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Of course he desisted at once, as young men generally do under such circumstances, but he was not embarrassed—not a bit.

The young lady's sister said, "Excuse me," and started to leave the room, when his resourceful mind began to work. He felt that he ought to say something and say it right away.

"Don't go," he said; "we've just been measuring to see which one is the taller."

She paused in the doorway and looked at them intently.

"You're both about the same height," she said quietly, "but sister is much the redder."

Then she went out, and he was embarrassed—just a little.—New York Times.

SLEEPY WASHINGTON.

The Home Bound After Theater Crowd in the Capital.

"There is one peculiarity of Washington I have noticed," said a traveling man at an uptown hotel, "and that is the absence of after theater crowds on the streets and in the cafes. In many big cities the hours from 11 to 12:30 o'clock are among the gayest of the day, the streets are thronged with people hurrying to the cafes for a bite and a sup and emerging afterward to stroll slowly home or to the cars.

"These midnight cafe crowds are jolly folks. They seem to be less restrained than at other hours of the day, when bent upon the same mission of eating. Perhaps it is the music and the lights and the Bohemian atmosphere suggested by the midnight hour. I will not deny that it is in a measure demoralizing. I am sure I would not want my two sisters of eighteen and twenty years to be in the crowd.

"I notice in Washington that as soon as the theaters 'let out' the people make a break for home. They are anxious to get the first car that comes along and won't wait a moment, but would rather hang to a strap.

"Washington is a frightfully dull place at night. I hate to get hung up here overnight. But I suppose it's a good thing for the young folks that the town is a little slow."—Washington Star.

WHISTLING JUGS.

Curious Relics of a Very Ancient Drinking Custom.

Whistling jugs are curious relics of a very ancient drinking custom. All the northern nations set great stress upon a man's power to take off his liquor without putting down the glass or beaker, and in Saxon graves old ale buckets have been found made without foot or stand, so that the drinker could not rest them upon the board until they were emptied.

But even after that was accomplished the hardy drinker was expected still to have breath to spare, and the whistling jugs, a comparatively modern invention, were intended to indicate this. Many of them were made by German silversmiths—though they are also to be seen in earthenware—during the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, and their form was such that when the contents of the jug had been imbibed a whistle was uncovered through which the drinker might blow if he were able.

The most advanced type of all had a little windmill besides the whistle, which worked a dial showing the power of the blow. Sometimes an ordinary whistle was laid on the table and won by the last tosspot who could get a sound from it.—Pearson's.

Rejected With Scorn.

A certain social organization called the Young Woman's club found itself in difficulties after the lapse of some twenty years. The "young" women were no longer rightly named. Mr. William H. Crane, the actor, was once consulted by some charming girls in regard to the name of their prospective club. Their object, they wrote, was the building of character. They wished that to be suggested in the title and also the fact that they were unmarried. Mr. Crane replied that he had a name for the club, "the Building and Lone association."

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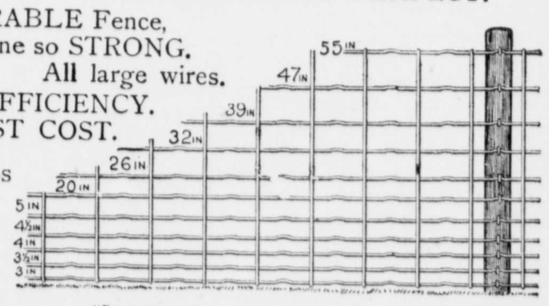

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