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of the widder's cow. The Squire had hold of the rope.

"Now," says he, startin' up the street, "you wait here till I come back."

For the fraction of a minute Tuttle surveyed the procession in humble silence, then he gave a sudden spring, bounded into the air and lit square on the cow's back, yellin' like a Sioux massacre and diggin' his heels into the animal's flanks to beat the band.

With a wild beller the cow leaped forward, jerkin' the rope from the Squire's hand, and the next instant the liveliest kind of a movin'-picture was doin' a stunt in the public highway of Saloam Center.

"Thunder and blazes!" cries the Squire, grabbin' at nothin' in particular and catchin' the animal's tail in both hands. "Doggone ye!"

Down the street went the cloud of dust, the cow bellerin' like a menagerie in a thunder-storm, the constable clingin' to her horns for dear life, the Squire hangin' to her tail like a cockle-bur, his coat-tails wavin' farewell to all he passed. Goodness knows the Squire tried to speak! but he couldn't say nothin' but just "Tut-Tut-Tut." As for Tuttle, his eyes was weepin' profanely and his lips was whisperin' "Now I lay me—"

Strong men gazed one solemn moment, then kissed their wives good-by; women gathered their weepin' children in their arms and run for the cellars; Doc Gray's boss gave a snort of wonder and clumb a tree to get a better view; Mis' Hacket's dog, that hadn't walked for a month, ran a mile so blamed fast its rheumatism couldn't catch it; old Bill Bixby, the village toper, hasn't drunk a drop since.

Bang! Cow, constable and Squire tried to pass through the widder's narrer gate at one and the same time. "Ugh!" grunts the Squire, rollin' in the dust, the constable astride his neck.

"Confound ye!" sputters Tuttle, raisin' painful on one elbow, "can't ye steer a cow any better than that, you worm-eaten old rudder?"

"You old anarchist!" bawls the Squire, gettin' upon his knees at last. "What ye tryin' to do—break my back?"

"I'm just about to beat your face into an omelet and eat it," hisses Tuttle, spittin' out about a quart of dust.

"Why don't ye?" yells the Squire, shakin' his fist at the constable and turnin' purple. "Why don't ye ter-ter-try it?"

"Ruther have pie!" snaps Tuttle, climbin' onto his feet and limpin' towards the house. The Squire struggled after him.

Together they stumbled up the steps; together they pounded on the door. There came a murmur of voices from within. A moment of silence follered, then the widder opened the door.

Like two old fools the officers of the law stood, starin' dumb into the room, too near frozen with astonishment to utter a word. There at the table, devourin' the last mouthful of the widder's pie, was Jeff Young, the cause of all their trouble.

"Why, good-evenin', Squire," remarks the late prosecutor of the widder. "We're glad you called, ain't we, Mis' Carle-Molly?"

The widder blushed. "The truth is," he continues, takin' Mis' Carleton's willin' hand in his, "Molly and me have decided to get married. In fact, I've got the license in my pocket. And now, Squire, if you will just perform the ceremony—"

OH, MR. DOOLEY!

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