

The Democrat.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1874.

"A BOLT ALWAYS IN ORDER." Squilla declares that his wife is always taking some kind of a mean advantage of him.

"Last Saturday at breakfast," said Squilla, "she was smiling as a bundle of chips."

"Are your boys home to your liking, Squilla, dear?" "Deliciously, my love."

"I broiled them myself, dear." "I knew it was going to be hot," said Squilla, "and when I got into the hall to leave, Mrs. Squilla was there with my hat in one hand and my overcoat in the other."

"Squilla, dear," she began. "I thought it time to pitch in here, I said Squilla, 'so I said quiet-ly.'"

"How much, Mrs. Squilla? Out with it, my love."

"Mr. Squilla," said she, "don't be unmanly, sir, I beg; not to say ridiculous. Gussy wants a silk dress to go to church in; the poor child isn't really decent—you are very sorry—well, so you ought to be—"

"Let her say her prayers at home. No, Mr. Squilla, she shan't stay at home, and she shan't say her prayers, and Mr. Squilla, you're enough to aggravate a saint, and your conduct is disgusting, and its enough to drive a woman to bolt right off to Chicago, and get a divorce."

"I thought this was a good time to fire off my pet jokes," said Squilla, "so I said, Mrs. Squilla, a bolt is always in order. Then I bolted myself, for Mrs. Squilla comes of a fighting family."

"When I went home at night, Gussy, dear child, played all my pet Offenbach music, and I knew I was in for the dress, only I wanted to hold out till morning, just for the look of the thing."

"For five years after we were married," said Squilla, "Mrs. S. would persist in looking under the bed for a man. It's the same man every woman looks for I suppose, because they all do it. Well, failing to find the man, Mrs. Squilla finally gave him up in disgust and took to something else."

"I suppose," said Squilla, "they all take to something else after they can't find the man under the bed. Mrs. Squilla weakness is in bolting the door. Mr. Squilla, have you bolted the door? It is always the last thing at night."

"This particular night," said Squilla, "Mrs. S. was very dignified and distant. No familiarities, Mr. Squilla, if you please, you wounded my feelings in their tenderest point this morning, and I cannot forget, though you did, that I am your wife, sir, and the mother of your children, Mr. Squilla."

"This was pitching in unaccountably strong, you know," said Squilla, "and I was about to surrender, when Mrs. Squilla turned off the gas, and then coiled herself up in a pet somewhere on the outside bed rail. Not even good night, Squilla. I felt pretty bad about it, I can tell you, but I went to sleep. I don't know how long I had slept, but some time, when I experienced a kick in the back as if a playful mule had been fanning me. Perhaps it was necessary, as I always sleep hard."

"Mr. Squilla," at last I heard Mrs. S. say, "Mr. Squilla, have you bolted the door?"

"Now I leave it to any man," said Squilla, appealingly "whether that is a correct thing for the mother of a family to do? Of course I got up and bolted the infernal door, and I said, 'Mrs. Squilla, why the deuce didn't you think of bolting the door, before I went to sleep, and not wake up a man in the middle of a cold night, to do it? And what do you suppose her answer was?'"

"What did I say? What could I say? And the worst of it all," said Squilla, "I'll be hanged if she wasn't laughing at me. I could feel the bed shaking."

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A Preceptor who had a bad cold occupied the "desk" so badly, that the minister whispered to him over the side of the pulpit—"What's the matter with you, John?" John whispered back—"That there was an unco kitten in the paup' 's haws."

"A kitting do ye eaw?" It sounds to me like an avid tam cat."

A gaudy appearing leader addressed an insulting remark to a lady of Troy, N. Y. She had a pair of yards in her hand, and answered his impudence with a dash of the lively liquid which covered him from head to foot. His friends now regard him as a rising young man.

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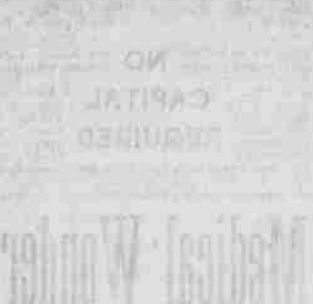
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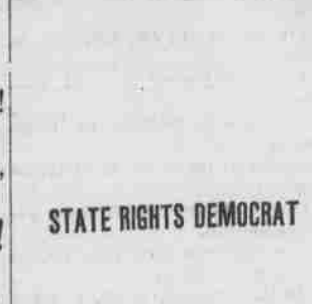
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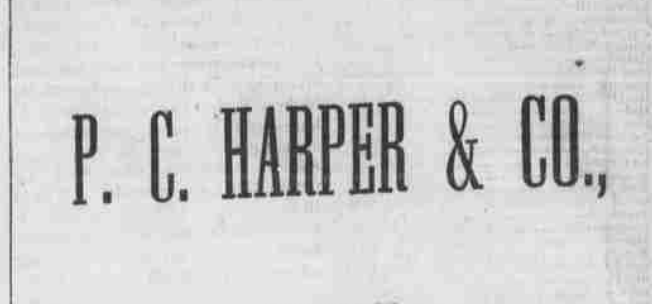
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