

HAD BEEN THERE HIMSELF.

It was therefore pretty hard to pull the wool over his eyes. The old gentleman looked rather solemn when his beautiful daughter entered the reception room in response to his summons. "Rosalia," he said, with the air of a man who has made a disagreeable discovery, "you and young Mr. Harkins were in this room last evening, I believe." "Yes, papa," she answered, with downcast eyes. "George—that is, Mr. Harkins—called last evening, and I received him here." "He calls about three times a week, according to my count," said the old gentleman, "and I suppose you put in the time discussing literature and all that sort of thing?" "We are both very fond of good literature," ventured the beautiful daughter. "Of course you are," replied the old gentleman, sarcastically. "It takes three sessions a week for you to keep up with the times. Oh, I know all about that, and I am willing to make certain concessions in view of your literary tendencies, but I don't exactly understand this." The old gentleman pointed to four cigars that were lying on the mantel-piece. The blood instantly mounted to the face of the beautiful daughter, but she did not lose her presence of mind. "Oh, dear, how stupid of me!" she cried. "George—that is, Mr. Harkins—left those for you last night, and I forgot to give them to you." "Left them for me?" "Yes. You see, they're a new brand that he thinks particularly good, and he wants you to try them and see what you think of them. He has great confidence in your judgment, and he—" She stopped, for the old gentleman had critically examined one of the cigars and then smelled of it, and he was now looking at her over the tops of his glasses in a very disconcerting way. "That's the same cigar he has smoked for six months to my certain knowledge," he said. "Oh, then he must have made a mistake—" "Rosalia," interrupted the old gentleman, "why will you insist upon forgetting that your mother and I went all through this, and know all about it? Mr. Harkins is in the habit of carrying his cigars in his upper left hand vest pocket, just over his heart." "Yes, papa." "And when may I expect him to call upon me?" "He said he was going to see you this afternoon." "Very good. He's a careful and painstaking young man, and I'm ready to accept him as a son-in-law, but I don't want any daughter of mine to think she can pull the wool over the eyes of an old man who has been through it all."—Chicago Post.

THE WOMAN WHO IS OUT.

Goes Everywhere, Knows Everyone and Is Never at Home. One of the most characteristic figures of the present social state—which we seem to have derived full grown from America—is the woman who is never at home. Do we not all know her? Does she not know everybody, go everywhere and dine out every day of her life? Her business in life seems to be to go out. It is commonly supposed by her friends that she sallies forth directly after breakfast and returns home just in time to dress for dinner, as a preliminary to starting out again. Nobody has ever found her home on a week day, called they never so late, and in some cases experience shows that such an errand is as unprofitable even on Sunday. She will tell you herself that she has not time for reading, not time for calling, no time to stay sufficiently long at any party even to get to know her new acquaintances by sight. She is perpetually hard at work, laboring to keep level with the requirements of her engagement book and the day is not long enough for the fixtures thereof. Not that she is disposed to resent the servitude to which she is bound. On the contrary, she has voluntarily riveted the fetters about her neck and hugs the chain as if it were a valuable heirloom. When by any chance she has a day or an hour free from gratuitous entertainment she is off to a theater, or a restaurant or a spectacle, she seizes eagerly on the "unsettled" period at the beginning and end of seasons to "do a count" of "sight-seeing," and when she is in the country she is never happy unless there is a shooting party, races, a ball, a bazaar, or even a bicycle picnic, to relieve what she calls the "dead level" of rural life. In short, she seems to be entirely occupied by a thirst for perpetual amusement. She cannot stay at home for a single evening without being thoroughly overcome by the dullness of the regulation evening. She tires very rapidly, moreover, of every new sensation. The highest praise which she can bestow on anything is the wish to "see it again."—London Journal.

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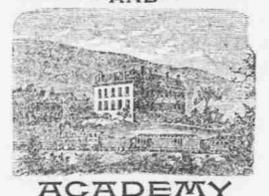
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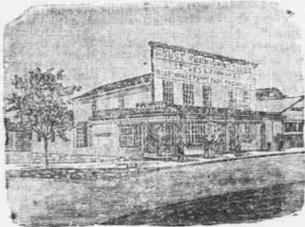
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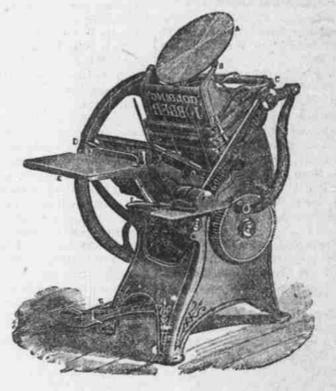
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