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Elmer Hodson, Alvareto, Tex., writes: "My strength and health had been failing me for several years. My blood was in a very impoverished condition and very impure. My limbs felt lame, rheumatic and rheumatic, and I could not walk without tottering. I felt myself growing prematurely old, and my face began to look pinched and shrivelled. I suffered considerable, was restless at night, very nervous, and growing very melancholy. My eyes were sore and I had catarrh. I tried many tonics and bitters and blood purifiers, but failed to get better. I finally

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bought six bottles of Bull's Sarsaparilla, and before I had used it all I felt like another man. My strength and health improved, pimples and sores disappeared from my person, aches and stiff joints left me, and I consider myself a well person."

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## A BIG SENSATION.

Rumors of a Big Shortage in Office. McLennan County's Tax

COLLECTOR OTIS W. DAVID SAID

To be Behind in His Accounts. Opinion Suspended Until an Investigation is Made—His Bondsmen Secured if there is a Discrepancy. Great Regret Expressed Among His Many Friends—A Hope that He May Come Through All Right.

A report was current on the streets yesterday afternoon, that the county tax collector of McLennan county, Otis W. David, was short in his accounts with the state and county. The report came like a clap of thunder out of a clear sky to Mr. David's thousands of friends here and it could hardly be credited. In a few hours the rumor was on every tongue in Waco, but there was not a man to be found that had not the kindest words for Coot David.

This morning THE NEWS began to make an investigation of the matter. Mr. David's bondsmen were first interviewed and even in the face of the possibility of having to pay a large sum for him, they did not question his integrity.

The facts seem to be about as follows:

Mr. David made a report to the county commissioners at their last term and his books and accounts were found to be correct in every particular and those who investigated his books there, commented on his ability and capacity as a public official. A few days ago, Mr. David was informed by County Clerk Baker that there was a discrepancy in his accounts and upon investigation, Mr. David discovered that there was a discrepancy and as it would require an investigation, Mr. David immediately went to his bondsmen and told them what he had discovered and conveyed to them every dollar of his possessions to secure them while the matter was being inquired into.

No man can tell at this juncture what the shortage is or will be. It is certain that Mr. David has made restitution as far as he was able and while his bondsmen upheld him, it is nothing more than justice and charity for the public to await the result of an investigation before forming an opinion. It is well known to the friends and intimate acquaintances of Mr. David that he has been in very bad health for the past four months and that he has been kept away from his office a great part of that time. In the meantime, the whole matter will be thoroughly inquired into and if it is found that there is a shortage it will be promptly paid. It is but justice to state that as the investigation progresses it is discovered that the alleged shortage grows smaller and it is possible that it may not reach any considerable amount after all.

Mr. David perhaps enjoys a greater popularity than any man of his age in this county. He is now serving his third term as tax collector and would have made the race for a fourth if his health had not been too precarious to allow the contest.

It is now confidently stated that the reported amount of his shortage has decreased fifty per cent.

County Judge Jenkins has ordered the county clerk to make a thorough investigation of Mr. David's affairs.

#### Wales Bewigged.

It is stated, "on very good authority," that the Prince of Wales has decided that on his return to London he will take up and interest himself in, even more pronouncedly than he has hitherto done, the important question the dwellings of the poor. The majority of people know that the prince has already done much in this direction. In addition to presiding at conferences on the subject, his royal highness has figured as a "summer." He has visited some of the most notorious quarters in the East End of the metropolis, peering into thieves' dens and other still more disreputable places, where filth and squalor have been painfully conspicuous.

Of course his royal highness has not been known at these times, except to perhaps one individual who accompanied him; on more than one occasion he has not been content with donning shabby attire, but has assumed a wig and a false beard. The prince, however, feels very keenly on the subject of the amelioration of the poorer classes, and is extremely desirous to do his best on their behalf.—Western Mercury.

"The Garment Bespeaks the Artist."

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102 Austin Avenue.

#### EXCEEDINGLY EMBARRASSING.

Perplexity of a Polite Man Who Lost His Equilibrium in a Street Car.

I took them for a newly married couple. Certainly if she had been married very long she would have known better.

They got on a south bound Clark street car at Goethe street. She was slender and graceful, and had large, fetching dark eyes. He was extremely polite. He helped her on the car very tenderly, and after riding two blocks he jumped up the instant a very fleshy old lady entered the car and offered her his seat, with a low bow—a sure indication that he was just married and doing it for effect.

Then he hung on a strap and bent down and kept up the conversation, which seemed largely made up of irrelevant remarks and highly relevant glances. Presently he discovered that he could stoop lower if he let go the strap.

He had just availed himself of this discovery when the train swooped around the curve at Illinois street. He flung up his arms, made one frantic, ineffectual grab for the strap, swayed gracefully half around, and sprawled out over the fat old lady's lap as the car stopped. His pink and white cheeks turned scarlet. He scrambled half way to his feet and began, "I beg"—

Just as he was in the act of re-establishing his equilibrium and simultaneously uttering the apology, the car gave the sharp jerk and quick, strong pull of starting. He clutched the incorporeal air and went down with the words on his lips—flat, full length on the beastly, muddy floor. It was too bad, but everybody laughed.

Yes, she laughed. She put her slim, black gloved hand, with a film of scented handkerchief in it, up to her mouth and her black eyes danced at him.

He got up, scowled very darkly at the gentleman who had said "Whoop-ee!" as he went down, and washed a patch of mud off his coat sleeve. Then he looked at her laughing eyes. For an instant he tried to look amused; then he straightened his face out severely and went over and looked out of the door.

As he started into the tunnel he looked around. The handkerchief was still at her mouth and her body swayed slightly as from a repressed emotion. A deep, straight line came into his forehead and he stepped a little farther away. Half way through the tunnel he looked around again. The instant she met his eye she dropped the handkerchief to her mouth just in time to suppress a ripple of laughter. He went out on the platform and banged the door behind him.

At Madison street he opened the door and stood stiff as a statue until she walked out. She looked over her shoulder into his face as she passed him, but there was an irrepressible twinkle in her eyes, and he stepped to the ground after her without unbending.—Chicago News.

#### The Sword of a Knight.

The sword of a noble knight mentioned almost as often as himself in the songs of the troubadours of the Middle Ages. In the olden time this trusty weapon was named and personified as accomplishing countless brilliant deeds. In the proverbs of all nations it is spoken of with reverence and trust. It represents the rank and renown, the heroism and honor, the glory and greatness of nations in the past. One of the first weapons made by man, it became his most important arm and auxiliary of warfare.

It has always been the visible badge of birth, bravery and freedom; to surrender it was to admit defeat and disgrace. So long has it been the constant companion of rank and valor that it has acquired a dignity of its own. Like no other weapon, it has a quality entirely distinct from its character as a blood shedder. In England even at the present day the sword alone is considered adequate to confer knighthood.—Kate Field's Washington.

#### What the Minister Said.

It is a tribute to the basis of real dignity that there is in the American girl's character that a well bred foreigner will take simply as they are meant the constant surprises she affords him in the way of daring escapades, any one of which would at once destroy his respect for one of his own unmarried countrywomen. A transatlantic marriage which was started by a practical joke was that of the young minister from —, who asked his lively neighbor at a dinner how he should make his adieux to his hostess, as she did not speak French and his own knowledge of English was of the slightest. Quite seriously she taught him to say, "Golly Mrs. A., I have had a bully time;" and he repeated the absurd and dreadful little speech with great distinctness to his hostess, who at once detected the source of the poor man's blunder and naturally greatly resented it. M. de F., however, had a sense of humor and, far from harboring a grudge against the impertinent young lady, was greatly amused by her audacity, and thus it is this instance began the "wooing o'n't."—New York Tribune.

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