

PLACID MR. BOWSER.

But the Doctor Assures Mrs. Bowser There Is No Danger.

Mr. Bowser came home to dinner smiling and placid. The gate had got stuck with snow and ice, but he did not think it open and wrench its feelings.

"Quite a storm, dear, and it will grow worse before morning. I know you have a good dinner, and I am hungry for it."

"No, ma'am. I'll be wise and lock my door tonight, three times and then put my trunk and the dresser again!"

"Well, you didn't go into the chicken raising, and so it's all right. Are things at the office running smoothly?"

"Yes, sir. I was made to believe that there was \$10,000 a year in raising hogs. Remember how I came home that evening and wanted to sell the house within 15 minutes? By George, but it's funny when you think about it."

"Mrs. Bowser asked if there was anything new in the Cook-Pearcy controversy, determined to change the subject, but after a hearty laugh Mr. Bowser went on."

"And I was going to start a dairy with 60 cows and make a Rockefeller income, and if I had gone into it we should have lost our last shilling."

"Oh, well, coal men have got to make a living, the same as other folks. Say, can you tell what ailed me up to about a year ago? I insisted on hiring the cooks, you know. Told 'em that you couldn't read character and I could."

"I had a letter from mother today," said Mrs. Bowser, still struggling to force a change of subject.

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