

SHE KEPT THE SECRET.

A newly-married couple were honey-mooning in the country when the first batch of letters from home arrived, and the husband teasingly proposed to open one addressed to his wife.

"Certainly not," she said, firmly.

"But Phillippa," he pretended to remonstrate. "surely you are not going to have any secrets from me now that we are married?"

"I shall not have any secrets from you, but Phyllis might," his wife said. "That letters is hers, not mine. I shall probably let you read it after I have, but not till I am sure that Phyllis has told me nothing but what she would be willing for you to know."

"Still, doesn't it imply a lack of confidence when a wife won't show her letters to her husband?"

"Not at all. The lack of confidence is shown by the husband when he demands to see his wife's letters."

This was unanswerable, and the husband sank back in his chair with amused delight in his wife's perfect unconsciousness of having said a good thing.

Presently she added:

"I told you so. Here is something Phyllis wouldn't want you to know."

"Then why are you going to tell me?"

"I'm not going to tell you what it is. You are only to know there is something you can't know—at present."

"Phyllis is engaged," he remarked.

"And what if she is? You are not to know to whom."

"To Radcliffe," hazarded her husband.

"I didn't say so."

"But you didn't say she isn't."

"How could I say she isn't when she—"

"Is! I really think, my dear, you might as well have let me read that letter."—Collier's Weekly.

STAMP TAX.

N. Y. Journal: "If you have an income of \$1,000,000 a year you do not have to pay the government a cent of taxes upon it. But if you have no millions to depend upon and get a life insurance policy for \$5,000 to protect your family in case of your death, you have to pay \$5 for revenue stamps. And then you have to pay two cents more for the stamp on the check with which you settle your premium.

You do all this for the illegal purpose of meeting the cost of a war that was over a year and a half ago and that has already been paid for. You also pay a tax for the same purpose every time you send a telegram or send a package by express or buy a bottle of patent medicine, or a cake of toilet soap, or a packet of court plaster, or a chewing gum. You pay every time you give a mortgage or sign a lease.

When these taxes were proposed it was said they were only temporary and would be dispensed with as soon as the war was over. They serve no purpose now but to tempt subsidy grabbers to raid the treasury. Abolish the stamp tax.

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SQUIBS FROM WEBSTER.

Some people talk as if they were Christians, but when you try to get them to pray, work and pay to support and build up the cause of Christ, they refuse to do either, especially the pay.

Many would be Christians if they could have at least part their own way, but when they find that they must surrender every thing to the Lord Jesus and not have even a part of their own way, refuse. The man that would come to Jesus must forsake father, mother, brother, sisters, wife, and children, and lands and give his own life also. Many will not do this, but turn away sorrowfully, and grieve the Lord Jesus.

How glad some people would be if they could only get to heaven without it costing them anything, but when they have to sacrifice everything they have and are, they demur. "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me."

To be a Christian is to be humble, loving, and obedient like Christ. Any one who does not resemble Christ in these things should never claim to be a Christian. "If a man love me he will keep my words: and my Father will love him and we will come unto him and make our abode with him. He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings."

FASHION NOTES.

Gray is to be much worn this summer, and it comes in color so dark it is called "invisible." It is also produced in perle, aluminum and rose grey, the shade suggestive of the bride. These colors are seen too in the thinnest mulls, and what is called new mousseline, which is a very transparent goods with a silk finish.

A pretty design for a maid or matron of sober tastes shows a complete gown of steel grey mousseline, sheer as a spider's web. It is worn over white satin in the daytime. In the evening the prettiest rose linings will shine through the grey. Greys are worn with all colors this year, blues being especially chic and Frenchy.

Beware of dark colors, in selecting summer goods. The fade shades will be the fashionable ones. Dark cambrics are

labor saving, but they are seldom either fashionable or pretty, and will hardly find a place among the August dresses.—Columbus Dispatch.

"Once the Republican party stood for great principles, once it had a message for humanity, once its leaders were men of conviction, once it believed in the declaration of independence; but the finger of the corporation has erased every great motto from its banner, and to-day the great party of Lincoln sits meekly in the market-place and takes its instructions from the trust magnates of America. Once it had a conscience, now only hunger, once it loved liberty, now it worships the dollar; once it stood for humanity, now only for plunger. Time changes, men degenerate and parties rot. Cant is at a premium and hypocrisy passes for coin. The creed of King George has become the platform of McKinley, and Mark Hanna's dollar sign breeches have become the flag of the Republican party."—John P. Altgeld.

SAGE OF SAWHAW SAYS.

A man's amusements are the most reliable index to his character.

Don't feel that the world has no place for you because it can't accept you as a musician.

The proof of pudding is a multitude of dyspeptics.

The boatman never considers at any age that all his pleasures are oar.

It is one thing to own an '00 wheel and another to find some one who agrees with you as to what century it is in.

You will never be able to mount the pinnacle of fame if you spend your time pushing others off.

As a rule it is a great deal safer to trust the man who wants to borrow than the fellow who is anxious to make you presents.

Rascality would have a much harder row to how if it were not for fools waiting to be victimized.

Idle and ideal mean the same thing to some people.

When a woman meets a man whose clothes impress her more than his character she should smile him a quick farewell.

The bashful man has one sole road to worldly salvation—get-

ting a wife who isn't.

The hen-pecked husband never can crow over his liberty.

People who are fond of finding fault seldom find anything worth having.

Clothes don't make the man, but it is lucky for the average man that he doesn't try to make his clothes.

WHEREIN ST. PAUL AND JEFFERSON DIFFERED.

A member of Congress from Missouri vouches for this story:

"George Winston was a devoted Baptist in my State. He was an equally ardent Democrat. It was difficult to tell which had the warmest place in his heart—his wife, his church or his politics.

"On a certain occasion he had several friends spending an evening with him, and before they retired he took down the Bible and had family service. It so happened that he opened the sacred book at the Epistle to Titus where the apostle says: 'Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work.' As it was a habit with him to comment upon the text as he went along, when he came to this passage he took off his spectacles and, with a gravity suited to the time and place, he remarked:

"There, my friends, is where I differ with Brother Paul. Mr. Jefferson tells us that the true doctrine is just the reverse of this; that is, men in office should always be obedient to the people; and I agree with the great author of the Declaration of Independence. The apostle was no doubt a great preacher and a good Christian, but it is clear enough he was no Democrat."

THREE MAIN ISSUES.

"I have never said that other questions were more important than the money question. I have said many times, and now repeat, that at present three questions, viz., money, trusts and imperialism, are dividing public men.

"Men differ as to their relative importance, but I have never attempted to fix their relative importance. The Republicans are wrong on all three questions, and I expect to continue to oppose the gold standard, trusts and imperialism."
"W. J. BRYAN."

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RALLS COUNTY DEMOCRATS.

Next Saturday the Democrats of Ralls County will select their county ticket. For Representative there are four entries as follows: James B. Brashear, J. M. Smith, David Wallace and C. S. Rose. Two gentlemen, Tom Stout and Jeff D. Milton desire to be public administrator. One lady and four gentlemen are perfectly willing to be County treasurer. They are: Miss Estelle Buchanan, Abner Hayden, John Phil Briscoe, Paul W. Flowerree and James L. Smith. There are only eight entries for assessor as follows: Rhoden Coons, J. F. Robertson, John H. Rain, James T. Greeves, J. W. Pitt, J. E. Norman, Will Winn and E. B. Lucas. Five are in the Sheriff's race. The candidates being: Laudia Whitamore, F. M. Crow, Harry L. Tate, A. B. Riggs and Jenk Howard. Only one man J. Will Hays is absolutely sure of his election and he will be the prosecuting attorney. Five are asking for the privilege of collecting the revenue. The successful man will be either John H. Holloway, W. R. Netherland, Dick Jones, James W. Caldwell or George W. Biggs. In the eastern district two men wish to have the handle "Judge" put to their name. The candidates are W. Harrison Tompkins and S. P. Spalding. The western district goes the eastern district one better and has the following three candidates: A. V. Beavers, Thomas Cannon and George N. Colvert. In advance the DEMOCRAT congratulates the successful ones.

England can give America some pointers on how to make the wealthy bear their just proportion of the expense of government. On all incomes of \$100,000 and over an income tax of 5 per cent is collected. It should be so in America.