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## The Excuse

Made by many a man for taking a drink at the bar is that he needs a bracer. He feels weak, his stomach is "out of sorts" and liquor makes him "feel good." The "feeling man" who sits on a pin-leaves up with new energy, but no one would say that this energy was evidence of the strength giving power of a pin. So with the energy induced by liquor. They only appear the body men, but do not strengthen it.

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## BOWSER'S TEST CASE.

HE PUTS IN PRACTICE THE "NO SEAT, NO FARE" THEORY.

With a Result That He Might Have Foreseen if He Had Only Used a Little of His Extraordinary Common Sense.

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Mr. Bowser had been quietly reading his evening paper for half an hour, with the family cat rubbing against his legs at intervals, when he suddenly flung the paper down and exclaimed: "By George, but I wish I had been in that man's place with a revolver in my pocket!"

"What has happened?" asked Mrs. Bowser.

"Why, a man who couldn't get a seat on the street car refused to pay his fare and was chucked off by the conductor and had an arm broken."

"I shouldn't get excited over what happens to other folks," observed Mrs. Bowser as he picked up the paper and read the article over again.

"But I can't help it," he shouted as he got up and paced up and down and gestured as if hitting a punching bag. "I tell you the time has come when a freeborn American citizen seems to have lost all his personal rights. Look at the police. A respectable citizen is standing on the corner waiting for his car, and a blue coated minion comes up and orders him to move on. He protests, of course, and he gets a whack on the head which sends him to the hospital."

"But no policeman has ever whacked you."

"No, and it is well they haven't. If I am ever struck with a club, I'll make this whole state slink from center to circumference before I drop the matter. Here's an account of a citizen who starts for the nearest drug store for medicine. Four scoundrels hold him up and rob and thump him, but no arrests are made. It is no longer safe to walk the streets at night. By

as he putted himself on the breast. "Yes, sir; I'll take the lead in a movement that will become worldwide in a month from this. I've been thinking of it for the last three months, and now my mind is fully made up. I don't mean to pose as a reformer, but I'll do battle for the rights of the people."

"I shouldn't raise any fuss in public and make myself ridiculous. I think most people are able to look out for their own rights."

"I beg to differ with you. The people of this country have been clubbed, run over and walked into the earth until they have no grit left. You'll see how quickly they'll rally, however, when they have a leader. I may be back in an hour or not for a day or two."

"But you are not going out tonight!" protested Mrs. Bowser as he put on his hat.

"I am going right out and make a test case." "We can't begin this crusade too soon. We will see if the conductor of an overcrowded car will chuck me off and break my arm because I refuse to pay fare without a seat."

"He begged and entreated, and the cat came out into the hall and growled in a sorrowful way, but Mr. Bowser was firm. He had scarcely walked half a block after leaving the house when he came across a couple of hard looking men leaning up against a fence. They were doubtless waiting to hold up some citizen—some citizen who didn't look as if he could take care of himself. Beyond them on the corner was a policeman flirting with a nurse-girl who had been sent out for paragonie, and he walked up to the officer and said:

"Is this what the taxpayers of this town pay you for? Do you spend your time chinning nurse-girls when foot-pads are doing business under your nose?"

"What do you mean by such talk!" demanded the officer as the girl took to her heels.

"I mean that if you don't attend to the business you are paid to look after you won't be on the force three days longer."

"You must be drunk or crazy, and I've a good mind to run you in!" "I defy you to do it!"

The jaw lasted ten minutes and Mr. Bowser was so defiant and aggressive that the officer sized him up for a politician with a pull and gave him the victory. The two men against the fence were laborers waiting for a comrade, but the officer ran them off and began to look out for other suspicious characters. Mr. Bowser was in good fettle as he waited for an overcrowded car. It was 15 minutes before one came along, and as he boarded it he was obliged to stand on the running board. The conductor came for his fare, but it was refused.

"I'll not pay without a seat," was the firm reply.

"Then you must get off."

"Never! I'm not to blame that you don't run cars enough."

"Say, old man, are you out for a row?" asked the conductor.

"I'm out for my rights. No seat, no fare."

There were a dozen other people without seats, and Mr. Bowser looked for them to support him, but instead of so doing they all cried out that he should be put off. The car was stopped and the motorman came back to help the conductor, and Mr. Bowser was asked if he would get off peacefully.

"Not if I die for it!" he replied.

"This is a test case to see whether the public has any rights, and I ask the public to stand by me!"

"Put the old kicker off!" yelled the oppressed public, and the conductor and motorman sailed in.

It is due to Mr. Bowser to say that he made a good fight for it, but in the course of two minutes he was a "chucked" man. That is, he was flung in the dust on his back, his coat torn off and his hat busted, and as he got up a policeman gave him a push and warned him to go home if he didn't want to pass the night in the jug. Half an hour later he arrived home. Mrs. Bowser and the cat were waiting for him in the sitting room. They looked him over as he stood before them in a state of dilapidation, and they looked his hat over as he shed his torn coat and battered hat and flung himself down upon the lounge. Then the cat turned her back on him to grin at the wall and Mrs. Bowser quietly asked:

"Well, is the movement to become worldwide?"

But Mr. Bowser answered never a word. He lay on his back and closed his eyes and was as one dead to the world and the rights of the taxpayers.

"Right here, Mrs. Bowser," he added

driver has been sent to state prison. At a fire two days ago a citizen was knocked senseless by a fireman because he wouldn't move back. At the post-office I wait for ten minutes to get some stamps, and when I ask the clerk if he is running his own business or employed by the government he answers that I'd better take a dyspepsia cure. What do you suppose will be the end of such a state of affairs? How long will it be before some tramp calls me to the door and hits me between the eyes and takes my watch and money?"

"But as long as it can't be changed why worry over it?" asked Mrs. Bowser.

"But it can be changed."

"How?"

"The same as the obnoxious laws of Rome were changed after the people had suffered for years and years. The people of this country are ripe for a change. All they want is a leader—some one to take the initiative."

"But where is the leader?"

"Right here, Mrs. Bowser," he added

George, but I can't hold myself when I think of it!"

"But why should you excite yourself?" asked Mrs. Bowser as he began kicking the chairs out of his road.

"Because I'm a citizen and a taxpayer," he shouted as he turned on her with arm upraised and his face red hot, "because I have certain rights under the constitution of the United States which no man must interfere with except at his peril, because I see a tendency on the part of officials and corporations to crush out liberty in America."

"Has any one attempted to crush you?"

"Perhaps not. Perhaps it is plain to be seen that I am not a man to be crushed, but if this thing continues who can tell what may happen? In the last three months 22 persons have been run over by beer wagons and hacks and butcher carts, and not a



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United States Land Office, Roseburg, Oregon, March 16, 1901.  
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 amended in all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892, Burt Wainwright, Portland, county of Multnomah, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 1497, for the purchase of the net of Section No. 10, in Township No. 18 S., Range No. 9 W., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is 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 Roseburg, Oregon, on Wednesday, the 29th day of March, 1901. He names as witnesses: James E. Gibbons, J. H. Urban, W. M. Vault and John W. Sherman, 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 30th day of May, 1901. J. T. BRIDGES, Register.

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.**  
Land Office, Roseburg, Oregon, March 15, 1901.  
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before C. H. Holden, U. S. Commissioner, at Mapleton, on April 27th, 1901, viz: William E. Wells, on H. 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