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THE LADY AND THE PLUMBER

How Justice Was Administered In a Japanese Court.

One day a lady passing along a street in Tokyo where a plumber was fixing a waterspout received a sprinkle of melted solder on her dress. She turned upon the poor man like a fury, declaring that the dress was ruined, that she had just received it from its maker, that it was worth \$100 and demanding that he pay the amount at once.

The plumber, who probably had never possessed half the amount in his life was very much chagrined. He explained that his ladie had slipped and the injury to the dress was entirely unintentional.

"That has nothing to do with the matter. You ruined my dress, and you shall pay for it. I think I know the law well enough to be sure of my position."

"But I have not the money to pay."

"Then you shall go to jail."

"But, my noble lady, consider my wife and children. While I am in jail they will starve."

"I have nothing to do with your wife and children. I buy a new dress; you ruin it; I must have the cost, and you must pay it. The misfortune is yours."

"I'll pay you a dollar a week," he said piteously, "till all is paid."

"That would take two years. No, I must have my money now. Since you will not pay, you shall go before the justice. He will find out whether you have the money."

With that she called a policeman and had the plumber taken before a justice. The court was in session, and after waiting awhile the lady secured a hearing. She told her side of the case. The plumber admitted that, through an accident which occurred while the lady was passing, her dress had been injured by his solder. He declared that he would pay in time, but he could not pay at once.

"It all rests with the plaintiff," said the judge. "You have ruined her dress and must pay the damage. This is the law. It rests with her whether she lets you off from immediate payment."

"I demand my money and at once," said the lady.

"You hear," said the judge. "You must pay the money or go to jail."

"Then I must go to jail," said the plumber, giving way to grief, "and my poor little ones—what will become of them?"

At this point a man in the garb of a merchant arose and said:

"If the plaintiff only wishes to receive the amount representing the damage to the garment I will pay it."

"My dress is ruined," said the woman. "I must have all it cost—a hundred dollars."

"The law gives you that, I believe."

"And at once."

"That is also the law."

Taking from his wallet a hundred dollars, the merchant gave it to the lady. She took it greedily and, having got all she wanted, was turning to leave the court when the merchant said:

"Having paid the full value of your garment, it is mine."

"Certainly. You can have it as soon as I get home."

"That is not the law. It gave you the amount of the damages at once, and it gives me the dress at once."

"What! Do you expect me to give it to you here before all these people?"

"I certainly do."

"Judge," said the woman, "I appeal to you. Does the law require me to make a public spectacle of myself?"

"It gives your garment to its owner at once."

"I'll not take it off till I get home," said the lady spitefully, "and I would like to see any one try to take it off me by force."

"No one will do that," said the judge.

"If you do not deliver it at once you must go to jail."

The woman stood stupefied.

"Take back your money," she said to the merchant.

"I want my dress."

"I'll buy it back for twice what I paid for it."

"The offer is not accepted."

"Two hundred, three hundred, four hundred, five hundred."

"As for myself," said the merchant, "I would not sell the dress for any sum, but since this plumber is in need of money I will take what you offer and pay it to him."

The lady, who had plenty of money, sent for the amount to be paid and when it came gave it to the merchant, who handed it to the plumber. The poor man was quite beside himself at the sudden turn the affair had taken. The sum was more than he would earn in a year.

"Good day, madam," said the merchant.

She cast a spiteful glance at him and was suddenly struck dumb. He had dropped the merchant's robe, and in the richly embroidered apparel beneath she recognized the son of the mikado and heir apparent to the throne. Like the good Caliph Haroun-al-Raschid, who was accustomed to go about among the citizens of Bagdad to discover their requirements, this prince frequently mingled incognito with the citizens of Tokyo. He was especially interested in the courts, which are most important to the welfare of any people.

Turning to an attendant, the prince said loud enough for all to hear, "Strike the name of this lady from the list of those who are received at court."

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Gypsies at Roseburg.

Roseburg, Or., May 15.—Eleven motor-car loads of gypsies, the old covered wagon and jaded horse brand of wanderers, are camped two miles south of Roseburg, under the surveillance of the sheriff. Sixty or 70 individuals make up the party. Since horse-trading is not now the professional business of these wanderers who travel in autos and police supervision has abolished all the open fortune telling, it is a mystery how these people pay their repair bills, buy their tires and motive power, and pay their living expenses.

Missed Her Chance

A little girl about six years old was visiting friends. During the course of the conversation one of them remarked:

"I hear you have a new little sister."

"Yes," answered the little girl, just two weeks old.

"Did you want it to be a little girl?"

"No, I wanted it to be a boy," she replied, "but it came while I was at school."—Western Christian Advocate.

Particular

Grandma—"He'd make you a model husband."

Elsie—"Last years model' grandma!"—Judge.

Others Like Her

Parson—"Do you, Liza, take Rastus for bettah or for wuss?"

Bride—"Well, if Ah got to tell the truth, pahson, Ah'm takin him 'cause he's de fust man what evah axed me."—Boston Transcript.

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PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. A. E. Ivanhoe went to Elgin this morning to be a guest at a banquet served by the domestic science department of the Elgin schools to the school board and Mrs. Ivanhoe.

Mr. and Mrs. George Palmer left this morning for Portland on a brief business and pleasure trip.

Dr. H. W. Riley is transacting professional business in Palmer Junction today.

Chas. McCrary went to Pendleton today to fetch a new automobile over the hill. He made the journey to Pendleton by rail.

Mrs. Thomas Peach was called to Wallowa this morning by the illness of her grandmother. She and Mr. Peach recently arrived from California and Mr. Peach is now employed at the City Grocery & Bakery, where he learned the grocery business a few years ago.

Norman Stoddard went to Palmer Junction this morning to look after some mechanical affairs for the Perry Lumber company.

Mrs. M. McMurray left today for Gooding, Idaho, where she will spend the Summer with her husband who

has purchased a ranch four miles from Gooding.

Mrs. Wilkinson of South La Grande has received a letter from Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Williamson who are on their way to the east, he to attend the Presbyterian general presbytery, and she as a delegate to the national convention of Federated Women's clubs. They were then at the home of Mr. and Mrs. August Stang in Merrill, Wis., and were leaving for Chicago from where they will continue their journey. They report a splendid trip all the way.

Fred Scott, former business man of La Grande and a visitor here the past few days, returned on the noon train to his home in Durkee.

O. T. Galloway is up from Portland on a visit for a few days after an absence of seven years.

Warren Chandler got home today from Portland where he marketed a shipment of hogs, for which he received a substantial price.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Parsons came up from Elgin this morning. The principal object was to have a consultation with Dr. Rockey who is in La Grande from Portland today.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Ford left today for Colorado. They will make their future home near Denver.

NEWS OF THE SICK.

Henderson Clark of South La Grande was operated upon at the Grande Ronde hospital today. Dr. Rockey, a Portland specialist, was called to the city to assist in the surgery.

Lee Owsley is at the Grande Ronde hospital today suffering with an extremely bad break, suffered in a run-away yesterday afternoon. Both bones are broken in the ankle and the break will be a long time in healing. The trouble is exceptionally severe.

Mr. Owsley was breaking some new ground with a walking plow and while going down a sharp incline, his team shied at a coat hanging on a post. In his effort to stop the plunging steeds, he seemingly turned an ankle, snapping both bones. Dr. M. K. Hall was called to treat the suffering man.

Ben W. Grandy, who has been very low for the past few days, is neither worse nor improved today, it is reported. Death is likely to occur at any hour it is said.

Frank Miller, of Cove, who was poisoned yesterday while scattering insect poison, is reported to be resting easily today.

Mrs. Frank Cleavenger, who has been ill, is reported recovering today.

Mrs. Chas. J. Aperule was operated on at the Grande Ronde hospital today for appendicitis.

DO YOU KNOW THAT

Light promotes cleanliness? A clean mouth is essential to good health?

Physical training in childhood is the foundation of adult health?

The U. S. Public Health Service issues publications on hygiene and sanitation for free distribution?

Isolation is the most efficient means of controlling leprosy?

Headache is Nature's warning that the human machine is running badly?

Bullets may kill thousands—flies tens of thousands?

Obesity means longevitiy?

Epicurean Dilemma

Miss Grace Taylor, the charming young hostess of Freedom, entertained most delightfully with a formal two-course dinner the other evening. Covers were laid for thirty-five and maple-sugar and pickles were served.—Ohio State Journal.

Paramount Pictures

TO-NIGHT
Fannie Ward
in
For The Defense
Last Time

WEDNESDAY
THURSDAY
Willard Mack
in
'ALOHA OE'

And
RAYMOND HITCHCOCK
in
"The Village Scandal"

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