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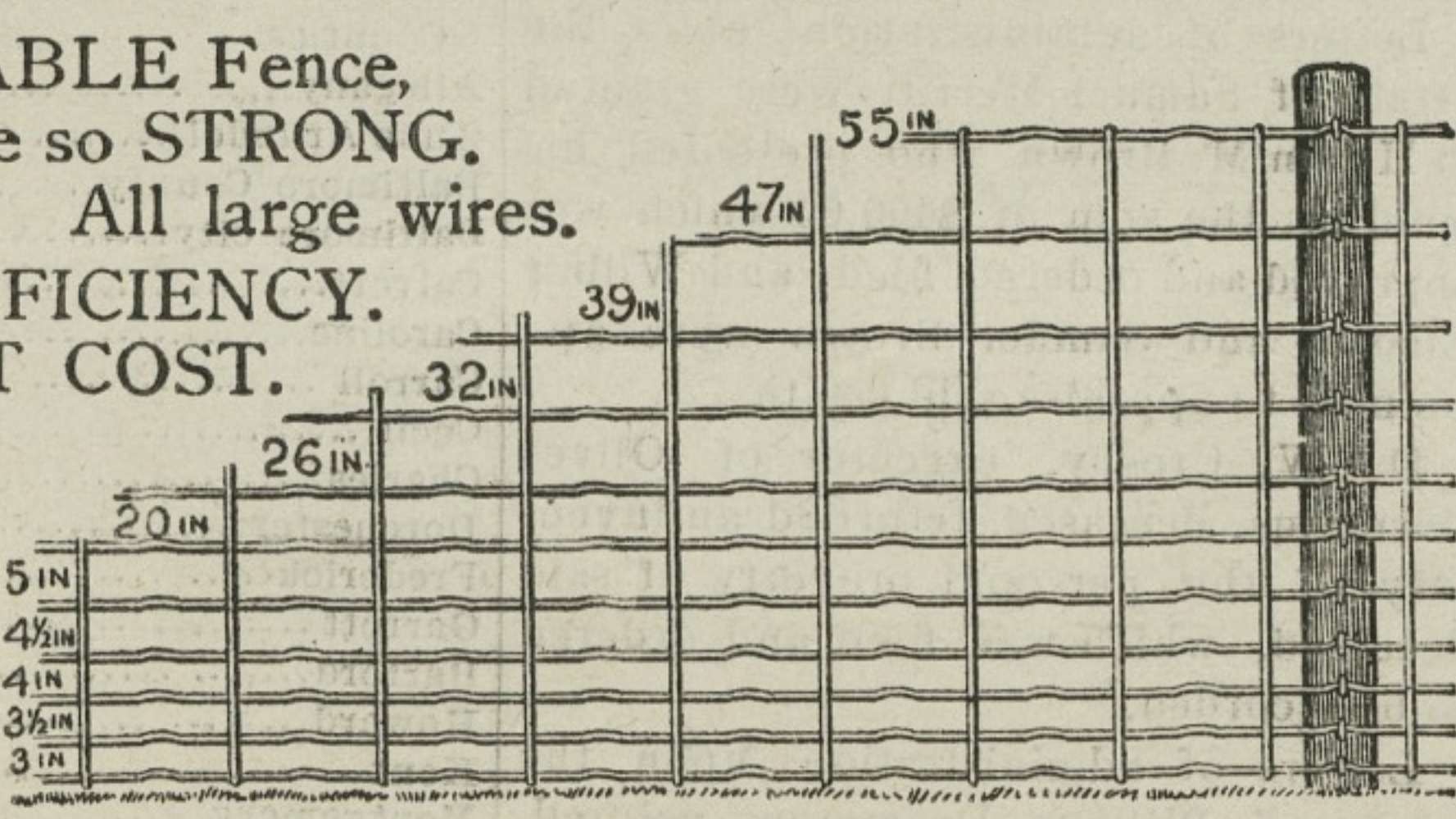
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A SERIO COMIC WEDDING.

"To me it is obvious that we are in an extremely unenviable position," said the hero as he looked sadly across the little hotel room at the soubrette.

"To commence with," remarked the juvenile, "the manager of the Dean Repertory company has skipped with the cash and left us with nothing but the knowledge that we probably never shall be able to draw the salary which has been due us for the last three weeks."

"Misfortune No. 2 consists in the deplorable fact that the proprietor of the Riggsville Palace hotel has confiscated all the baggage of the company and says he will hold it until our board bills are paid. Southern Indiana is many long and weary miles from Broadway, and our cash assets, as I have ascertained by trying to borrow money from each member of the company, amount in the aggregate to \$855 cents. Now, what are we to do? We have talent, but what is talent without makeup or wigs? We have plays, but what are plays without scenery or costumes?"

"We might start a dime museum and let you be the star freak," said the comedian, who had been aroused from a quiet nap by the juvenile's prattle.

"I rather fancy that museum idea," said the juvenile, assuming an air of meditation. "Now, here's a scheme. We'll put you on exhibition," he said, pointing to the comedian, "and then start a voting contest among the unmarried ladies of Riggsville. Votes cost 10 cents, and the lady receiving the most votes would be publicly married to you in the hotel parlors next Saturday night. We would charge 50 cents admission to witness the ceremony, and—who knows?—perhaps you might bring eighty or ninety dollars."

"I'm not a bigamist," said the comedian in his most dignified manner, "and even if I were not married I certainly should refuse to spend the rest of my days in the town of Riggsville."

"You don't appreciate the glories of self-sacrifice," the juvenile remarked sadly. "Now, we would give you a fine sendoff. We would borrow those costumes we used in 'Don Caesar' from the landlord and arrange a genuine eighteenth century wedding."

"We'll talk nonsense later," growled the heavy. "I hear the dinner bell ringing. Let us eat while we may."

In a short time the little room was deserted save for the hero and the soubrette, who had professed to have no appetite. They looked mournfully at each other for several minutes before the silence was broken.

"I'd like to wring Dean's neck," was the hero's savage remark. "I wouldn't mind it so much if he owed me only my back salary, but to get me to lend him that \$200 I'd saved for our marriage and then run away with it!" He put his head in his hands and looked the very picture of theatrical despair.

"Don't worry, dear," said the girl. "Perhaps we will think of some scheme which will help us all out of the trouble. I may be thinking of one now for all you know." This was said timidly and with an appealing glance at the hero.

"I'm almost afraid to tell you," the soubrette went on rapidly. "And, anyway, it isn't my scheme altogether. I hope that you won't think that I am unwomanly to think of it, but what do we care for these Riggsville people? They never would see us again, and it probably would take us back to New York, and we could be so happy together."

"When you get ready to divulge this scheme of yours, you will give me my cue to listen, won't you?" said the hero sarcastically.

"It's just this, dear." The girl turned her head so that he could not see her face. "You heard them joking about the wedding and all that. Will you do it?"

"Do you mean that you will cheerfully abandon your claim and sacrifice me to the elderly maiden ladies of Riggsville at 10 cents a vote?" asked the hero, with the same sarcastic intonation.

"Don't be stupid," said the girl. "But why should we wait until next season before we are married? Why not now? Why not?" She stopped, looked up at him doubtfully and then hesitated.

"Why should we not arrange our marriage as he suggested? We might make it a regular theatrical eighteenth century wedding and have the rest of the company in fancy dress. To these people we would be playing a comedy with a serious climax, but to us, dear, it would be a real romance and none the less sacred were the whole world gazing at us. It does seem to me that it would go," she added thoughtfully.

"The hero sighed. 'I don't know that I am so much opposed to it. As you say, it would be none the less sacred to us. Why not allow these county bumpkins the privilege of paying

50 cents apiece to see a fancy dress wedding. Society people pay admission fees for the weddings they attend, only they use salad forks and olive dishes instead of half dollars. I really think the price is too low.'

"Perhaps it is, considering that this is positively our last joint appearance in this act," said the soubrette, who recovered her spirits easily.

The two were soon busy planning the details of their scheme, and when the other members of the company returned to the room the plan was unfolded.

"Hooray for your pluck and hooray for me for thinking up such a brilliant scheme!" said the juvenile enthusiastically. "I shall be the manager, of course. I've got most of my plans made already." The juvenile took out his notebook, pulled his chair to the center of the room and assumed an important air.

"I shall now cast the piece. In addition to my duties as manager, I shall also play the second lead as best man. You," he said, pointing to the old man, "will play the father part and give the bride away, and your wife shall be the matron of honor. The best I can do for you two," indicating the comedian and the heavy, "is to make you ushers. But you will have plenty of good business before the play begins, and you will be in the front of the chorus during the ceremony."

The comedian growled and the heavy looked somewhat disappointed, but they consented to do whatever might be required of them.

It would take far too long to describe in detail the herculean labors of the juvenile during the following three days. It would ruin his reputation were it to be told how he succeeded in convincing the editor of the Riggsville Palladium that the hero and the soubrette were really New York aristocrats who had given up society for the stage. But it was useful

in securing free advertising, and the juvenile's conscience was elastic. His persuasive eloquence had such influence on the hotel clerk and the hostler that they agreed to don fancy costumes and stand with crossed halberds at the door to take tickets. Even the local justice of the peace promised to perform the ceremony in monk's cowl and gown when the juvenile hinted, with a knowing wink, that when the justice went to New York on a little trip he would be able to take him behind the scenes and show him the sights. In fact, the juvenile was indefatigable.

The wedding was truly a gorgeous affair. With the gaudy perforated paper which was placed around the dining room to attract flies during the summer the landlord created a wonderful canopy, under which the bride and groom were placed, while the Fourth of July decorations of the Riggsville Palace hotel lent a patriotic if somewhat incongruous aspect. The hero was a particularly striking bridegroom when he appeared in his wine colored doublet and hose, blue trunk and bejeweled sword. The Riggsvillians gazed with respectful wonder at the Elizabethan ruff which was the most conspicuous figure of the bride's costume, and they are still wondering if eighteenth century brides always wore skirts which reached only to their knees. Then it was all over, the juvenile said as he congratulated the groom:

"It was a tremendous bit, old man. We had em standing up, and we're \$112 to the good. The railroad agent will give us tickets to New York, for \$84, theatrical rates, and when we get there we're going to spend what's left on the swellest wedding breakfast that we can buy."

It would be much more pleasant and perhaps more interesting were it possible to state truthfully that the hero and the soubrette have since become so successful that they are now numbered among the great ones of the stage, but it must be admitted that the hero is at present doing vaudeville "stunts" for a moderate salary, while the soubrette is educating her youngest son. But they are very happy.

Misunderstood.

She was describing the wedding to her aunt from the country.

"You see," she said, "the groom"—
"The groom!" exclaimed the aunt.
"What was the groom doing in the church?"

"Why he had to be there so that she could marry him, of course."
"Married the groom!" exclaimed the aunt, who associated the word only with horses. "Heavens! That's worse than marrying the coachman!"—Chicago Post.

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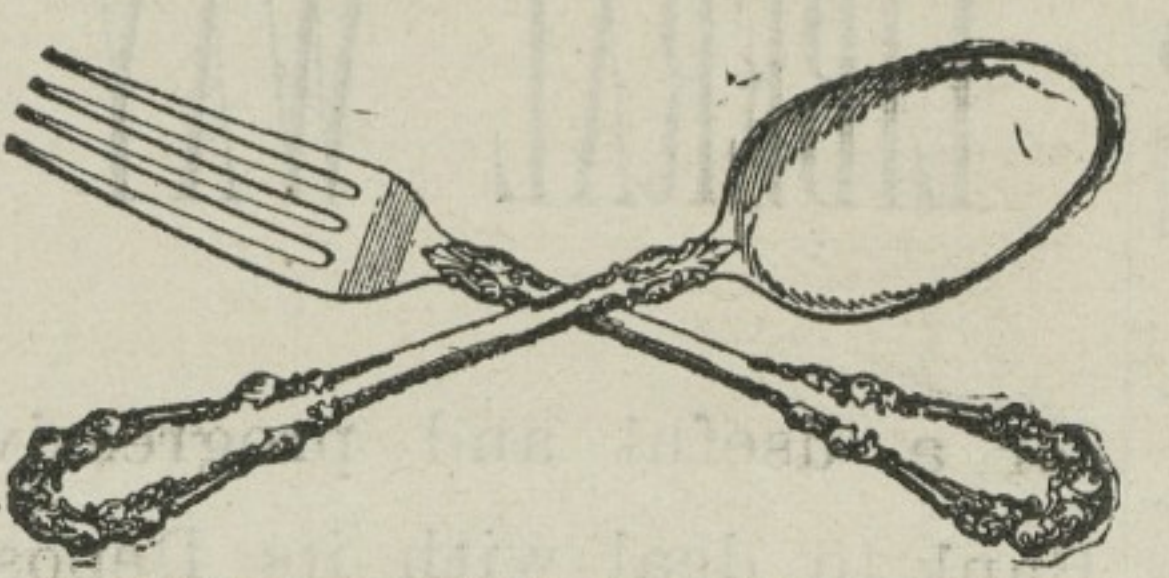
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Town Ordinance No. 46.

(PASSED MARCH 24, 1883.)

In view of the prevalence of Small Pox in the town and the necessity for the enforcement of proper means to protect the inhabitants from danger from contact with those who have suffered from or been in contact with said disease, we recommend parents to have their children and other inmates of their houses immediately vaccinated.

All persons unable to pay the fee for vaccination may apply to any of the physicians of the town, and the Commissioners of Chestertown will be responsible for fees.

Be it therefore ordained and enacted by the Commissioners of Chestertown, that whenever Small Pox, Varioloid or other dangerous infectious disease shall prevail in Chestertown, and there shall be no suitable hospital or place for the reception of those persons affected with such disease; or when there may be such hospital and it shall not be sufficient for the accommodation of those effected; or for any other reason in the discretion of the Commissioners it may be thought best not to send such sick to such hospital, then the Health Officer of the town, or if there be no health officer, then the physician in charge of such case (who shall for such purpose be deemed a health officer) shall take or direct such measures in regard to the members of the family of the sick person or persons, and in regard to the other inmates of the house where such sick person or persons shall be as in his opinion may be necessary to disinfect them and to prevent their propagation of the disease, and to this end he may establish such reasonable quarantine as he may deem necessary against said house and the inmates thereof; and it shall be the duty of the Health Officer to enforce the observance of such quarantine when the same shall be duly certified to the Commissioners by such Health Officer or Physician; and any person publicly exposing himself or herself in violation of said quarantine shall be subject to a fine of Fifty Dollars for each offence. And all persons so offending shall be forthwith arrested and taken before some Justice of the Peace, and upon nonpayment of such fine, such offender shall be committed to the Public Prison of Kent County until discharged by due process of law.

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