HAD ALL THE BEST OF IT

Wise Girl Selected for Husband Man Who Had Both Seasons for Garnering Wealth.

"Daughter," said the anxious father to the eldest daughter of a brood of seven, "your mother tells me that you have had a proposal."

"Yes, father, I have," demurely replied the young woman. "In fact, I have received several."

"I hear the ice man proposed to you?"

"He did."

"And you accepted him, of course?"

"I did not."

"Unwise child! Think of the money he coins every summer!"

"The plumber also proposed."

"Ah! That is better. A man of untold wealth garnered every winter. Beyond doubt you told him 'yes!'"

"No, father.'

"Wha-a-a-t? Do you mean to tell me you let so golden an opportunity slip by ungrasped?"

"Yes, father. You see, I accepted a man who sells ice in summer and is a plumber in winter."

"Ah, daughter! Fly to my arms! You make me weep with pride!"

Sanctimonious Penny.

Jerome S. McWade, the millionaire collector of Duluth, was appealing on the Mauretania for a seaman's fund.

"Let the collection be generous," he said. "We want none of the penny and quarter parable here."

A penny and a quarter, side by side in a pocket, fell into conversation.

"I'm worth 25 of you," said the quarter haughtily.

"That's true," replied the humble penny, "but in one respect, sir, I'm superior to yourself."

"Pshaw; how so?" said the quarter.

"I go to church, sir, far, far oftener than you," replied the penny.

Personal Privilege.

"You sometimes contradict yourself in your speeches."

"I know it," replied the positive candidate. "And I want you to understand that I am the only man in our party who dares attempt such a thing."

Spoiled Her Secret.

"My first husband and I kept our marriage a secret for nearly a year."

"Didn't you find it rather difficult?"

"Oh, not, not at all. We could have gone on for a much longer time if the horrible reporters hadn't been snooping around when I applied for my divorce."

Following Orders.

Doctor (to Mr. J., whose husband is very ill)—Has he had any lucid intervals?

Mrs. J.—'E's 'ad nothink except what you ordered, doctor.—Lippincott's.

Great Effects.

"What is that terrible noise?" asked the pedestrian.

"That," replied the policeman, "is caused by an ordinary one cent safety pin sticking into a $3,000,000 baby."

Proper Rescue.

"How did you come out of the tilt you had with the beauty doctor?"

"Well, I managed to save my face."

Turn on the back-biter and say it to his face.

A man can never remember what a girl said when she proposed to him.

WOMAN CONFESSES SLAYING HUSBAND

Albert Patzer of Synco Killed Because of Quarrels.

MET DEATH AT DINNER TABLE

Woman Was Suspected Despite Her Dramatic Story of Strange Assailant—Arrested After Attending Funeral With Twelve Children.

Manawa. — Mrs. Albert Patzer, whose husband was murdered at the dinner table in his home at Symco, an inland town near here, has confessed to the slaying. She was taken into custody immediately after the funeral.

"I could not bear to live with him any more and be a party to bitter quarrels every day," said Mrs. Patzer. "I crept up behind him as he was eating the meal I had prepared and struck him down. There had been no murder in my heart while I prepared the meal. But after I returned to the kitchen and began to think, I was seized with an overpowering desire to free myself. After I had killed him I straightened him up in his chair at the table and washed the blood from the floor. Then I burned the stick of stovewood which I had used and called the neighbors."

Mrs. Patzer told a dramatic story to explain the murder when she summoned physicians to her aid. She said she was in the kitchen and heard sounds of a struggle. She rushed into the room in time to catch a fleeting glimpse of a strange man going out of the door, she said, and found her husband upon the floor, blood streaming from his head. He had been struck from behind with a blunt instrument. When her story had been told a posse was formed and farmers joined in the search for the murderer. Suspicion rested upon Mrs. Patzer, but her apparent grief when attending the funeral accompanied by her twelve children changed the feeling of the neighbors to sympathy and her arrest and confession has caused a sensation.

EX-SHERIFF IS SENT TO JAIL

Peter Van Veigle of Green Bay Allowed Prisoners to Roam and Must Serve Term for Contempt.

Milwaukee.—Ex-Sheriff Peter Van Veigle, Brown county, custodian at the jail in Green Bay, where the only rule said to have been in force was that prisoners must report at the jail by 10 o'clock p. m., was sentenced to thirty days in the house of correction by Judge A. Geiger, after he had been found guilty of dereliction of duty and contempt of the United States court.

Van Veigle is no longer in office in Brown county, as his successor, elected last November, took office at the first of the year.

Three federal prisoners, sentenced on Indian liquor charges Nov. 23, were found scattered about the city by government officials from Milwaukee, who had heard that former Sheriff Van Veigle had allowed too free a rein. One was visiting at a hotel with his wife, another was playing pool and a third was in a saloon drinking whisky, according to the district attorney. A lone old man was the only occupant of the jail.

In court, Van Veigle said he thought he was doing no wrong act and deplored the fact that he had unwittingly transgressed against the law.

"I thought the boys would like to go to their homes for Christmas day to enjoy the little family gatherings, and so I let them out. But such is the result sometimes. When you try to be kind, it seems that all you get in return is something that takes all the joy and happiness out of the expression of a good hearted action toward others."

One Outsider Attends.

Madison.—Twelve students are enrolled for the new forestry course at the college of agriculture. All but one of the students are from Wisconsin, the exception coming from Kansas.

Makes Plans for Dedication.

Appleton.—The new $40,000 Elk's building will be formally dedicated on Jan. 27, with Judge John C. Karel, Milwaukee, as the chief speaker.

Railroad Veteran Dies.

Oconomowoc. — Charles Gottrell, who has been an employe of the Milwaukee road for over forty years as an engineer, died suddenly at his home at Oconomowoc.

Beloit Professor Is 93.

Beloit.—Prof. William Porter, professor emeritus of Latin at Beloit college, celebrated his ninety-third birthday recently. He has been connected with the college for over 50 years.

Flipping Bobs Kills Boy.

Green Bay.—James, the 5-year-old son of F. J. Kilmer of Oconto Falls, was almost instantly killed when run over by a sleigh while attempting to hitch onto same with his sled.

Risks Life for Wife.

Sheboygan.—John Kraus has offered himself as a subject for the removal of many square inches of skin to be grafted on his wife, who was badly burned in a lamp explosion, in an attempt to save her life.

Hatpin Punctures Eye.

Chippewa Falls.—While singing in a choir, Gladys Steese felt a sharp pain in her eye as a hatpin in another singer's hat pierced the optic. She may lose the sight of her eye.

Cream Puffs Sent by Mail.

Marinette.—It is believed that the oddest shipment mailed in this state under the parcel post law was sent from Pound, this county. The package contained cream puffs with the cream in them. The package was accepted by the postmaster.

Dr. Willard Titus Dies.

Oshkosh.—Dr. Willard T. Titus, a prominent pioneer physician of Oshkosh, is dead. He was 65 years old and an expert in Indian ethmology.

FEW LAWYERS IN ASSEMBLY

Business Men and Farmers Lead in Lower House Membership—Newspaper Men Well Represented.

Madison.—Farmers and business men will dominate the assembly in the session of 1913. Together they constitute more than two-thirds of the membership of that body with the farmers a little in the lead, the score standing farmers 35, business men 32.

Either legislative work had no allurement for attorneys or the voters thought it time they took a subordinate place in lawmaking, as there are but fifteen members of the legal profession, all told, in the assembly.

The newspaper men are well represented in the assembly. Speaker Merlin Hull is editor of a paper at Black River Falls. This is the first time a newspaper man has occupied the speaker's chair. Besides Speaker Hull there are six assemblymen who are connected with the newspaper business.

While the assembly has only a small leaven of legal ability the senate is well supplied with attorneys. They come within three of having a majority of the upper house. Here, however, the business men show up strong, having eleven senators to fourteen who are lawyers.

The farmers are a small minority, having but seven who are classified. The list of senators is completed by two doctors.

Of the three leading classes, therefore, the legislature of 1913 shows an almost equal division, the total in both houses being: Business men, 43; farmers, 42; lawyers, 39.

APPOINT LEGISLATURE AIDS

Chief Clerks and Sergants-at-Arms of Senate and Assembly Announce Their Assistants.

Madison.—A partial list of appointments of employes for both houses of the legislature has been made public. Among the appointments by Sergeant-at-Arms W. S. Irvine of the assembly are:

Assistant sergeant-at-arms, Olaf Goldstrand, Rhinelander; custodian of document room, John W. Bathgate, Portage; assistant custodian, Helmer O. Femrite, Blooming Grove; postmaster, Oscar T. Toebaas, Iola.

Appointments by Chief Clerk C. E. Shafer of the assembly are:

Journal clerk, W. W. Jones, Milwaukee; assistant journal clerk, C. E. Tuffley, Boscobel; bookkeeper, W. J. Goldschmidt, Milwaukee; assistant bookkeeper, A. C. Hawker, Forest Junction; general clerk, Leonard M. Shearer, Madison; index clerk, George Brown, Poynette.

Appointments by Sergeant-at-Arms Charles A. Leicht of the senate are:

Assistant sergeant-at-arms, Chas. H. Rawlinson, La Crosse; postmaster, William D. McGuire, Baraboo; custodian of document room, Ervine E. Gehlert, Menomonee Falls.

CROSSING ACCIDENTS LESS

State Railroad Commission Report Shows 154 Persons Killed in Wisconsin During Past Year.

Madison. — Dangerous railroad crossings are being speedily eliminated in the state through the activities of the railroad commission. Likewise there has been a decrease in the number of crossing accidents this year. There were 118 persons killed while trespassing upon railroad's right-of-way and 55 others were injured. At unprotected crossings throughout the state 22 were killed and 64 were injured. At protected crossings 14 were killed and 26 were injured. Of the total number killed at crossings 3 were killed by interurban cars.

Attempts to Murder Wife.

Appleton.—In an endeavor to prevent his wife from getting a divorce, Ben Bissing, son of a pioneer merchant of Appleton, made an unsuccessful attempt to kill her. Mrs. Bissing in company with her son started out to consult a lawyer. As she left the house Bissing fired twice at her, each time the cartridge failing to explode. As the son ran toward him, he fired at the boy twice, but missed. Bissing made his escape, but was captured.

Parole for Mathematician.

Oconto.—Michael Angelo McGinnis, the mathematical prodigy, who has served six years of a ten-year sentence for forgery in the state prison in Missouri, has been paroled. McGinnis was for three years principal of the Oconto high school.

Gov. Doty Mansion Threatened.

Neenah.—A fire at the Roberts resort, present home of former Lieut. Gov. Strange, threatened to destroy the homestead of Gov. Doty, first governor of Wisconsin.

Legally Dead; Woman Found.

Fond du Lac.—After having been missing for twenty-seven years and being declared legally dead, Mrs. James Goddell, a former resident of this county, was found to be living at Iron Mountain, Mich.

Income Assessors to Meet.

Madison.—Income tax assessors of all districts in the state will meet here on January 16 to discuss changes necessary to make the law more effective.

Sullivan Banker Dies.

Sullivan.—William H. Lean, president of the Farmers' State bank here, died at his home Tuesday night. Mr. Lean is a well known resident of Jefferson county having lived here all his life.

Buffalo County School Burned.

Mondovi.—Fire destroyed the brick schoolhouse in the Litchfield district near here. It was one of the best country schoolhouses in the state. The loss is $4,500.

Two Years for Young Forger.

Green Bay.—David Francar, a youthful forger, was sentenced to two years in the Wisconsin reformatory after he had admitted that he forged orders on his father's savings account.

Former Police Chief Resigns.

Watertown.—Charles Kerr, veteran patrolman and former head of the police department, has resigned from the force after service of more than a quarter century.

CHEESE MEN CONVENE

RECORD ATTENDANCE AT MEETING OF STATE ASSOCIATION.

Resolution Passed Asking State Legislature to Grant $15,000 Yearly to International Dairy Show.

Milwaukee.—Four hundred members of the Wisconsin Cheesemakers' association attended the annual convention here and in this respect the meeting was the most successful ever held by the organization.

Addresses included a practical talk to cheesemakers by T. A. Ubbelonde of Glenbeulah, Wis. Fred P. Downing of Madison, chief inspector of the bureau of weights and measures, explained the value of inspection to cheesemakers. Robert A. Campbell of Madison spoke on "The Resources of Northern Wisconsin as a Dairy Region." William George Bruce of the Merchants and Manufacturers' association commended the annual dairy show and Charles Hill of Rosendale and J. J. Reed of Oconomowoc made short speeches. J. Q. Emery of Madison, dairy and food commissioner, gave an address on the work of the department.

A resolution indorsing the International Dairy Show and petitioning the state legislature to grant a yearly appropriation of $15,000 for its aid and support was passed by the convention.

The annual meeting of the International Dairy Show association will be held this month and at that meeting a reorganization will be effected by which the show will be made a Wisconsin affair primarily and a complete exposition of the cow and her products.

The following officers were elected: President, A. J. Bruhn, Madison; vice president, J. J. Reid, Oconomowoc; secretary, U. S. Baer, Madison; treasurer, F. A. Ubblelohde, Glenbeulah; directors, Jacob Karlen, Monroe; J. W. Cross, Milwaukee; P. H. Kasper, Welcome.

GOOD ROADS BILL OFFERED

Measure Appropriating $450,000 for Use of Highway Commission in Early.

Madison.—The initial bill to be presented the Wisconsin legislature at its fifty-first session was the good roads bill desired by the highway commission.

It carries an appropriation of $450,000 which is to be available for the carrying on the work of the commission during the next two years. The legislature took a step in the direction of demonstrating that it intends being a working session by taking an adjournment to Monday night instead of Tuesday morning. It is understood the speaker expects to be ready with the assembly committee assignments by that time.

The reason for the introduction of the good roads bill this early is so that the appropriation shall, if possible, be available for the use of the commission in April. The initial appropriation to the board made two years ago was $350,000. This has been exhausted in the building of 500 miles of road. Nine hundred more towns have applied for the state aid.

Dead Man Is Appointed.

Milwaukee.—The reappointment of Shew O'Reagan as postmaster at the National Soldiers' home here was made by President Taft one week after the death of O'Reagan. It was reported in Washington, D. C., that the applicant had died, but in view of the nonconfirmation of the report, not wishing to disappoint a live man and disdaining to discount his death by anticipation, the president decided to reappoint O'Reagan after twenty-five years of service.

Seven Postmasters Chosen.

Washington.—The president sent the following nominations to the senate for postmasters in Wisconsin: Myron W. Delap, Abbottsford; James R. Shaver, Augusta; James Carr, Bangor; Joseph M. Garlick, Independence; Matthew O'Regan, National Home; Oliver W. Babcock, Omro; John C. Southwell, Whitehall.

Heads State Fruit Growers.

Madison.—L. N. Palmer of Baraboo was chosen president of the Wisconsin Horticultural society at the annual convention here, defeating F. Kern of Bayfield. Mr. Palmer has been identified with the society for many years. Mr. Kern was elected vice president and L. G. Kellogg of Ripon was re-elected treasurer.

Voters to Decide Location.

Milwaukee.—The question of relocating the new county court house will be decided by voters at the election in April, according to a decision of the board of supervisors.

Pastor Found Starving.

Oshkosh.—A man claiming to be P. O. Extrom, a Swedish Baptist minister, was found on the street here, evidently demented and starving. He declares he had fasted for three weeks.

$12,000 Fire at Marinette.

Marinette. — Fire did damage amounting to $12,000 to the stock of Gerhid & Hershey's men's furnishing store. The blaze started in the basement from an unknown cause.

Ten Years for Firebug.

Whitehall.—Judge Higbee has sentenced Michael J. Peterson, Osseo, to ten years at Waupun for burning the lumber buildings of the North Star Lumber company, at Osseo, on Nov. 27, 1911.

Rood on Vicksburg Commission.

Madison.—Gov. McGovern has appointed Capt. H. W. Rood a member of the Wisconsin Vicksburg memorial commission to succeed Capt. Bird of Wausaukee, deceased.

Want Primaries in April.

Madison.—One of the first bills to be introduced in the legislature will be a measure to hold primary elections at the time of the spring election in April. It is claimed that less than one-fifth of the farmers' vote turned out for the primary last fall.

Dies on First Trip From Home.

Neenah.—Leaving his home on a farm near here for the first time in his life, Mat. Cowling, aged 30, died while visiting a sister at Ashland.

LOGAN WALLER PAGE

Mr. Page is an earnest worker in the cause of good roads, and was president of the joint conference of road makers and road users held recently in Atlantic City.

MARKET REPORT.

Milwaukee, Jan. 14, 1913.

Butter—Creamery, extras, 34c; prints, 35c; firsts, 31@32c; seconds, 27@29c; renovated, 27@28c; dairy, fancy, 30c.

Cheese — American, full cream, new made, twins, 16c; Young Americas, 16½c; daisies, 16@17c; longhorns, 17c; limburger, 16½c; brick, 16½c.

Eggs—Current receipts fresh as to quality, 19@24c; recandled, extras, 30@32c; seconds, 18@19c.

Live Poultry—Fowls, 14c; roosters, 8½c; springers, 15c.

Wheat—No. 1 northern, 89c; No. 2 northern, 88c; No. 3 northern, 84c; No. 1 velvet, 88c.

Corn—No. 3 yellow, 46c.

Oats—No. 3 white, 33¼c; standard, 33¾c.

Barley—No. 3, 64@70c; Wisconsin, 53@67c.

Rye—No. 2, 64c.

Cattle—Butcher's steers, 6.00@7.00; cows and heifers, 4.25@7.25; feeders, 5.25@6.00; calves, 9.50@10.50.

Hogs—Good heavy butchers, 7.35@7.45; fair to best light, 7.20@7.35; pigs, 6.75@7.25.

Sheep—Lambs, 6.50@7.50; ewes, 2.75@4.25.

Chicago, Jan. 14, 1913.

Cattle—Beeves, 5.75@9.40; stockers and feeders, 4.40@7.60; cows, and heifers, 2.85@7.60; calves, 6.50@10.50.

Hogs—Light, 7.20@7.50; heavy, 7.25@7.55; rough, 7.15@7.35; pigs, 5.75@7.40.

Minneapolis, Jan. 14, 1913.

Wheat—No. 1 hard, 85c; No. 1 northern, 84c; No. 2 northern, 83c.

Corn—No. 3 yellow, 42c.

Oats—No. 3 white, 30½c.

Rye—No. 2, 54@58½c.

Flax—1.25.

News Notes of Wisconsin.

Portage.—At the first annual meeting of the stockholders of the Chicago and Wisconsin Valley road held at Madison there was discussed the prospects of continuing work on the road from Madison via Portage to Merrill. A movement is on foot to organize the Wisconsin river valley cities to link the interurban car systems from Nekoosa to Grand Rapids, Scofield to Wausau, and interesting the cities of Portage, Stevens Point, Merrill and other places to connect with the line now in operation in Portage.

Portage.—Five pioneers of Portage county have passed away within a few days. They were John Lehan, 92; John von Gonten, 90; John Ginder, 82; Edward La Fleur, 75, and Mrs. Matthias Hettinger, 71 years old.

Janesville.—Coming home to supper, Allen J. Pierce, a fireman, found his home in flames due to a leaking gas stove. He extinguished the blaze, rescued his supper and returned to work but five minutes late.

Racine.—Twenty-one acres of land just inside the north limits of the city have been sold to a syndicate at $1,000 per acre. It is the purpose of the buyers to subdivide this land and sell it for residence lots.

La Crosse.—A proposed ordinance prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors to policemen while on duty was tabled by the city council at a recent session.

Appleton.—There was a record created here in real estate for Outagamie county when eight acres two miles from the city were sold for $4,196 or $562 an acre.

Plainfield.—Rev. R. D. Sparks, 86 years old, a resident of the vicinity of Plainfield since 1854, is dead.

Mayville.—The village of Theresa has voted to raise the $21,000 necessary to secure a spur of the Soo line from Theresa station to Theresa. The railroad commission recently ordered the railroad to build the spur, provided the town supplied the amount of money stipulated.

Bayfield.—Plans are now being made for the construction of a highway from Bayfield to various other towns in this community. It is proposed to make a road that will be a delight to all who use it, especially automobilists who go out on state tours.

Janesville.—The Apollo theater, a handsome new structure costing $25,000 will soon be completed in this city. It is being erected in the center of the business district and will be devoted to vaudeville. The building would be an ornament to a city several times the size of Janesville.

Kenosha.—Kenosha officials are determined to force property owners in Kenosha to clear walks of snow, and the chairman of the street and alley committee of the common council has ordered the arrest of all delinquents in this matter.

La Crosse.—James Goff, Charles Miller and Edward Gilliman of Minneapolis, were brought here under the escort of Watertown police, where they had been captured, charged with burglarizing the La Crosse Fur company warehouse recently and stealing furs valued at $2,000.

Madison.—W. L. Eastman, superintendent of public property, has given notice that he will furnish neither pocket knives nor fountain pens to members of the legislature this session.

Not a Permanent Arrangement.

In London the saloons are open on Sundays between the hours of three and five in the afternoon. A couple of roughs were standing in front of one of these accommodations waiting for it to open when a Salvation Army captain who was passing said, "Men, don't you know that when you enter a saloon you enter hell?" "That's all right, old top," piped one of the roughs, "thel'll throw us out in a couple of hours."

Unwelcome Caller.

Two cows were being driven along Causewayend, Aberdeen, Scotland, one recent forenoon, when they ran into a house on Charles street. Before the animals could be ejected, they smashed a quantity of furniture, and one of them put a foot through the floor. The mistress of the house, who was in at the time, suffered a severe shock from the unexpected intrusion on the domestic circle.

Wax Removed.

If candlesticks or the patent holders are unsightly because of wax spots, put them in the oven on a folded newspaper; the heat will melt the wax and most of it will be absorbed by the paper. Wipe them vigorously with a soft cloth or tissue paper as soon as they come from the oven. This treatment removes every vestige of wax.—Exchange.

Best Kind.

On a country road two ladies met a farmer with a load of wood. The ladies were sociably inclined, and one of them called out chirpingly to the man on the wagon: "What kind of wood have you on there?" "This here's wooden wood," was the curt reply.—Woman's Home Companion.

What the Backward Child Needs.

The backward child can hardly ever be helped in a private school, however excellent it may be, because what the backward child needs is not coaching but expert observation and diagnosis.—From Rheta Childe Dorr's "The Child That Is Different," in the Century.

Oxen Slung to Be Shod.

Chester county, Pa., claims to have a blacksmith's shop where oxen are slung up in swings and shod in the old-fashioned way. It is believed this is the only smithy in the state where oxen are shod in this way.—Exchange.

Not Really So Bad.

"And I suppose," said Miss Gushington, "that while in London you were at court?" "Only once," admitted Mr. Lushington, blushing. "But I wasn't guilty and I got off with a reprimand."—Newport News.

Natural Dividing Line.

Nature herself has drawn a dividing line between what is appropriate for men and what for women. There is no question of superiority or inferiority.—Exchange.

A Surprise for Two.

The Waiter—"Haven't you forgotten something, sir?" Guest—"Yes. What a good meal tastes like."—Judge.

Natural Explanation.

"Why is it that women will not learn by experience?" "Because they object to Time's giving them any wrinkles."

One of the Chief Ingredients.

The self-made man has hardly ever neglected to begin by laying in a large supply of self-esteem.

Sham Will Not Last.

It is easy to look wise, but hard to live up to it.

No Money, No Marriage.

"A fortune teller told me that you are going to marry me," said the young man with the prominent socks.

"Did she also tell you that you are going to inherit a very large fortune?" inquired the girl with the matted hair.

"She didn't say anything about a fortune."

"Then she is not much of a fortune-teller, and you had better not place any reliance in anything she says."—Washington Herald.

Wizard of Finance.

"Would you stick to your husband if he stole a million dollars?"

"If he succeeded in keeping it."

Parisian Creations.

By way of adopting their wares to the conditions of their customers, Parisian dressmakers have recently provided three new "creations," described as "Triple Alliance," "Triple Entente" and "Political Horizon." Women of neutral states will of course wear the last.—New York Sun.

A woman always seems to think a man can make over his silk hat as easily as she can make a new bonnet out of the one she wore last year.

No matter what happens, the suspenders a man wears are never entirely free from responsibilities.

OF COURSE NOT.

"Well, it's impossible to please everybody in this world, isn't it?"

"Can't say; I never tried it."

Wanted to Compromise.

Mr. Levi is a kind-hearted, conscientious man, an example of what Maeterlinck calls "our anxious morality." But he is also German, and spends the pennies hard. He has a hired man who says, "Mr. Levi 's queer; he wants me to work all the time he has me hired for." Mr. Levi also has a young horse that balks. "If you would just let me take a whip to him once!" the hired man expostulated, exasperated and yet dominated by the other's point of view. Mr. Levi looked at him uneasily; stood first on one foot, and then on the other. "Ain't there nothin' else you could be doin'?" he asked, "till he gets ready to start?"

Sufer From Plague of Rats.

A "pied piper of Hamelin" is needed at Santa Paula, Cal. Thousands of rats, and all big wood rats, have invaded the place, and the situation is such that women are afraid to go to church. The rats seem to have a preference for churches and on several occasions have forced the feminine attendance at services to take to the high benches. The city authorities are seeking means to abate the pest. The rats are believed to have been driven out of the woods by recent fires in the forests.

The Right Lead.

Fond Mamma (praising absent daughter)—And I've always affirmed that Sylvia's arms are so well shaped because I have made her do a great deal of sweeping.

Bashful Young Man (striving wildly to keep up his end of the conversatioon)—Er—does she walk much, Mrs. Jones?—Puck.

His Guess.

"Wot's 'inflated currency,' Bill?"

"Dunno! 'less it's money wot's been 'blown in.'"—Boston Transcript.

When your hair starts going it doesn't say, "Au revoir." It says "good-bye."

Took Load Off Mother's Mind.

Six-year-old Dora returned unusually early from school the other day. The rang the door bell. There was no answer. She rang again, a little longer. Still there was no response. A third time she pushed the button long and hard. Nobody came to the door. Then she pressed her nose against the window screen and in a shrill voice, which carried to the ears of every neighbor on the block, called: "It's all right, mamma. I ain't the installment man!"

A Tub of Rosewater.

The small son of Victor Rosewater was desirous of sailing boats in the bathtub of the Rosewater home.

"You cannot," said Mrs. Rosewater. "Father is taking a bath just now."

"Why is father taking a bath?" demanded the boy.

"Why do you take a bath?" countered Mrs. Rosewater.

"Because I have to,' replied the son.—Saturday Evening Post.

Early Training.

Willis—Is that new young preacher you hired fresh from college up to date?

Gillis—You bet. He called out the Easter choir squad last Sunday, and has ordered practice behind closed doors.—Puck.

Improved Some.

The Wife—Don't you think marriage has improved you, dear?"

The Husband—Sure thing. I was an idiot when I married you?

If you want a man to deliver the goods, employ one who doesn't talk.

Quiet Influence in Home.

A lighted lamp is a very small thing; it burns calmly and without noise, yet it giveth light to all who are in the house. And so there is a quiet influence which, like the flame of a scented lamp, fills many a home with light and fragrance.—M'Cheyne.

Real Joy of Shopping.

A woman takes a mournful pleasure, after she has purchased a bargain, in looking around and trying to find a place where she might have bought the same article a few cents cheaper.

Perils of Science.

The discovery that angleworms can think raises the dictum that an oyster may be crossed in love from a bon mot to a debatable scientific proposition.

Reforming.

Too often reformers who are keen on converting the other half to cold, calm consideration of every act, go at reforms with the most heated frenzy.

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