

## FAR FROM IT.

Mr. BILLUS (looking over his morning paper)—Poor Gringo! His wife—

Mrs. BILLUS (greatly moved)—John, is Mrs. Gringo—has she joined the silent majority?

Mr. BILLUS—The silent majority! She's going to entertain the Band of Hope Sewing Circle all day to-morrow.—*Chicago Tribune.*

## FLORA ODORIFERA.

"Mercy, John, the carpet must be on fire somewhere!"

"Oh, no. That odor comes from one of those cigars you gave me. Your brother is smoking it in the next room."—*Puck.*

"Last Monday morning," he began, in a solemn voice, "last Monday morning I stopped here and ordered a large list of groceries. To-day is Thursday and they have not come up yet."

"They haven't? Oh, yes; I remember now," replied the grocer.

"What's the excuse?"

"You are owing us \$40, and we can fill no further order until that is paid."

"Is that it?"

"It is."

"Then it's all right. I didn't know but one of your horses was sick, a wagon smashed up, forgetful clerk, or something of that sort. That makes it all right."—*Evening Transcript.*

## FIRES ARE RAGING EVERYWHERE.

FIRST SMALL BOY—We had a fire at our house last night.

SECOND SMALL BOY—That so?

FIRST SMALL BOY—Yes. Pa fired sister's beau.—*Boston Courier.*

Sam Johnsing, a colored citizen of Austin, returned to that city after an absence of a few weeks in the country. After he had got back he was asking Uncle Mose how his negro acquaintances were coming on, and among others Jim Webster, who was noted for his suziness.

"Didn't yer meet a funeral when yer was coming inter town?" queried Uncle Mose.

"Yes, I seed dat funeral."

"Huh! Dem was Jim Webster's obsequious, dey was."

"I moult hab knowed hit. Dat ain' de lust time dat niggah snubbed me on de streets widout lettin' on dat he seed me."—*Texas Siftings.*

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