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A SURPRISED PARTY.

A Hoodwinked Husband Returns Home Rather Unexpectedly.

And Makes an Unpleasant Discovery, but Gets Satisfactory Revenge.

Omaha Republican.

John B. Faray, the special mail agent, is authorized for a sensational session which occurred at Norfolk on Tuesday evening last.

It appears that a rather simple-minded man of Norfolk has a wife, who is not, like Cæsar's wife, above suspicion; it being intimated that she is fonder of other men of Norfolk than she is of her husband.

As the story is told by Faray, who vouches for the truth of it, the husband was sent out into the country on some trivial piece of business by the wife, who wanted to get rid of him for a few hours, so that she could receive and entertain a certain gentleman friend.

Unfortunately for all parties concerned, the "old man" returned home an hour sooner than he expected.

He found the front door locked, and going round to the rear door he found that fastened also. He knocked loud and long, and finally his wife, as if just aroused from a deep slumber, cried out in a sleepy tone of voice:

"Who's there?"

"It's me," said he.

"Is that you, dear?" asked she.

"Yes, it's me," replied he.

"And what do you want?" asked she.

"I want in," said he.

"I was in a rattling inside, a tumbler out of bed, and soon the wife came to the door, and after fumbling around for about a half a minute, she said she had lost the key, and had to look for it. She requested her husband to go to the stable and get a slop-bucket, while she was hunting for it.

The "old man" started for the stable, but after he had gone a few steps, the suspicion struck him that some crooked work was going on inside.

He turned around and started back, and what followed is best told in the language of the "old man" himself, who gave the whole thing away the next day to some of the "bunch," who had had an inkling of the affair, probably from the victim himself.

Said the husband: "Like a gold-durned fool, I stopped on my way to the barn, and rather sort of suspected within wrong in the house, and just as I turned round to go back, out comes a fellow, and all he had on was a shirt and a pair of boots, and he was carrying the rest of his duds under his arm. But gosh! didn't I drop to his racket to see. You bet yer swart life I did. It made me powerful mad, so I did. It was enough to make a man swear, by gosh! I grabbed up the first thing I could lay my hands onto, and it was a B-n-pole, and I gave him three or four belts across the back and legs that made him hop like a grass-hopper. And I run him up again as he was feeling, which made him boller like a stuck pig, and think the day of judgment had come. He found a break in the fence and ran into the pasture, with me after him close onto him. I got him into a corner and gave it to him again, but the second he climbed the fence, while I was a pounding him all the time on his bare legs with that fish pole, and at last he got away from me. I'll bet ten bushels of potatoes and a yearling bull that he went home feeling around my wife again in that style. He was no gentleman, or he would put his clothes on when he goes out calling. I can't find out who he is, but I think he'll remember me."

The next day all the men of Norfolk were busy in proving alibis, to show that they were feeling around the "old man's" premises the night before, and a Norfolk gentleman called at the Republican office last evening, and solemnly asserted that he had been in Omaha for ten days.

Goals.

One day several years ago, when I was rather a young man, the editor of one of the great New York dailies, for whom I was doing occasional articles, called me into his sanctum. He held a manuscript of mine in his hand, and on his countenance was an expression which I hastily and inaccurately translated, "deedled with thanks."

"I notice the word 'gent' here," he said, thoughtfully rapping the paper with his forefinger; "have you spelled it correctly?"

"Haven't I spelled it g-e-n-t?" I asked in astonishment.

"I believe so, but won't you have the goodness to look it up in the dictionary."

I turned confidently to Webster's hallowed, and presently became arrested in the face at not being able to find the word in that bewilderling store.

"Perhaps there is no such word in the English language," I shyly suggested to the editor; "in which case we had better strike it out of the article."

"The little lesson made so deep an impression on me, and I laid it into my heart such a hatred of the word

gent, that I believe if I were naked and starving I would refuse to be clothed with a 'gent' furnishing store, or accept a complimentary dinner in 'gent's parlour.' Mr. Richard Grant, while wittily remarks that 'gent's' and 'panta's' belong together, for the former always wear the latter, 'gent's' will be tolerated by careful writers then let us accept 'panta's' for trousers, 'tramp's' for happen-occur, and in brief, adopt all the variegated and vocabulary of the average newspaper.

The word "gent," however, does describe a class. When you see a greasy young fellow who seems a cross between a rustic and a negro, minister of duty—a person with cap set far back on his closely-cropped head, light trousers that grow suddenly full at the ankle, and shoes that turned-up, pointed tips, (where does he get those shoes?)—when you see this vulgar little fellow you see "a gent."

You will encounter him on street corners, in happy neighborhoods of some famous clog dancer or clasp blonde in a drinking shop window; you will meet him there, but heaven preserve you from ever meeting him in de-vot literature!—Atlantic Monthly for March.

Programme of the Ministerial Association of the Nebraska City District of the Methodist Episcopal Church to be held at Tecumseh, Neb., May 17th, 18th and 19th, 1880.

H. T. DAVIS, President of Association.

E. J. WILLIS, Secretary.

F. E. ESTERBROOK, Com. on Programme.

W. H. TIBBINS, Com. on Finance.

Papers not to exceed 10 minutes. Discussions after each. All ministers, local preachers and chorists, may participate in discussions. Brethren, to whom subjects have not been assigned, may choose subject, and bring papers.

MONDAY, MAY 17.

8 p. m.—Sermon by S. H. Henderson, and Lord's Supper.

TUESDAY, MAY 18.

8:30 a. m.—Prayer Meeting, led by E. J. Willis.

9 a. m.—Address of Welcome H. Burch.

9:30 a. m.—"What Benefits do the Unsaved Derive from the Atonement Here?" A. Brigham.

10 a. m.—"Are Infants Proper Subjects of Baptism?" H. Peterson.

10:30 a. m.—"The Best Methods of Promoting Congregational Singing in our Churches?" C. A. Lee.

11 a. m.—"How may we know that we are Regenerated?" J. R. Reed.

11:30 a. m.—"Is it Possible to sustain a continuous Revival in our Churches?" G. H. Wenh.

3 p. m.—Devotional Exercises led by George Worley.

8:30 p. m.—"Is a Justified Soul a Saved Soul?" H. Burch.

9 p. m.—"One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism,"—Eph. 4:5.—Exegesis by S. H. Henderson.

9:30 p. m.—"What can be done to increase the Attendance at our Prayer Meetings?" E. J. Willis.

9:30 p. m.—"Missionary Meeting. Ten minute addresses by H. Peterson, E. J. Willis, A. Brigham and J. W. Taylor.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19.

8:30 a. m.—Prayer Meeting, led by J. B. Peterson.

9 a. m.—"Is Sanctification an instantaneous or gradual work?" W. H. Tibbins.

9:30 a. m.—"The Importance of Circulating our own Literature?" F. M. Esterbrook.

10 a. m.—"The Authenticity of the Bible." J. W. Swan, Jr.

10:30 a. m.—"Is there any Place or State between Earth and Heaven for the Dead?" S. P. Willis.

12 a. m.—"Pre-Admission or, did Men Exist Before Adam?" E. J. Willis.

11:30 a. m.—"Who are responsible for a lack of interest in our Class Meetings?" J. G. Walker.

2 p. m.—Devotional Exercises, led by Bro. Stetly.

3:30 p. m.—"How far may Conscience be Depended upon as a Guide?" T. H. Worley.

3:30 p. m.—"Is Salvation Unconditional?" J. H. Peterson.

4:30 p. m.—"What plan can we adopt to secure the Attendance of our Sunday School Children at Church?" J. W. Taylor.

4:30 p. m.—Miscellaneous business.

8 p. m.—Temperance Meeting. Ten minute addresses by F. M. Esterbrook, T. H. Worley, J. R. Reed and S. P. Willis.

A Solid Case at Last.

An Irish matron enters a lawyer's office: "Is this the place, sir, where people get divorces?"

"Yes, occasionally we engage in that kind of business. What can we do for you, madam?"

"Faith, sir, I'd like to git a divorce from me husband, Patrick."

"What is the matter with Patrick, madam?"

"Sture and Patrick gits drunk, sir."

"That's bad. But I hardly think that alone will be sufficient cause. Have you no other complaint?"

"Judee I have, sir; Patrick bates me."

"Yes, yes, I see. That adds cruelty to drunkenness. But, madam, you do not appear to have suffered much from Patrick's cruelty. I think you must find a stronger reason before the court will grant you a divorce."

"Well, sir, besides all that, I have a fear, sir, that Patrick isn't true to me."

"Ah! now, madam, you begin to talk business. What reason have you for thinking that Patrick is unfaithful to you?"

"Well, sir, I may say that it's myself that has a strong suspicion that Patrick is not the father of me last child."

A New Slang.

Since Hon. Bardwell Slot's appearance here, his contractions and abbreviations have taken possession of the entire community. This morning a thirty looking stranger stepped into George Robinson's reading room, and said:

"S. W."

Mr. Robinson promptly set out the straight whiskey, of which he took a hoo's quantity.

"Now, p. i. s. a."

Robinson was staggered for a moment, but his mother wit came to his rescue, and he put in some sugar, whereupon the stranger swallowed it and departed.—Johnson Globe.

The Fate of James Buchanan Evans.

James Buchanan Evans was one of the head clerks in the treasury department eighteen years ago, and a great favorite in Washington society. He was a noted wit, successful, wealthy and a free drinker. A Miss Harvey was a Washington belle, she belonged to a Norfolk family and had been carefully reared. This couple caused a social flutter by eloping and getting married. They did not return, and were soon forgotten in the circles in which they had moved. Even their relatives had lost sight of them. A few days ago, while a woman was singing and dancing on the stage of a concert saloon at Milwaukee, she was told that her husband was lying unconscious in a bar room, and she common for him to get drunk, and she attached but little importance to the message; but her daughter, also a performer, went to see her father and found him dying from a fractured skull. He was the once-courted James Buchanan Evans and had become a sot. The woman was the former belle, Miss Harvey, and had turned her accomplishments to account in a low form of the show business.—Detroit Tribune.

Why He Quits Journalism.

The editor of the Warren (R. I.) Gazette, who lately retired from the ranks of journalism, says in his valedictory address: "Our reasons for quitting the business may seem odd to some people, but to us they are sufficient. We can earn our living with less irritation and discomfort. If we want a dollar why should we stretch a lawer around the whole State of Rhode Island to get it? Why not earn it quietly and in our own way? Alas! in the world, and feeling oneself to be one who, like G. A. Smith's Hermit, 'wants but little long.' We can see no good reason for torturing oneself by comparing unnecessary annoyances. For the last three years our position has been such as would be exemplified by that of a crow, which, though requiring for its subsistence only a few kernels of grain, and for its nest only a perch in a Juniper, should be foolish enough to rent an entire round-tail and twenty acres of woodland with all its consequent cares. Surely the mind is worth something. We have felt out of harmony with our situation, and gladly return to the ownership of ourself."

Small Change in the West.

In truth, a person who sails for change, in the shape of two, three, or four cents, is looked upon, with something like scorn in the west. I will bill seventy-eight cents; you pay eighty, or the obliging shopkeeper says: "Call it seventy-five."

The Turtle.

A Kentucky preacher rose to speak, and opened the Bible. The first verse that met his eye happened to be, "The voice of the turtle shall be heard in the land." Brother said he, "The first sight one would not think that there was much in this text, but on a little consideration, you will see there's a great deal in it. Now, you all know what a turtle is. If you have been along by a pond, you've seen them sitting on a log summing themselves. Now, it is said, the voice of the turtle shall be heard in the land. But the turtle hasn't any voice that anybody ever heard, so it must be the noise he makes in plunging off the log into the water. Hence, we must conclude that immersion is meant, and that immersion will become universal."

Census Probabilities.

Estimating the total population at 48,000,000, giving the north 65.81 per cent., or 31,588,900 and the south 34.19 per cent., or 16,411,100, and supposing the House of Representatives to remain at the same number as at present, the north will have 193 members instead of 187, and the south 100, instead of 106.—Communication in the Richmond (Va.) Dispatch.

A Rochester Physician's Experience.

R. Calkins, M. D., of Rochester, N. Y., writes Oct. 6th, 1879, that he has used the Safe Kidney and Liver Cure in his practice for diseases of the kidneys and liver, and the result has been satisfactory in the extreme. He says: "I would now prescribe the same remedy to all similarly afflicted, and you are at liberty to so state in your testimonials." 34m-3

A minister once told Wendell Phillips that if the business of his life was to save lives, he ought to go to the south, where they die, and do it.

"That is worth thinking of," replied Phillips; "and which is your business in life?" "To save men from going to hell," replied the minister. "Then go there, and attend to your business," said Mr. Phillips.

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