri who seemed like a plump and juicy prey. The tiger realized that

no one was around while these gentlemen fasted so they would be easy to kill. However, he was frightened by the hungry rumbling of Motia's stomach, which sounded like a hundred lions roaring. This scared it away.

6. What inspired Bidesia Babu to make a Rumbling Revolver?

Bidesia Babu saw the effect that the rumbling from Motia's stomach had on the tiger. It sounded like the roar of a hundred lions and succeeded in scaring the tiger away. This inspired him to invent the Rumbling Revolver, which could be used to scare away tigers without harming them.