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The Shrimp

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"Has the shrimp been here again today?"

Jack Williams, with a height of six feet two, a circumference of 38 and a countenance, usually genial, but just now decidedly the reverse, stood in the door of the living room and glared at his sister.

Josephine, the sister, looked up with a look in one hand and a chocolate in the other, and gave expression to a smile so sweet it would have melted an iceberg. But the brother was not an iceberg, and he refused to dissipate the frown that marred his otherwise attractive face.

"If you mean Mr. Angell—yes, he has been here," was Josephine's rather pert reply as she offered her brother a chocolate. "But please to remember that Mr. Angell is my fiance, and as such he should be treated with respect."

Jack thrust the candy into his mouth in much the same manner as old-time gunners ramming charges into old-style cannon.

"He won't be your fiance if I ever get a crack at him," he growled. There's no use talking, Josephine, you can't marry that shrimp. Yes, shrimp! I repeat it! The fellow who gets my sister must be a strong man, not a lounge lizard, who can't do any more than sip sodas and chew candy. My brother-in-law must be able to protect his wife against the blows of the heartless world. This fiance business has got to stop, that's all."

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Across one eye was a bandage and part of his hair was plastered to his forehead with blood. Furthermore, he limped.

"Sis," he announced in a tired voice, "who do you think I saw just a few hours ago?"

He grinned rather sickly, disclosing the fact that three teeth that had been accustomed to rest in his mouth were missing.

His appearance startled her, and she sprang to her feet, all commiseration for him.

"Why—I don't know, I'm sure," she faltered. "Was—it was it a mule or an automobile?"

Jack hung his head sheepishly. "Nope; neither one. It was 'the shrimp' and I'm here to proclaim that he has demonstrated his ability to look out for himself and for you, too. Why didn't you tell me he was a former featherweight champion of the United States, at present engaged in the pleasant business of instructing white hopes in the gentle art of boxing?"

Age of Glacial Deposits. A controversy has been proceeding between American and Canadian geologists, on the one hand, and Australian experts on the other, regarding the period of a series of glacial deposits in South Australia. The estimate varies in millions of years. Professor Coleman, of the University of Toronto, maintains that those glacial deposits are very much more ancient than the Australian geologists believe, and compares them with similar deposits which he found near the great lakes of Canada. Recently Professor David, of Antarctic fame, the celebrated geologist of New South Wales, visited the deposits. By the aid of radio activity he estimated that the deposits at Olary were between 800,000,000 and 900,000,000 years of age, and those of Sturt George between 450,000,000 and 550,000,000 years.

Gasping for Opportunity. Once, when Sir Marcus Samuel was lord mayor of London, a certain civic dignitary, who was noted for his talkativeness, complained of the conduct of a fellow guest at one of the Mansion House receptions.

"Mr. Jones isn't very polite," he grumbled. "He yawned three times while I was talking to him just now."

"But, maybe, he wasn't yawning," objected Sir Marcus. "Perhaps he was only trying to say something."

OWOSSO MARKETS.

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Wheat, white...	\$ 3 68
Wheat, red...	3 40
Oats...	68
Barley...	1 65
Corn...	3 75
Beans...	1 60
Peas...	1 60
Per Jwt	\$4 50
Cloverseed, Alayke	28 00 to 30 00
Cloverseed, June	430 00 to 45 00
Cloverseed, Mammoth	330 00 to 35 00
Hay	225 to 234 00

DRESSED MEAT

Quoted by Bowers & Metzger

Beef, dressed...	14 to 16
Calves, dressed...	23-25
Pork dressed...	18
Tallow...	5

HIDES

Beef hides, green...	23
Calf hides, cured...	25
Horse hides, each...	\$0 30

PRODUCE, VEGETABLES & FRUITS

Butter...	60
Eggs...	65
Potatoes...	2 50

LIVE POULTRY

Quoted by Rundell Bros.

Hens, fat...	33
Butter Fat...	64
Eggs...	60

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Glass-Decorating Old Art. The art of glass decorating is not a modern Bohemian accomplishment. It thrived in the seventeenth century. The Roman cathedral of Prague, in 1728, boasted two windows which were decorated with Old and New Testament scenes. Decorative windows soon became a favorite form of church ornamentation. The churches of the Czechs possessed many high and wide windows which were brightly and artistically decorated, Amasa Sylvius, who later became Pope Pius II, observed. The curriculum of the division of technical arts of the University of Prague included courses in painting, wood carving and glass ornamentation. No degree was conferred on a student unless he could exhibit sufficient aptitude as a "glass man" or quality in "glassery."

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