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## Mr. Bowser's Simple Life

He Reads Charles Wagner's Book and Becomes an Immediate Convert.

CUTS OUT RICH FARE.

Dines on Sage Tea and Bread and Milk, Stops Smoking and Dons Old Clothes, to Wife's Disgust.

[Copyright, 1905, by T. C. McClure.] RS. BOWSER had planned with the cook to get up an extra good dinner for Mr. Bowser and when he had eaten it to

suggest the theater, and she was ou the watch for him as he arrived home. She was boping that nothing might have occurred during the day to put him out, but he had scarcely opened the door when she saw that he was "off" about something.

"Is your cough worse?" she asked as she helped him off with his overcoat.

"No, dear," was his gentle reply. "And did you have any trouble with

anybody on the street car?" "Not the slightest,"

"You-you"-

"I am perfectly all right, dear, but

I will ask you to excuse me for a moment while I change my clothes. It won't take me long."

It wasn't snowing or raining, and she saw no reason for a change, but she said nothing and went down to the dining room to see that everything was cheerful there. In seven or eight



She will find a package of sage in my overcoat pocket. Mrs. Bowser looked at him in won-

der and perplexity, but she asked no further questions. The sage tea was prepared and the bread and milk placed on the table, but she did not touch either one. Mr. Bowser, however, ate and drank with seeming heartiness and enjoyment, speaking of the weather and other subjects in a very mild voice, and when he had concluded his meal he said;

"Mrs. Bowser, I do not wish to appear eccentric in your eyes, and if you will follow me up to the sitting room I shall be pleased to explain matters."

"I hope to gracious you will," she replied, "for I can't make out what has come over you. The idea of your preferring bread and milk to fried Maryland chicken!"

When they reached the sitting room he did not light his cigar, as usual, but in place of it chewed away at a piece of licorice for two or three minutes before saying:

"Today I was handed 'The Simple Life,' by Charles Wagner. Perhaps you have heard of it?" "Yes."

"It made an immediate impression on me. I saw that we had been wrong all these years, and within an hour I had determined upon reform."

"How have we been wrong?" asked Mrs. Bowser,

"In a hundred different ways, but principally in our extravagant way of living and dressing. We could have taken far more comfort had we lived on pork and beans and dressed in homespun."

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the weary and tired person.

"That's all nonsense! We have lived just like any other family with our in-

come. I was thinking it was about time you picked up another fad."

"My dear Mrs. Bowser, there is no call for strenuousness. We have made Press. a mistake there as well. Heretofore, when you have referred to my fads, I have turned red in the face and flourished my arms and shouted. Do you observe anything of the sort now? I by Dr. King's New Life Pills, you can am cool. I am calm. I am not using tell it by the bloom of health on the up my nerve force. Let me recommend you to adopt the same programme. Nothing whatever that you buoyancy of the mind. Try them. At can say will put me out of temper." "But what are you going to do?"

"Simply follow Mr. Wagner and live a simple, healthy life. In other words, am going to cut off all the frills and flounces."

"Are you going to give up smoking?" "I have already done so. It is simply a waste of money and a pernicious habit. After this I shall chew on a plece of licorice root or hold a clove in my mouth."

"And you are going to live on bread and milk and drink sage tea?"

"Not altogether. Sometimes we will have pudding and milk and now and then potatoes and codfish. It will be simple, healthy fare, however, and we shall both live the longer and be the healthier for it. I hope you will be with me in this matter, my dear."

"But I shan't. If you want to live a

the cat staring at each other and won-dering if he could be in earnest. He certainly was. Even when a crowd of had boys halled his advent on the street with a shower of snowballs he meekly and smilingly pursued his simple way in search of his simple breakfast. While he was purclasing it and explaining to the grocer that it was not food for heus or geese, but for a man who had dropped the mad whirl, Mrs. Bowser was saying to the cook:"Mr. Bowser wants some comment cooked in water for his breakfast. You can use most any kind of water and cook in any old dish, and if you throw won't complain. He's going to live a simple life after this." M. QUAD.

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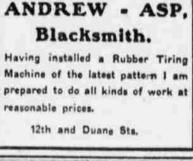
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minutes Mr. Bowser came down. He had changed into the oldest suit he could find-an old suit he put on now and then when he puttered about the cellar with hammer and saw. Before she could express her amazement he looked the table over, sniffed at the odor from the kitchen and said:

"My dear, if you will kindly remove what you have prepared for dinner I until it is prepared."

and you always love that."

of the best dishes, but kindly remove it."

"And I have baked sweet potatoes and corn fritters."

thank you very much, but if you will set them aside I will be much obliged." "You must be ill if you have lost

your appetite," she said as she looked at him,

"I am not ill, and I have not lost my appetite. Having set the things aside and the coffee with them, you may have the cook prepare us some sage tea and two bowls of bread and milk.

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