

frequent screwing up. Finally one day when she was trying pretty vigorously to tighten it the whole thing came to pieces and Bertha saw a piece of paper sticking out of the hollow space in the middle. It was so tightly folded and firmly wedged in that she had some difficulty in getting it out. What was her amazement to find a later will of her aunt, leaving all her property to her "well-loved niece, Bertha Townsend." Her reason for this strange proceeding was: "I shall be able to see all that goes on after I have passed over. I wish to try these girls, though I am quite sure my dearest child will be faithful in the trust. Had she not found the will in five years, an old friend holds a letter which reveals the secret, but which was not to be opened until the time expired."

The will was properly probated, but Bertha insisted she would take only her share and the money must be divided into four parts. While the matter was still pending, her lawyer trying to dissuade her from the folly of such a course, Murray Powers suddenly appeared in the boarding house parlor. Bertha met him pleasantly, but with considerable dignity. Incidentally she congratulated him on his engagement. He emphatically denied there was any. "Why, I came to congratulate you on yours," he said with a palpably forced effort to be cheerful.

It was her turn to deny her engagement. Then a light broke in on them both.

"It's just bully, the way you've acted about this money," he said. "They don't deserve a penny. But let them have it if you wish it. I've been making my pile up there. I am my own boss now, and if you'll only—"

What was the use of going further? There's an old adage that says: "Actions speak louder than words."

The hen is nowhere noticed in the Old Testament. It is mentioned in Matthew xxxiii, 37, and Luke xlii, 34.

OUT FOR D. A. R. PRESIDENCY



Two women prominent in the race for president-general of the Daughters of the American Revolution are Mrs. John Miller Horton of Buffalo, N. Y., above, and Mrs. Geo. T. Guernsey of Independence, Kan. Both took part in the last presidential campaign.

TODAY IN ILLINOIS HISTORY

March 6, 1843.—An act was passed to incorporate academies and seminaries of learning. Approved March 6, 1843.

ME JOOLS!

Burglar—Quick, now! Where do you keep your potatoes?—Life,