Daily Eagle

BOWSER AND THE WHITEWASH.

He Tackles It in Spite of His Wife's Advice—The Result.

There were several little things I wanted done about the house this fall, and so the other week I engaged a colored man to come and work for a couple of days. It so happened that he came one morning before Mr. Bowser had left the house.

Mr. Bowser sent him away, and after the man had gone came into the house and asked:

"Did you hire a colored man?"

"Why, yes."

"What for?"

"I was going to have him whitewash the vegetable cellar, take down and clean the laundry stovepipe and do some other odd jobs."

"H'm! Mrs. Bowser, if there are any little jobs about the house I've got plenty of time to do them. In fact, I need just such exercise. Such work is a diversion for me, and the doctor recommends it."

"I wish you wouldn't do it. You'll get lime in your eyes and you'll blame me for it, and"——

"There you go! Blame you! What would I blame you about? If I get lime in my eyes it's my own fault. Mrs. Bowser, you are getting to be a good deal of a crank lately."

"Well, if you are determined on it, don't say that I asked you or encouraged you."

I was quite sure how it would end, but I said nothing more, and in the course of half an hour he got into his old clothes and went down cellar. I followed him down to give him a few last words of advice, but he didn't need them.

"You go right up stairs and sit down and enjoy yourself," he said. "Here's the brush and here's a pail of lime, and if I don't whitewash more cellar in ten minutes than Moses could in all day I'll never try it again. Besides, Mrs. Bowser, whitewashing is not the slouch work you imagine it to be. It has got to be done by a person of taste and intelligence or it won't stand. I want a little blueing to give it a tinge."

"You understand," I said, as I got what he wanted, "that I did not ask you to do this work."

"Ask me! What on earth ails you, Mrs. Bowser? You are making fuss enough over ten minutes' work to warrant a year's job."

"It must be well done."

"Certainly."

"Two cents all around."

"Just so."

"Even if it takes you all day."

"Even if it takes me over half an hour, which it won't. I'll show you a job here that will make a black man turn green with envy. Just run up stairs and make yourself comfortable."

I retreated up the stairs to the kitchen door and waited for results, which I knew were sure to come. Mr. Bowser dipped and dished and sozzled and stirred until he had the liquid to his liking, and as he began on the stone wall I heard him chuckling:

"I said fifteen minutes, but I'll go slow and take twenty. The idea of a colored man sloshing around here all day to do this work. Let's see. I believe I'll take the overhead first."

I held my breath in suspense for a long minute. Then a yell arose from that cellar which jumped the cook out of her old slippers and made her cry out:

"For heaven's sake, Mrs. Bowser, have we been struck by another cyclone?"

There was a second and a third yell, and as I hurried down stairs Mr. Bowser stood in the middle of the cellar, hands outstretched and jumping up and down as if he had fire under his feet.

"For heaven's sake, what is it, Mr. Bowser?" I asked.

"Whitewash—lime—fire!"

"Where?"

"In my eyes! I'm blind! I've burned them out!"

I got hold of him and led him out to the laundry tubs and set the water to running. He had indeed got a dose in his eyes, but it was more painful than dangerous. He could hardly see daylight after we had washed out all the lime, and as I led him upstairs he said:

"I shall never see again—never see you or the baby again in my life!"

I washed his eyes with milk and got him to lie down on the lounge, and in a couple of hours he was pretty near all right. His eyes were sore, but no great damage had been done. He was very gentle until he discovered this. Then he suddenly turned on me with:

"Mrs. Bowser, what possible excuse can you urge in extenuation of your conduct?"

"What do you mean?"

"What do I mean? That's a cool question to ask me! In view of what has transpired what have you to say?"

"I say that you were foolish to undertake the job. I warned you how it would turn out."

"Mrs. Bowser!" he shouted, squirting tears of lime water out of his eyes, "do you pretend to deny that you didn't encourage me to undertake a task which you knew would put my whole future happiness, if not my life, in peril?"

"I do, sir. I did all I possibly could to dissuade you."

"And you are not to blame?"

"Not in the least."

"And I brought it all on myself?"

"You did."

"Mrs. Bowser, this is too much—too much! I could forgive one who had wronged me, if penitent, but when they attempt to brazen it out it is time for action. We will title on the amount of alimony right here and now."

But we didn't. After blinking around for half a day he went down town, and when he came home to supper he was as good natured as pie. I got a colored man to come and do the work, and two or three days later, hen Mr. Bowser happened down cellar, I heard him saying to himself:

"Yes, it's a mighty slick job I did on this, and I'll tackle that stovepipe to-morrow morning."—Detroit Free Press.

Changed.

Smiley—I've come after my portrait. That's it, there.

Photographer's new clerk—Isn't there some mistake? That one doesn't resemble you.

Smiley—It did before I had my hair trimmed and beard shaved off.—Judge.

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No Sooner Said Than Done.

Juliet—Swear not, George; or if thou wouldst swear, swear by thyself, who art the god of my idolatry.

George—By George! I will.—Time.

With Regard to the Unities.

His Pet Waiter (to Monsieur Rapierre, the Sword Swallower)—Ah, my dear monsieur, bon jour. I have you made a sandweech today to ze best of my appropriateness!—Judge.

She Was Mad.

In a Vine street cable car, the other day, were an old gentleman, with an ear trumpet, and a very pretty young woman, accompanied by a little boy. She smiled at intervals on the boy, and showed her pretty teeth in a bewitching way. All at once the old man, in the way peculiar to so many deaf people who do not know how to modulate their voices, said, in tones so loud as to be audible all over the car: "I only paid $5 for my upper teeth. What did yours cost?" To say that the pretty woman was mad is putting it mildly. She flounced around with a flush of anger blazing in her cheeks, and signaled the conductor to let her out at the next crossing.—Cincinnati Times-Star.

The Would Be Mum.

A little Maine girl, visiting New York recently, went to the theatre two or three times. On her return home she was reluctant to go to church on Sunday, and made the remark that "she liked those meetings best where the curtains rose." Her father, who was a leading church member, cautioned her about making that remark when callers were present. Shortly after the minister was shown in and the little girl entertained him a while alone. When her father entered the room she said, "Papa, I've told the minister all about my visit to New York, but I didn't say anything about the meetings where the curtain rose, and I ain't a going to, either."—Rockland (Me.) Free Press.

Johnnie Knew It All.

Wife—John, here is something in this baseball report that I do not understand. I wish you would explain it to me.

Husband—Read it, my dear.

Wife (reading)—"With one to tie and one out, he reached first in the eighth inning, and ran to third on Pfeffer's hit to right. He should have scored on Tiernan's wild throw in, but became rattled and held his base." What does that mean?

Husband (who knows nothing of the game)—Bless'd if I know.

Wife (with a sigh)—I'll have to wait until Johnnie (6 years old) comes in.—Boston Courier.

A Novel Invention.

"What can I do for you?" asked the horse railroad president of the seedy looking individual before him.

"I have a patent life preserver I'd like to have you adopt for your cars."

"But, my dear sir, we don't need them."

"No, sir, you don't now, but you will. You see, I'm a weather prophet, and I have predicted unprecedentedly heavy rains for the autumn, and our streets will be positively flooded. Now"——

But the presidential worm had turned and the inventor left precipitately.—Harper's Bazar.

A Suitable Epitaph.

It has often been said that the chief characteristic of the epitaph is its lack of veracity, but it is perhaps better that it should err on the side of kindliness rather than wound the living by a brutal truthfulness, as in the case of an inscription written for the tombstone of a lazy man by one who knew him well: "Asleep (as usual)."—Harper's Magazine.

He Must Make a Change.

He—You must have a great antipathy to me, Miss Lakefront. You never seem to be in when I call.

She (icily)—I never receive gentlemen, Mr. Bagley, whose calling cards are printed in three colors.—Judge.

Explicit.

Judge—You reside——?

Witness—With my brother.

"And your brother lives——?"

"With me."

"Precisely; but you both live——?"

"Together."—Eulenspiegel.

An Unexpected Call.

Servant Maid—Madam, the doctor!

Lady (who is having a delightful call from a neighbor)—It is impossible to receive him now. Say that I am ill—San Francisco Wasp.

The Front Gate.

An old and crippled gate am I,
And twenty years have passed
Since I was hung up high and dry
Betwixt these posts so fast;
But now I've grown so powerful weak—
Despised by man and beast—
I'm scarcely strong enough to squeak,
Although I'm never greased.

'Twas twenty years ago, I say,
When Mr. Enos White,
Came kind of hanging round my way
Most every other night.
He hung upon my starboard side,
And she upon the other,
Till Susan Smith became his bride,
And in due time a mother.

I groaned intensely when I heard—
Despite I am no churl—
My doom breathed in a single word:
The baby was a girl!
And as she grew, and grew, and grew,
I loud bemoaned my fate:
For she was very fair to view,
And I—I was the gate!

Then, in due time, a lover came,
Betokening my ruin,
A dapper fellow, Brown byname,
The grown up baby wooin'.
They sprang upon me in the gloam,
And talked of moon and star.
They're married now and live at home
Along with ma and pa.

My lot was happy for a year,
No courting night or day—
I had no thought, I had no fear
Bad luck would come my way.
But, oh! this morning, save the mark!
There came a wild surprise,
A shadow flitted, grim and dark,
Across my sunny skies.

A doctor, with a knowing smile,
A nurse with face serene,
A bustle in the house the while,
Great Scott! what can it mean?
My hinges ache, my back is weak,
My pickets in a whirl;
I hear that awful doctor speak:
It is another girl.

—Denver Tribune.

Beware of Him.

A dentist with a poker deck
Should show amazing skill;
For no one else can draw like him,
Nor with such ease can fill.

—Lippincott's Magazine.

Tired of Waiting.

"Waiter, do you know what I am doing here?"

"Yes; you are about to eat a dinner a la carte."

"Correct. But don't you think I have waited for the wagon about long enough?"—Exchange.

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Every one knows the story of the Irish baronet who boasted that it was "hereditary in his family to have no children," and the Irish duelist who offered to stand six paces nearer his adversary than the latter did to him. But it is a cruel injustice to poor Paddy to speak of the genuine "bull" as something distinctly Irish, when countless examples of the same kind of blunder, not a whit less startling, are to be found elsewhere. Milton himself erred as grievously as any one in this way when he wrote the famous passage,

"Adam, the goodliest man of men since born,
His sons—the fairest of her daughters Eve."

A naval dispatch of last century from the west coast of Africa speaks of a native vessel which was "entirely manned by women." It was a Scotchman who described a very square and thickset man as being "just as broad as he was narrow." It was a Scotchman who, at a public meeting, gravely propounded a scheme for increasing the British revenue by "laying the dog tax on cats." It was an Englishman who said of Napoleon that he might have been a better man if he had not been quite so bad, and it was also an Englishman who declared that the best way to walk down the Thames to London was to go in a boat.

The French school teacher who, in a fit of rage, threatened to send all his pupils to the foot of the class, was fully equaled by the school boy who after correctly stating that the customary mode of saluting an ancient Persian king was to exclaim, "O king, live forever!" added, on his own authority, "And immediately the king lived forever." But even these "prize bulls" are completely eclipsed by others which have come within the range of my own personal experience. I have seen in an English provincial newspaper the announcement that "the cabman who was killed last Thursday is dead." I once heard a man speak of having watched a haunted house till midnight, "expecting every moment the appearance of an invisible spirit;" and not long after this another man remarked in my presence—alluding to his own sufferings while wedged in a crowd at the door of a concert hall—that he would much rather walk fifty miles than stand five.—David Ker in Harper's Magazine.

Bandying Compliment.

Mr. and Mrs. Grundy went to a little reception the other night, and Mr. Grundy met there a good looking widow of uncertain age. She was not young enough to be merely a flirt, nor old enough to make Mrs. Grundy jealous. Mr. Grundy kept a safe distance from Mrs. Grundy, as he said to the widow, because she was short sighted. The widow could not resist just a little tantalization, and she went and sat down by Mrs. Grundy. Mr. Grundy didn't like the widow, anyway, so she asked: "Who was that homely old man you were flirting with?" "Homely, my dear! Why, that was your husband." "My husband! Go right back to him, my dear. You are the first woman who has paid him any attention for five years."—San Francisco Chronicle.

She Was Rich.

A little girl of the Italian race is in the habit of visiting certain houses in Boston quite regularly, receiving, at the several doors, food and sometimes other articles which she stows snugly away in the basket which is her constant companion. In her round of visits one day she was accompanied by another little girl who had no basket. The good lady of the house, after supplying the little girl, as usual, remarked:

"Does not your companion want something, too?"

"Oh, no!" was the reply. "She's rich! Her father works."

Thus we see what riches consist of in the eyes of the poor.—Boston Times.

Conclusive.

Careful Papa—But which loves Clara most—Brown, Jones or Smith?

Observant Mamma—Why, Mr. Smith, to be sure.

"How can you make that out? Last night Brown asked and pleaded with her to sing; when she finished, Jones was enthusiastic in praise; but Smith didn't say a word!"

"No, but to-night he asked her to sing again"——

"Poor Smith, he must indeed love her!"—Light.

Lost, but Yet So Pleasant.

Together lingering they forget
All things except their love sublime.
He vows he never will regret
These many hours of waisted time.
—Washington Capital.

How the Crickets Sing.

Two ladies were sitting by an open window while the choir was practising in a neighboring church. "How loudly they sing tonight!" said one. "Yes," returned the other, thinking of the crickets in the grass; "and it is said they do it with their hind legs."—Exchange.

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He Was Going Far Away.

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"But you will write to me often, won't you, Mr. Mushy?"

"Oh, may I? I did not dare to ask—Oh, Miss Gillyflower! Your feelings toward me must have changed that you permit it."

"Oh, no. You see some of us girls are to get a hundred dollars for the Patagonians if we collect a million postage stamps, and every one will help, you know."—Life.

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