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THE SOAP-PEDDLER'S WARNING.

And How It Was Interrupted by an Energetic Little Woman.

A fly-by-night peddler occupied the entire end of Edly and Market streets a few evenings ago and sold soap, says the San Francisco Examiner. His wares were not wanted to cure California fleas, nor yet to knock out Boston's flea collector, 'J. L. S.' But he claimed pretty nearly the entire earth for that soap of his; said that it could give a man a pointer on a horse; a sure cure for dandruff; tell the lucky number in the next lottery drawing, etc., besides removing spots, stains, and smut from the wearing apparel. He was a very voluble talker, and a nuisance as well. He churned out 'Sweet Violets' and 'The flowers that bloom in the Spring, ira-la-lu, on a 10-cent mouth harmonica, while he lathered his head with his soap and produced a foam which would have done credit to the storm-tossed ocean. Quite a crowd gathered around the fakir's wagon. The watchful police manipulate a pack of cards, draw a glass of sherry from a bottle of ink, untie fourteen knots from a silk handkerchief in two consecutive seconds, and draw a live rabbit from a nearby newsboy's ear.

'Now, gentlemen, you have seen all there is to be seen in the way of legend-mania. I'm no Heller, nor am I a Hermann. I'm a simple plain, three-cornered, old-fashioned, shal-lowed, country-cut soap peddler, and I attempt to extol the virtues of this highly-prized article, which babies cry for, mothers jump at, and fathers pay the small price of 15 cents to keep peace in the family. I would like to give you a word of warning. It's got nothing to do with the soap. Here it is, free, gratis for nothing, in just two little words—don't marry! Marriage, gen'tlemen, is the beginning an' end of all troubles. Like a young bear, when you once get married you get all your troubles ahead of you.

Just then a stout, energetic little woman, with light hair and blue eyes, pushed her way through the crowd. Her face was flaming red, her hands were clenched, and she was perfectly patent to the by-standers that there was trouble in store for somebody.

When the fakir caught sight of the woman he wilted. Not one word could he say. He blew out one of his gasoline torchlights in a feeble manner and attempted to draw reins on the sad-looking horse attached to his outfit.

The little woman elbowed her way right up to the wagon and seized the soap fakir by the coat-tails. She pulled him down from his seat to the sidewalk. He was as pale as a ghost, while the lit woman continued to be as red as a rose. She drew a cowhide from under her wrap and began to beat the fakir, clinging to him with her right hand gripped on his coat-collar.

'J-o-oh,' she gasped between blows, 'you m-miserable, o-ontemptible s-s-specimen of a man, you deserve to die, didn't you? You left me to starve in Los Angeles. (Wretched!) You told me you came from back east. (Thump!) You swore you had lots of money. (Swash!) You didn't have a bean, and I don't believe you ever will have one. (Biff!) But I want you to understand that I'm a California woman, I am, and I never forget a man who does me dirt. I washed, and cooked, and worked for you, and you know it. You married me, and you left me when you got tired of me. I never want to see your face again, but I've been waiting six months to give you what you're getting right now.'

'There, you ugly, deceitful wretch!' 'There' meant a lash in the face, which made the soap-peddler yelp with pain. The crowd howled its approval of the woman's action. The woman herself disappeared among the throng on Market street. The bruised and battered soap-peddler blew out his remaining torch, slouched up his antiquated steed, and cautiously stole away.

Plumbing in Old Rome.

Recent investigations in Rome show that the ancient plumbers of the Eternal city were obliged to be very particular with their work. There have been unearthed great quantities of lead water pipe, each plainly stamped with the name of the owner of the house, the year of the plumbing, the name of the consultants for that year, and that of the reigning emperor.

A West Virginia man has patented an invention for marking houses without the use of nails.

COAST NEWS.

Corvallis Mining Property Purchased by a Portland Syndicate.

CANNERIES AT SALEM AND ALBANY.

Marble Discovery at Little Dalles.—Jefferson Mills to be Reopened.

A new wharf costing \$75,000 is being built at Fairhaven.

The electric street cars have commenced running at Salem.

The road from Tillamook to North Yamhill is now clear of snow and can be crossed by teams.

The New Whatcom city council donated \$500 to the fire department for suits for the men.

Frank Carroll, a native of New York, has been admitted to Albany and committed to the asylum.

Douglas county is to have three new cells in its jail. They are to be ready by August 1 and will cost \$5,000.

The Nookack Indians are said to own in severalty some of the very finest lands in the valley of the Nookack.

The starch factory proposition made by Tacoma men to the Albany Board of Trade has been rejected by that body.

The Albany city council has forwarded to congress memorial for the right to bridge the Willamette river at that city.

The bunch grass everywhere on the range reminds the old settler of many long years ago, it is so abundant this spring.

The work of building the new steam boat for the upper Snake river has been delayed by difficulty in securing necessary material.

Work on the motor line between Independence and Monmouth is progressing favorably. The line will be in operation by the first of July.

The Old Dominion mine has an 800-foot tunnel on the 300-foot level. The report received by the owners is that the result is most satisfactory to all.

A Seattle cable car ran into a delivery wagon