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## A DOMESTIC FARCE

(Original.)

"But we have been married only five weeks, one week more than the honeymoon."

"It doesn't matter if we have been married only five minutes. I am resolved not to live another day with a man who will treat me so abominably."

"I treat you?"

"It is useless for you to protest. I listened to your deceitful words during the period of our engagement to find out now, when it is too late, what you are."

"But what are you going to do—get a divorce?"

"No," after reflection; "I shall not give you an opportunity to marry some other woman whom you will deceive as you have deceived me. I shall go abroad with my mother and leave you here. You can give out that I have gone for my health. Later it may be known that we have separated forever."

"Forever?"

"Yes, and if I find some one suited to my mind perhaps in time I may get a divorce from you and marry again."

"Very well, since you are determined to leave me, since you will not listen to reason?"

"Reason! Is there reason in suffering a lifelong torture? Not I. I shall nip it in the bud." She snapped her fingers viciously.

"I see argument is useless. I think if we must part your plan is a wise one. It will avoid a social shock. Besides, people will say that you left me, not I you."

"Certainly. Do you think I would have them infer that I permitted myself to be deserted?"

"True. Your head is always level. That's one of the features that won my heart—your level head. I shall remain in this house. I must have some one to manage my household affairs. Let me see. I wonder if Mrs. Ruston would consent to be my housekeeper?"

"Who is Mrs. Ruston?"

"A widow."

"An old woman?"

"Not unless you call twenty-five old."

"H'm! Do you propose to set people talking from the start?"

"Oh, no! Mrs. Ruston is not pretty. The world knows from my having married you that I must have beauty."

"I should wish to"—She stopped short. "After all, it is nothing to me whether she is beautiful or ugly."

"I have a box of my old photographs in the storeroom, and if I mistake not Lily Ruston's?"

"Lily Ruston! First it was Mrs. Ruston, now Lily Ruston. I suppose it will soon be 'dear Lily.'"

Without reply the husband left the room and presently returned with a photograph which he tossed on his wife's dressing case. She took it up and looked at it with a flush of anger.

"Do you suppose for one moment that I am going to leave you in this house with that bold looking thing?"

"Why not?"

"I have some regard for your good name even if you have made it impossible for me to live with you, and I don't propose to have it said that I was turned out of the house to make room for such a creature as that."

"I told you she was homely."

"You didn't tell me she was loud looking."

"There was an ominous silence that was broken by his wife.

"This is what I have come to—married to a man whose past, if I had only known it, doubtless foreshadowed that he would at any time turn me out of doors!"

"Turn you out of doors! Why, I thought you were going and wouldn't be induced to remain."

"—for one of his old associates whom he would bring into it, perfectly careless of the opinion of respectable people."

"What interest have you in my housekeeper?"

"I have this interest—people shall not say: 'Poor woman! To think that she should be sent away to make room for'—"

"Then you are not going?"

"Under the circumstances I am not."

"And Lily's services will not be required?"

"Most assuredly they will not."

"Well?"

"Well, I shall have Cynthia, the old black woman who occasionally does a day's work for me. She is a good cook and will satisfy that most important part of you, your stomach."

"And who will satisfy those diminutive parts, my head and heart?"

"You married a wife for that, but treated her so shamefully that she was obliged to leave you." She said this less angrily.

"It seems to me this is a matter for compromise. I want Lily Ruston for my housekeeper. You want me to have Cynthia. Now, what do you say to?"

"Oh, I dare say you have a large stock of old flames, any of whom would be brazen enough!"

"Hear me out. One of these flames I don't think you will have any objection to. And I admit with her I could pass the time delightfully. Stay; here is her photograph."

He took out his hunting watch, opened it and showed his wife her own picture in the case. She looked up at him, smiling through tears. He put his arm around her and kissed her.

"Who is that—thing?" she asked.

"What thing?"

She pointed to the photograph on his

**How to Warm Gold Plates.**  
Various departments of "household hints" have unaccountably neglected to tell how solid gold plates may be warmed for the meat courses at dinner.

This may be done in the right or the wrong way. The right way is exemplified at Castle Kilkenny. This is one of the oldest inhabited dwellings in the world, some of the rooms being 800 years old. Among its ancient treasures is a service of gold plate.

Besides the ordinary plate service, Castle Kilkenny has the whole series of gold cups used at coronation banquets down to the time of George IV. The gold of the service plates is almost without alloy, consequently very soft and easily marred. Hence the plates are warmed and presumably also washed after use by being dipped into hot water held by a pair of tongs whose tips have been muffled in chamols leather.

**Tickling the Debtors.**  
John Barrett was only twenty-seven years old when President Cleveland appointed him minister to Siam. The first important task which confronted the youthful envoy was to press a claim against the Siamese government for \$1,000,000. Experienced ambassadors warned him against using threats in obtaining the money. "Be cunning; avoid arrogance," they said.

"That is," responded Mr. Barrett, "you favor tickling with a straw to pricking with a bayonet."

The statesmen nodded assent.

When the young minister had finally succeeded in collecting the claim the ambassadors asked in astonishment, "How did you accomplish it?"

"By tickling," explained Barrett. "I had to tickle them almost to death, though, before they agreed to pay it."

**Coffee For the Inebriate.**  
A traveler has made the observation that coffee drinking people are very seldom given to drunkenness. In Brazil, for instance, where coffee is grown extensively and all the inhabitants drink it many times a day, intoxication is rarely seen. The effect is not only noticeable among the natives, but the foreigner who settles there, though possessed of ever such a passion for strong drink, gradually loses his liking for alcohol as he acquires the coffee drinking habit of the Brazilian.

**Found a Parallel.**  
An English country vicar discovered not long ago that one of his male servants was in the habit of stealing his potatoes. He mentioned the fact to his curate and asked advice.

"Well," replied the curate, "of course you must remember what the Bible says, 'If any man take away thy coat let him have thy cloak also.'"

"I see," mused the vicar. "Well, in this case, as the man takes my potatoes I'd better give him the sack!"

**Animals In Alcohol.**  
M. Grobaut, professor of physiology in Paris, in describing the effect of alcohol upon animals says that the successive stages of intoxication through which they pass are gaudy, sadness, solemnity and a supreme intoxication which ends in death. Rabbits are very curious when under the influence of liquor, and a drunken kangaroo is brutally aggressive.

**Averting the Evil.**  
Mildred (very superstitious)—Oh, dear, I would never have accepted you, Jack, if I had remembered it was Friday evening!

Jack—There's only one way to avert the evil omen, darling. We must very carefully kiss each other seven times at least every seven minutes during the first seventy minutes of our engagement.

**Jenkins Was Ignored.**  
William Pitt's last words are said to have been, "My country, oh, how I love my country!" Pitt's butler afterward said that the statesman's dying words were, "I hope the country will do something for Jenkins." The butler was Jenkins, but nobody accepted his testimony and the country certainly did nothing for Jenkins.

**Not an Authority.**  
There are some persons who can't take a joke, but Fogg is not one of them. One of the boys, acquainted with Fogg's frequent changes of abode, asked him which he thought was the cheaper, to move or to pay rent.

"I can't tell you, my dear boy," replied Fogg. "I have always moved."

**Economical.**  
Friend (to amateur artist)—I suppose you'll give up painting when you marry?

Amateur—Oh, no! It'll be so convenient and economical when we have to make wedding presents.

## Great Clearance Sale

**SALE ON Men's Pants.**

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## G. D. TROTTER, STAYTON, OREGON.

Tuesday morning, at about six o'clock, Mrs. Kate Preston had the misfortune to slip and fall on the back porch at her home, striking the back of her head on the floor. Her father, Uncle John Barnaby, hearing her fall, hastened to aid her, and found her in an unconscious condition, from which she did not fully recover for several hours. Dr. Kitchen was called, and gave medical assistance, and aside from a slight occasional pain in her head and hip, she is well as usual.

**Portland and Return Only \$2.75**

The Southern Pacific Co. is now selling round trip tickets to Portland from West Stayton for \$2.75, good going Saturday or Sunday, returning Sunday and Monday, giving all day Sunday and Monday in Portland. The same arrangement applies from Portland, giving Portland people a chance to visit Vally points at greatly reduced rates.

**A Prisoner in Her Own House.**  
Mrs. W. H. Layha, of 1001 Agnes Ave., Kansas City, Mo., has for several years been troubled with severe hoarseness and at times a hard cough, which she says, "Would keep me in doors for days. I was prescribed for by physicians with no noticeable results. A friend gave me a part of a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy with instructions to closely follow the directions and I wish to state that after the first day I could notice a decided change for the better, and at this time after using it for two weeks, have no hesitation in saying I realize that I am entirely cured." This remedy is on sale by Brewer Drug Co.

**Timber Land, Act June 3, 1878 -Notice for Publication.**  
United States Land Office, Oregon City, Ore. January 4, 1903.

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the states of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington territory," as extended to all the public land states by act of August 4, 1892, Daniel Reid, of Portland, county of Multnomah, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 6344 for the purchase of the SW quarter of Sec. No. 26 in Township No. 11 South Range No. 3 East and with offer proof to show that the land sought of more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Oregon City, Oregon, on Wednesday, the 23rd day of March, 1904.

He names as witnesses: Oliver Landingham, P. M. Sullivan, George J. Friche, and Fred Florey, all of Portland, Oregon.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 23rd day of March, 1904.

ALGERNON S. DRESSER, Register.

## Butted His Head

What would you think of a man who would stand and deliberately butt his head against a stone wall—you would probably say, "You foolish man, you are trying to kill yourself."

**Why Mud It**  
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\$5.00 men's 1st quality snag proof long legged plain edge soles gum boots .....\$4.00

\$3.20 men's 3/4 length hip gum boots, second quality .....\$2.85

\$3.50 men's knee snag proof gum boots, hoods or first quality with rolled edge .....\$2.93

\$3.50 men's hood or snag proof knee gum boots, plain edge .....\$2.93

\$1.65 women's gum boots, pebble tops .....\$1.30

**Sale Men's Underwear.**  
50c. men's heavy ribbed cotton fleece lined underwear, per garment .....38c.

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