HE KICKED

He Took a Turkish Bath and Denounced It as a Fraud.

A solemn looking man came into an up town Turkish bath yesterday afternoon and said he wanted to take a bath. He registered, gave up his valuables and undressed. An attendant took him in hand, and he disappeared into the first hot room.

Two hours later he stalked into the reception room clad in a sheet. He asked the man at the desk for the proprietor.

"I am the proprietor," said the man.

"Well, now much is this thing goin to cost me?"

"One dollar, if you don't want to give the rubber anything."

"One dollar?"

"Yes, sir."

The solemn looking man grew agitated. He danced around a bit. "Say!" he shouted, "you don't intend to charge me a dollar for that dod blasted swindle, do you?"

"Certainly, and it's not a swindle either. That bath was worth a dollar of any man's money."

The solemn looking man danced around some more. "Not on your life," he said. "I was swindled."

"I don't see how. You went into the hot room, didn't you, and took a sweat?"

"Yes."

"And went into the steamroom and got a shower and a steam bath?"

"Yes."

"And had a rub and scrub?"

"Yes."

"And another shower?"

"Yes."

"And took the plunge and had a dry rub?"

"Yes."

"And had a place shown you where you could lie down?"

"Yes."

"Well, what in blazes more do you want?"

"Now, see here," and the solemn looking man spoke very earnestly. "This here is the first Turkish bath I ever took. All my life I've been readin of Turkish baths and the luxury and delicious languor that followed them. I was told that when a man gets through with them operations you've been talkin about he can lay down and have the pleasantest sort of thoughts. I done all there was to do. I had reasons for wantin pleasant thoughts. Did I get 'em? Nix. I couldn't think of a blamed thing but a note I got to meet tomorrow without no money to meet it with. Pleasant thoughts—rats! I could have thought of that sittin on any old horseblock in town. The hull thing is a fraud, and I won't pay but 50 cents."

And he didn't.—Buffalo Express.

Couldn't Fool Him.

Disagreeable Father—Never mind, young man! I'll help her on with her coat myself——

——I don't trust these young fellows——

——For I'm up to their tricks——

——And they can't fool me. I was a young bird once myself.—Puck.

No Need of More Gas.

"Isn't this delightfully sweet?" murmured Charley as he sank down before the fire. "I really must have natural gas, you know, in my rooms, you know. It is so deliciously bright and so entrancingly comfortable, so perfectly nice, you know. I must become Detroitified, you know, and have natural gas."

"Really," she smiled deprecatingly, "there is no need for it, I assure you, in your case."—Detroit Tribune.

He Was Welcome.

Collector—I am collecting bills for Sugar, Spice & Co.

Housekeeper (a Vassar graduate)—Collecting bills, are you? Very well. I have two or three of their bills which you are welcome to add to your collection.—New York Weekly.

The Idea.

"Then you don't hate me, Laura, dear?"

"No, George, I like you well enough, but it would be ridiculous for me to marry you. You are the first man that has proposed to me!"—Chicago Tribune.

It All Depended.

"Now, Mary, which day of the week will you want out?"

Mary—I can't tell, ma'am, till I know which is your day at home.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

Her Reply.

Belle—What an absurd man Mr. Snooks is! He told me he hoped I never giggled.

Bessie—And what did you say?

Belle—I giggled.—Boston Transcript.

DOLLS OF FASHION.

How Ladies Obtained the Styles in the Fifteenth Century.

Long before ladies' newspapers were started and fashion plates in their modern form were thought of, ladies derived their knowledge of the fashions from dolls dressed in model costumes, which were sent from one country to another, most especially from Paris, which then as now was the leading center of the mode. This custom of exchanging fashion dolls commenced early in the fifteenth century, and prevailed for more than one hundred

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years, when woodcuts and engravings were substituted, until towards the end of the eighteenth century colored fashion plates and illustrated almanacs made their appearance. Great ladies used to send these dolls to their friends at a distance, and, as the costumes were made by professional "cutters," exactly to the right shape and in the latest style, with also patterns to details of materials and trimmings, the dressmakers had only to enlarge the measurements of them.

DRESSING THE BRIDE.

Heavy White Satin Is the Correct Material for Wedding Gowns.

Very heavy white satin is used for the wedding gown, writes Isabel A. Mallon, in Ladies' Home Journal. The skirt, which is quite plain in front, has a flare about the lower part, the result of there being two full plaits on each side of the broad gore. In the back there are two double box-plaits that fall far down, spread out and extend through the train, which is very nearly a yard long. The bodice is a pointed one, laced in the back; is high in the neck, and has over its white satin collar folds of white tulle, caught at one side with a tiny bunch of orange blossoms. The sleeves have enormous puffs of the satin that reach quite to the elbows, and below that they fit in to the arms, and each comes down in a point over the hand. Folds of tulle outline this point. Over each shoulder is an elaborate epaulette of orange blossoms. The hair is arranged quite high and placed closely and very firmly to the head; and the veil, which is fastened on under a wreath of orange blossoms, extends to the edge of the skirt in front and over the entire length of the train at the back. It is necessary in arranging this veil to remember that while it is worn over the face going up the aisle of the church, it is thrown back after the ceremony, in such a way that the bride may look her best when the veil is off her face.

FIRESIDE COMFORTS.

Pretty Holders Which Add Much to the Enjoyment of Home.

Pretty holders hung up where they can be readily seized may quite properly be called fireside comforts. For the women who like to be esthetic even in so small a matter as holders, these illustrations are given. The sketch to the left represents simply a square of

PRETTY HOLDERS.

dark cloth bound with braid, the lettering being done with Turkey red marking cotton. The center design is made of brown cloth outlined with tan floss. The pattern of a turtle can easily be copied from this, enlarging it to a size of 5x7 inches. A loop is fastened to its tail to hang it up by. A geranium leaf is the model for the holder shown to the right. Make this of two thicknesses, the under one of dark green cloth, and the upper of dull red, fastening them with yoningo done in green silk. A loop, which is also the stem, serves to hang it by.—American Agriculturist.

Care of Curtains and Portieres.

When any cleaning or swemping is in progress the heavy curtains and portieres should be removed, and after being thoroughly brushed and shaken should be allowed to hang in the air until the rooms are cleaned and ready for their return, writes James Thompson in a very practical article, "Artistic Doorways and Windows," in Ladies' Home Journal. Heavy hangings will absorb the odor from cigar smoke or from any food which may be cooking, and the greatest care should therefore be taken that they be kept well aired. The doorway curtains may be so easily removed and placed in position again that there should be no excuse for any unpleasant odor being attached to them.

The Little 400.

The beaux and belles of Washington have a dancing-class called the "Little 400." No one over nine years old can join the class, and no child is too young. Even your little baby-brothers and sisters might go and take their first walking steps to the music of this dancing class.—N. Y. Ledger.

DAINTY NEW UNDERWEAR

This illustration shows new designs in underwear. The skirt is of taffeta, gray and pink, with ruched ruffles, ruched on the edges. The night dress has the sleeves cut very full, and is ruched at the neck and down the front. The ruching is continued around the edge of the collar. The wide collar is bordered with lace, which falls to a point in front. The chemise is ruffled at the bottom and trimmed in front and on the sleeves with red and white embroidery and heliotrope ribbons run through the puffs and tied in knots on the shoulders. The apron is Swiss muslin, trimmed with scarlet embroidery and cherry ribbon.

What Ball Bearings Do.

Inventive genius has not stopped with the pneumatic tire on the sulky and bicycle, but has been busy with the work of perfecting ball bearings with such success that a few days since a street car, which was equipped with the latest invention in ball bearings that would do away almost entirely with friction, was drawn a distance of several hundred feet by a single man tugging gently at three strands of ordinary sewing thread attached to the car.

Perhaps a more interesting experiment was that of a carriage manufacturer, who put another style of ball bearings upon the wheels of a large coach, to which four horses were ordinarily hitched. Then he took a trained dog and harnessed and hitched him to the pole, when the dog drew the huge coach easily around the yard. This sounds like fancy, but it is a fact.—Kate Field's Washington.

Fires In Laundries.

An investigation by Dr. Richter of Hamburg shows that most of the fires that occur in laundries where benzine is used to wash clothes are due to electric sparks caused by friction of the benzine and the clothing as the latter is withdrawn from the bath. "In Hamburg alone 15 out of 21 fires were due to this cause. Experiments showed that woolen materials become positively electrified and the benzine negatively, and that the difference of electrical tension causes a discharge strong enough to give a painful shock, producing sparks two inches long in some instances and lighting up the room in which the experiments were made. It is suggested that such fires may be prevented by charging the air in the room with steam."—Philadelphia Ledger.

The Dower Chest.

In Holland the dower chest once formed a part of every bride's equipment. Less portable, but more sightly than the Saratoga trunk, it fulfilled its purpose with grace and dignity, passing down as an heirloom from generation to generation. The modern chest is an easy thing to secure, but these the up to date girl holds in disdain. Her chest must be really antique, of carved oak of English or Flemish make, or elaborately inlaid with marquetry of colored woods and dated or initialed with figures and characters eloquent of other times and manners. There are very few of the genuine old fashioned dower chests to be seen on this side of the Atlantic. One of them in this city is a very massive affair, weighing several hundred pounds.—Buffalo Commercial.

His Grave Protected by Dynamite.

Herman Spiro, a large manufacturer of Knoxville, who was killed a few days ago, all his life had a great fear of body snatchers. Some exploits of medical students here in the past added to his fears, and time and again he has expressed detestation for resurrectionists and a fear that his body would find its way to a dissecting room. Respecting his well known views when he was buried the other day, his brother took steps to preserve the grave against desecration. One night after the funeral the grave was guarded, and the next day the brother planted the grave with dynamite and advertised that fact. He placed the dynamite so it would explode as soon as a spade is put in the ground.—Atlanta Constitution.

Snowstorms In Berlin.

The municipal authorities of Berlin observe the following method of preventing obstruction to traffic and inconvenience to wayfarers through winter snowstorms: "If snow falls in the night, the residents find the streets all swept and clean by daylight, and the only traces of the storm are the miniature Alps that dot the road on each side. Many hundreds of laborers, largely taken from the ranks of the unemployed, work all night in such an emergency, and the result is that the heaviest fall of snow does not seriously incommode traffic. The removal of one winter's snow often costs Berlin £35,000."—Dawson's "Germany and Germans."

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