

Meters and Meetings

[Copyright, 1906, by M. M. Cunningham.] "I want to see the regular clerk," said Caverly, peering through the complaint window and wondering how it was that such an entirely charming young woman could work for so heartless a corporation as the gas company.

"I am the regular clerk," was the smiling response as she reached for the slip Caverly had half thrust through the window and glanced at the name.

"I want the one who gets the mail complaints," he stammered. The girl laughed musically.

"I am that top sided, frozen hearted person who would not answer your letter," she insisted. "You see, in your heat you forgot to give my address."

Caverly thought of some of the other and more personal allusions he had made and groaned. Until then he had rather prided himself upon his ability at invective.

"I didn't know that you were—that is, that the complaint clerk was a woman," he stammered.

"I didn't think you do," she laughed. "But I'm used to that sort of thing. I had a man over at your place yesterday."

"Did he have an ax?" asked Caverly. "It's the only way to get the best of that meter."

"The gas was turned on in the oven of the stove," she said smilingly. "It must have been flowing for weeks."

"But I don't use the oven," he protested. "I'm a bachelor, and I just get my breakfasts there."

"Perhaps when you were cooking the modest egg," she laughed, "you brushed against the lower coals."

Caverly blushed. He had been proud of that line. "When I poach the modest egg or fry the humble rasher, the meter straightway charges me enough gas to prepare a dinner for a family of six, which, thank heaven, I do not possess." Now he thought it sounded very silly.

"I must have smelled it, if it was," he argued. The girl shook her head.

"There is a pipe connection with the chimney," she reminded. "It never got into the room."

"Then I guess it's up to me," he said slowly.

"Yes," she assented, "\$7.20 for last month; \$8.40 this month. Pay at the last window."

"I'm sorry to have given you all this trouble," he said awkwardly, "and said—er—those things, you know."

"That is right; I understand," she said. "I hope you will have no more trouble."

"I hope I do," he announced, ambiguously, as he raised his hat and went in search of the cashier's window, "but I won't write letters."

After that Caverly's meter seemed suddenly to have become the most troublesome in town. Two and three times a week he called with some complaint that somehow never seemed to need more than a word of advice.

Meantime he had discovered the name of the young woman and was searching everywhere for some one who knew her, so that he might seek an introduction. It was several weeks before he discovered that his mother out in Chicago was an intimate friend of Grace Winston's aunt, and through this medium he was able to meet the girl conventionally. He lost no time in asking her to accept an invitation to a little dinner which in some way might make up for the trouble he had caused her.

"You should go to boarding," she advised one evening as they lingered over the demitasse. They had repeated the dinner. "You would have no more trouble with the meter then."

"I've had very little since I met you," he declared, "and I hate boarding houses."

"Why not get married?" she smiled. "That would solve the problem."

"I know it," he agreed. "I've got the very girl in mind too. I haven't asked her yet, but I mean to soon."

"It is a very good idea," she said coldly. "With a wife you would be more settled down and not have to depend upon restaurants."

"Oh, I don't know about that," he demurred. "I should want to have our little dinner occasionally even after I am married."

"I think you have a rather poor opinion of me," she said.

"By 'our little dinners' I meant my wife's and mine," he said explicitly.

The girl flushed. "I beg your pardon," she said.

Caverly veiled his amusement and satisfaction. "You see," he added, "I shall have plenty of time then. I shan't have to watch the gas meter so carefully."

"No?"

"No; there won't be so attractive a complaint clerk at the gas company's office—then," he said pointedly.

A month afterward the same two sat at opposite sides of the same table.

"You see, we are having our little dinners, after all," Caverly teased.

"Yes; and the gas bills are only half as big; but I am careful to do the complaining myself, if there is any to be done. It's a dangerous thing to let a man do." HARRY WINTHROP.

A Form of Speech. Sultor (nervously)—Sir, I ask your daughter's hand!

Father (quizzically)—Well, you can't have it. Do you suppose I'm going to have a one handed girl hanging around me for the balance of my days?—Bohemian.

NEW ZEALAND'S PREMIER.

Sir Joseph George Ward and His Visit to America.

The visit of Sir Joseph George Ward, K. C. M. G., newly chosen premier of New Zealand, to this country has attracted especial attention in part because of his interesting personality and in part because there is much curiosity in the United States respecting the socialistic policies which have been carried out in New Zealand to an extent unknown in any other part of the world. Sir Joseph succeeds as premier the late Right Hon. Richard John Seddon, who died a few weeks ago. He is on his way back to New Zealand from England and is accompanied by his wife, daughter and son and several members of his official family. He is an Australian by birth, is forty-nine years of age and entered the public service at the early age of thirteen.

During his stay in this country Sir Joseph looked into the question of closer commercial relations with the United States. He said:

New Zealand is a country capable of maintaining a population of from twenty to forty millions. You are building the Panama canal and are our nearest English speaking neighbor except Australia.

He has served as minister of railways, telegraphs, industries and commerce and as colonial secretary and postmaster general. The government in New Zealand owns railways, telegraphs, coal mines and other natural monopolies. Speaking of the results of the system the premier said:

We have the largest per capita of wealth in the world in New Zealand, and we have proportionately the lowest rate of taxation. We have the cheapest public utilities and probably the most efficient. Our railroads haul people cheaper than any in the world, and nowhere are the railroads operated more economically.

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An Animal Story For Little Folks

THE MOOSE WHO TRIED TO PLEASE EVERYBODY

There was once a young moose who was brought up far away from his kind. When his horns began to sprout he went about among all his playmates asking them what they thought of the new venture. The bear told him that it was perfectly ridiculous to have hard things growing out of your forehead



HE FOUND OUT WHAT HIS HORNS WERE MADE OF.

that way. "I've never had anything of the sort," said Bruin, "and look at me—I am the king of the forest, and when I roar everybody obeys."

The moose calf shambled home to his mother and told her he thought he would go out of the antler business at once. "Gump!" grunted Old Lady Moose. "You let those horns alone. You'll be glad enough when they grow out."

By and by the horns began to show big scopy surfaces, different from anything the moose had ever seen, for he was brought up away from other moose. He asked the deer what they thought about such horns as his, and they told him it was a great mistake, his horns should come in prongs like theirs; they advised him to get some one to break them apart or file them down.

"Gump!" said Old Lady Moose. "Your horns are made thus so as to scoop off the snow, that you may graze in the winter." When he came a little later and wanted his horns taken off entirely because some of the creatures thought them too big, she told him she was going to take him to the moose grazing ground in the spring and then he would find what his horns were for.

When they went to the moose grazing ground they met any number of young moose, who concluded that they would try a fight with the new moose that had come. Then, oh, then, he found out just what his horns were made so big and strong for. And when he had whipped all the other moose he and his mother lived there in peace and comfort.—Worcester Post.

An Animal Story For Little Folks

The Handsome Gobbler

"What an insignificant little thing you are!" exclaimed the big turkey gobbler as he strutted past a puny chick who was taking its morning meal in the baryard. "I am so very thankful that I am not such a babe as you."

"I am glad you are pleased with yourself," answered the little chick.

"Pleased with myself? Why, certainly I am, and why shouldn't I be?" ex-



HE WAS TAKING HIS MORNING MEAL.

claimed the big gobbler. "Look at me; handsome and graceful, and large and fat. When I pass the turkey hens all gaze at me in admiration and the other gobblers look on in jealousy."

"But it doesn't always benefit you to be large and fat and handsome," said the little chick.

"Oh, yes, it does!" replied the gobbler. "Here comes the farmer now. We will see what he says."

Just then the farmer came along. "My, my! What a magnificent gobbler!" he cried. "I shall kill him tonight for dinner tomorrow."

And he did.—Atlanta Constitution.

The Optimist. "What's an optimist, dad?"

"An optimist, my son, is a man who says, 'Well, anyway our team would have won if the umpire an' the weather an' two scratched hits an' a pitcher with a sore finger hadn't helped the other fellows.'"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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