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How Mr. Cox Got Out of the House.

Although nearly 60 years of age, Sunset Cox is nearly as jolly as he used to be. He has been a quarter of a century in the lower House of Congress, and in his time has been a little wild, and needed more fun and excitement than his own witticisms and the debates in the House afforded him. But he has changed his habits in this respect, and is taking much better care of his health than he used to do. Cox married a comely woman with a handsome fortune, and never likes to do anything to displease her. He has no children and is wrapped up in those domestic relations which his wife alone affords him. But he used to want to have a good time away from the restraining influence of domestic matters about once a week.

"Cox used to get out of his house at night by a very novel and characteristic excuse," said one of his old chums the other day. "When he intended to make a night of it he would invariably go home at an early hour, dress himself in his slippers and smoking coat, crawl well down into a comfortable chair, draw himself up in front of the grate, read to his wife and congratulate himself in audible tones on his ability to get away from the cares of public life. He generally expressed himself as not feeling first-rate, and crawled into bed before 11 o'clock.

About midnight the crowd down at the club, who were to enjoy the society of the funny statesman, as per arrangement, would send a delegate to Cox's residence. He would rap gently on the door, and the statesman would complain bitterly at being disturbed, although he had been resting with one eye open and his mind bent on the good time in waiting. He generally felt too badly to go to the door, and Mrs. Cox would kindly consent to go herself. The delegate from the crowd always wore a very serious look, and spoke in a tone of great importance and apprehension.

He would tell Mrs. Cox that there was a caucus on hand at which her husband was to preside. He always deprecated the fact that the business of the caucus could not proceed unless her husband was there, as no one could conduct the proceedings without the information he carried in his head. Cox would first bear this statement and would grow like a boy who has gorged himself with June apples. When Mrs. Cox returned to the bed and informed him of what was wanted he appeared to be in the greatest agony and would threaten to resign his place in Congress if this thing kept up. Then he would go to the door with Mrs. Cox and beg like a good fellow to be let off. But the messenger would be immovable and would declare that his absence from the caucus would entail untold inconvenience. Then Cox would dress himself, and in going out of the house would experience considerable discomfort in suppressing his laughter over the accomplished manner in which the scheme was worked.

When he returned to the house in time for breakfast next day his prolonged absence would always be on account of the lateness of the hour at which the caucus adjourned and his dislike to awaken the good housewife.

Annie Offner Acquitted.

Annie E. Offner, of Romney, W. Va., who was arraigned on Wednesday before the Hampshire Circuit Court, for the third time, for the killing of her paramour, Benjamin Brooks, to whom she was supposed to have been married, on Sunday morning, August 1, 1886, was acquitted of the charge Saturday last. The case excited unusual interest in Hampshire county, of which Romney is the county seat, and when the verdict was pronounced it seemed to meet with general favor. The court room was crowded, and Miss Offner was congratulated on all sides. She was turned over to her father, Reuben Offner, a highly respected farmer, who resides about four miles from Romney, who received his daughter with open arms and tears streaming from his eyes. He took her home immediately. As stated, Miss Offner was tried for the murder of her paramour, Brooks. She had been arraigned on two previous occasions, and each time the jury failed to agree. The sentiment of the community was somewhat in her favor, and its influence was no doubt of some effect. Miss Offner is now about twenty nine years of age, while Brooks was then about forty-three years old. The story which was brought out in the trials was as follows: Miss Offner lived with her parents near Romney, on the main pike, and east of the town. Sometime before the murder Brooks came from Frederick county, Va., where he was said to have a wife and family. He secured employment on Offner's farm. His reputation was not of the best. He soon became infatuated with Miss Offner, who returned his favors. The relations of the parties were talked of in the community. The pair are said to have gone to Cumberland and were married in a mock manner. They finally lived together on the Little Capon river, but afterwards separated. Brooks frequently went to Romney to see the woman. An indictment is said to have been found against the woman for illicit cohabitation. She was under bond for a hearing. She, however, continued to meet Brooks, and her delicate condition is said to have caused the murder, which Miss Offner claimed was in self defense. The murder occurred early Sunday morning. Miss Offner left her home on a spirited horse to bring home the cows. About half a mile from the house is a secluded thicket of pines.

She passed through several fields to get to the place. Shots were heard, and she was seen to take a somewhat circuitous route towards home. Subsequently, Brooks' dead body was discovered. A bullet wound was found in his temple, and he was lying with his head down an incline. Miss Offner informed her parents of the tragedy, but said she had killed Brooks in self-defense. Deputy Sheriff William Pollard arrested Miss Offner. She claimed on several occasions she met Brooks in the woods, and that he had attempted to pull her from her horse. She then shot him. The case cost the county considerable money. The impression is that Miss Offner told the truth.

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WINFIELD B. WATKINS,
Executor of David G. Watkins, deceased.
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NOTICE—Having qualified as executrix of JOSIAH H. D. SMOOT, deceased, notice is hereby given to all parties indebted to said estate to come forward and settle their indebtedness, and all persons holding claims against the same are requested to present them, duly authenticated, for payment, to Frances P. Smoot, who is authorized to sign and receipt for me.

FRANCES P. SMOOT,
Executrix of Josiah H. D. Smoot, decd.
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