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**Told at the Club.**

"It's this way," said T. Willie Rockingham, "Brown-Jones asks me down from Saturday to Monday. Want to go and I go. Haven't seen B.-J. for months; not since he got married to money. Poor old chap." T. Willie sighed and took another observation in his glass.

"Find B.-J. looking well. Seems a bit nervous, though. You know his florid style. Scatters your wits and keeps you from thinking. Mrs. B.-J.—well, I can't help seeing she bites her lips a lot. Squally sign. Thinks I, T. Willie, little old New York is good enough for you. You were in a better place there. Nothing happens though—not yet—and I begin to forget. Nice country place. Dinner, billiards and the downy. Then it's Sunday. Morning goes. Afternoon comes. B.-J. sends for the horses. Begins to crack on a bit as we stand in the window watching the brutes come up the drive. Been talking quite tall all day about 'his place' and 'his plans.' Mrs. B.-J. biting her lips all the time. Now he lets on about 'his' quadrupeds. Transparent bluff. What do I care? I like to see a man happy. B.-J. prattling along. Mrs. B.-J. bites her lips some more. Out we go to the vehicle. 'Like to let you drive, old man,' says mine host. 'Know you're A1 with the ribbons, but I always think my horses like my hand best.' Storm breaks.

"'My horses!' says my lady, screaming out the first word.

"B.-J. turns pale. Then he straightens up.

"'Yes, your horses,' he says. 'You own them. You own this place and all that goes with it. You own me. Will you assist Mrs. Brown-Jones, Willie?'"

T. Willie Rockingham shuddered. "Marry money?" he gulped out. "Excuse me, I'd rather work."—New York Sun.

**A Surgical Operation.**

The Army and Navy Journal tells this story about the late Dr. Lewis A. Sayre of New York city:

"When a young medical student at the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York, one of the operating physicians was about to cut off an Irishman's leg, but before beginning the operation gave a long talk to the students on amputation. The Irishman lay on the operating table in full possession of his faculties, and as he listened to the discourse he grew whiter and whiter. Finally he jumped from the operating table, crying: 'Get me me breeches, be gob! I'll die with me leg on!' And with that he was out of the room.

"Dr. Sayre found him several days later with his knee badly swollen. The young doctor promptly cut open the knee, but saved the leg. One day he had no lint to bind the wound, so he used the tow stuffing sticking out of an old horsehair sofa. When he called again, he found the wound so much improved that he reasoned that tow dipped in Peruvian balsam would not only disinfect a wound, but would keep it free from pus.

"This was the foundation of one of the most satisfactory successes he ever had in surgery. It was the means of introducing into the army the use of tarred hemp, or oakum, as a dressing for wounds."

**Our Race For Money.**

"If it is not true that we Americans regard money making as the work for which life was given to us, why, when we have millions, do we go on struggling to make more millions and more?" writes "An American Mother" in The Ladies' Home Journal. "It is not so with the older races. The London tradesman at middle age shuts his shop, buys an acre in the suburbs and lives on a small income or spends the rest of his life in losing it in poultry or fancy gardening. The German or Frenchman seldom works when past 60. He gives his last years to some study or hobby—music, a microscope, or it may be dominos. You meet him and his wife, jolly, shrewd, intelligent, jogging all over Europe, Baedeker in hand. They tell you they 'have a curiosity to see this fine world before they go out of it.'"

**A Blessing.**

Dr. Conan Doyle tells this story of a Boer and an English soldier who lay wounded side by side on the field of battle: "They had a personal encounter, in which the soldier received a bullet wound and the burgher a bayonet thrust before they both fell exhausted on the field. The Britisher gave the Boer a drink out of his flask, and the burgher, not to be outdone in courtesy, handed a piece of biltong in exchange. In the evening, when their respective ambulances came to carry them off to the hospital, they exchanged friendly greetings. 'Goodby, mate,' said the soldier. 'What a blessing it is we met each other!'"

**A Fetching Compliment.**

She was not from Chicago.

"Do not anger me," she said.

"How am I to know when you are angry?" he asked.

"I always stamp my feet," she answered.

He looked down at her dainty shoes.

"Impossible," he said. "There isn't room for a stamp on either of them."

That fetched her.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

**Pat's Retort.**

An Irishman passing a store in London saw nothing inside but a man at a table. The thing struck him as being very odd, so he went in and inquired what was sold there. "Asses' heads," said the man at the table. "They must be in great demand," said Pat, "for I see you have only your own left."

**A Drawback to Amity.**

Judge—Well, Mrs. Jopps, what fault have you to find with your husband?

Mrs. Jopps—Now, jedge, it's this way: He's awful good an kind, but he's so pesky unfinanshul.—Detroit Free Press.

the first machine and feed 18,000 pairs of trousers through it? You can, of course. You will be ready, and I can depend on you. Shall I speak to some bank about your opening an account?"

"If—if—you could pay"—

"You'll get your first month's salary in advance, and if you want to use half a million I can lend you the cash. That's all, except that we'll shake hands again. You will excuse me, I know, but I've got to go out for an hour or two. Call again. See you later. Don't fail me."

The grand promoter put on his hat and overcoat and left the office. The tailor had come for that dollar. He took a chair to wait. The fire was low and the room was cold, and in an hour his teeth were chattering. He stood it for another hour, and then he rose up and softly tiptoed out and went down stairs. At the foot of the stairs he met a man who queried:

"Do you know if that old deadbeat Major Crofoot is up stairs?"

"He vhas gone out," was the reply.

"Have you been trying to collect a bill?"

"Yes."

"And how did you come out?"

"I vhas put into dot Great American Steam Trousers Creaser und creased all over 18,000 pairs a day, und now I vhas glad to go home mit my life und let dot bill go. Shake hands. I congratulate you!" M. QUAD.

## A WOMAN'S STRATEGY.

**She Found a Way to Quicken a Laggard Lover to Action.**

After the athletic young man, resting lazily in an easy chair, had studied the ceiling at which he was blowing smoke he replied to the pretty sister who had twice asked him the same question:

"Bess, you know I don't care the turn of my hand for women. I'm saturated with what the politicians call apathy. Of course I remember the Georgia girl that visited us last summer. She was a magnificent creature to look at, but I'll warrant she is just like the rest of them. I paid her some attention for your sake, little one, but really I had to think twice before recalling her. Her name was Molly, wasn't it?"

"Tab Twing writes me of a report that Molly is going to marry Captain Howker of the army. You know him," and the sister took observations from the corner of one eye.

"What, that chump? The infernal feather headed flirt and egotistical ignoramus! What right has a conceited puppy like that to marry a woman like her, to drag her from garrison to camp and from camp to garrison? Don't her family know enough to prevent it? Good heavens, Bess, you have influence with her! Why don't you interfere?"

"And get snubbed for my pains? I guess not! But you seem agitated about the matter, my dear boy."

"No; it's not that, Bess." Yet she could see the blush on the back of his neck as he looked out the window. "I'm ill. I've felt it coming on for several weeks. The truth is that the doctor says I must go south for awhile," and he never hesitated at this whopper, and she was gushing in her hypocritical sympathy. "It's a confounded nuisance, but I'll start tonight!"

Within 15 minutes she sent this: "Darling Molly, he's coming. I told you I'd find a way to stir him up."—Detroit Free Press.

**When the Chief Cook Leaves.**

The importance of a chief cook becomes evident when the time for his departure arrives. One day last week the proprietor of a popular restaurant on Fifth avenue decided for reasons of his own to part with the services of the man who had for some years looked after his kitchen. The chef retired and with him more than 20 of his assistants. This number included his assistant cooks and every man in the kitchen, even to the unimportant functionary who presides over the refrigerators. This exodus did not surprise the proprietor.

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This manner of employment exists in all the large restaurants, where the head cook is absolute master in the kitchen and controls all the branches of his department down to the most unimportant. He is held responsible on this ground for all that may happen under his direction even if he was not personally concerned in the matter.—New York Sun.

**Evolution.**

Johnny was spelling his way through a marriage notice in the morning paper.

"At high noon," he read, "the clergyman took his stand beneath the floral bell, and to the music of the wedding march the contradicting parties moved down the"—

"Not 'contradicting,' Johnny," interrupted his elder sister, "'contracting.'"

"Well," stoutly contended Johnny, "they'll be contradicting parties after awhile."—Youth's Companion.

**A Prominent Chicago Woman Speaks.**

Prof. Roxa Tyler, of Chicago, Vice-President Illinois Woman's Alliance, in speaking of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, says: "I suffered with a severe cold this winter which threatened to run into pneumonia. I tried different remedies but I seemed to grow worse and the medicine upset my stomach. A friend advised me to try Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and I found it was pleasant to take and it relieved me at once. I am now entirely recovered, saved a doctor's bill, time and suffering, and I will never be without this splendid medicine again." For sale by M. A. Toulson, druggist.

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