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BOWSER'S DAY OFF.

HE TAKES IN AN EXCURSION TO HEN ISLAND.

It Was Given by the Band of Gentle Brothers, but Before the Trip Was Over He Found the Brothers Were Anything but Gentle.

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"Now, then," said Mr. Bowser the other evening when dinner had been finished, "I have a little surprise for you which I have been saving up for three or four days. Have you got things in the house so that you can pack a lunch basket by 8 o'clock in the morning?"

"What on earth do you mean?" asked Mrs. Bowser in great surprise.

"Nothing, except that I am going to take a day off tomorrow, and you might as well go with me. There's to be a steamboat excursion of the B. O. G. B. to Hen island, and it will be a relief to get out on the water."

"Is it a club?"

"Of course. It's one of the clubs I joined last spring—Band of Gentle Brothers. Mighty nice lot of fellows, and this is to be an exclusive thing.

THERE WAS A LITTLE ROW.

you know. It's a ride of 20 miles to Hen island, and when we get there we'll find a little paradise. We must be at the dock by 9 o'clock. There's nothing to prevent you from going, I suppose?"

"N-o," she hesitatingly replied.

"But don't you want to go?"

"It would be very nice, but I'm afraid you'll—you'll"—

"I'll what?" he sharply demanded. "Do you mean I'll get mad and raise a row?"

"Yes."

"I shall do nothing of the sort. If we were fools enough to go on a common excursion, I might see things to find fault with, but this is to be select and exclusive, and a fraternal spirit will pervade the atmosphere. There'll be everything to praise and nothing to criticise. Tell the cook to have the lunch basket packed in time."

"Should—should things not go right you won't blame me, will you?" queried Mrs. Bowser as she fidgeted about.

"My dear woman," replied Mr. Bowser as he lifted the family cat to his knees and gently stroked her back, "everything will go right, and we'll have a day of unalloyed happiness."

She yielded with a sigh and with just a glimmer of hope that the day might possibly pass without a calamity. Mr. Bowser got up next morning in great good spirits, and he seemed so determined to make a jolly day of it that she grew hopeful and was even a little enthusiastic as they left the house. When they reached the dock, they found quite a large number of Brothers assembled, and Mrs. Bowser was somewhat astonished at the dress and manners of most of them. It was a "horsy" crowd, as near as she could make out, and several men had prepared for the day by taking several drinks. There were a few women, but they did not greet each other in a "sisterly" way. A number of men slapped Mr. Bowser on the back and called him old man, and before the boat came along there was a little row in which one Gentle Brother hit another on the nose, but Mrs. Bowser didn't see any way to get out of it unless she fell dead.

For the first half hour after the boat got away the Gentle Brothers were fairly gentle with each other. They had to be. The boat was so crowded that they couldn't get free play for the elbows. It was only after a number of them fell asleep and were corded up between decks that the others began to enjoy the day. As Mr. Bowser had predicted, a fraternal spirit prevailed. It was so fraternal that the Brothers knocked his hat off, walked on his feet, offered him 3 cent cigars and called him "Old Humpy." They needed no introduction to Mrs. Bowser, and they could not understand why she was so constrained and retiring when they asked her to waltz to the walls of a concertina and sip a glass of cold beer. One of them at length got the idea that she was unhappy, and he chucked her under the chin and told her funny stories until he fell off his chair and was dragged off to join the score that had gone before. It was due Mr. Bowser to record the fact that he was a hero for an hour or more. That is, he sought to be a Gentle Brother with the others. He put up with everything and kicked at nothing, and had the cat at home been there to see that bland smile on his face she would have been deceived into the belief that he was taking solid comfort. Even when Mrs. Bowser asked him to explain how it was that so many Gentle Brothers had happened to get out of state prison at once he preserved that smile as he replied:

"My dear woman, they are out to enjoy themselves for the day, and their exultation cannot be entirely restrained. When we reach the island, we will go off by ourselves to eat our lunch."

He had been told by a Gentle Brother and he had told Mrs. Bowser in turn that the island was a sylvan grove and that a thousand people could lose themselves in the shady nooks and cool retreats. When it was reached, however, things looked different. It was an island with three scraggly old trees growing in the center, and there were 12 blades of grass, one burdock and two thistles as ornaments. The G. B.'s made no kick, however. They rushed ashore with their lunch baskets and had their kegs of beer rolled after them, and their gambols were full of happiness, and their voices told only of merriment. Mrs. Bowser objected to going ashore, but Mr. Bowser patiently argued the point with her and carried it. They had to take a seat on a rock in the hot sun, and neither of them could eat a mouthful of lunch, but they had got along very well when Mr. Bowser was asked to join in the games. He excused himself, but the Gentle Brothers wouldn't have it that way. He had been impolitic enough to boast that he could jump higher than any one in the club, and now they wanted to witness the feat. When he continued to claw off, half a dozen men seized him and dragged him forth, and the climax came. That is, Gentle Brother Bowser broke loose and tendered his resignation on the spot and told the other G. B.'s what he thought of them, and of course the fraternal spirit didn't pervade after that. On the contrary, they looked upon him as a haughty outcast and felt that he should be made an example of.

Mrs. Bowser will never be able to tell whether all the 350 Gentle Brothers pitched on to Mr. Bowser at once, but what she saw was a crowd surrounding him and tossing him back and forth and rolling him over and over and keeping him busy for ten minutes. Then they threw him into the water and hauled him out again, and she was permitted to claim his remains. They were not altogether dead. When they had been fanned for half an hour, they sighed and opened their eyes, and a conscience stricken G. B. assisted her to get them aboard the boat and prop them up in a chair. It was two hours after that before the boat started, and she was two hours making the trip home, but during those four long hours the remains never once uttered a word. They simply sat and stared into vacancy. A few of the Gentle Brothers came around and said they regretted that there had been any misunderstanding, but the majority of them declared that Mr. Bowser ought to have been ducked twice. He had been made a G. B. on his declaration that he could jump nine feet high, but had stubbornly refused to jump at all.

THREW HIM INTO THE WATER AND HAULED HIM OUT AGAIN.

As the steamer landed the remains were placed in a carriage and driven home. They rallied and got out and walked into the house on their own legs, and as Mrs. Bowser followed she found them seated on the family lounge. They glared at her and menaced and tried to speak, but no word came. She sat down and cried for five minutes and then got up to bring the arnica and bandages, and the cat looked on and felt that a shadow had fallen upon a once happy home to blight it forever.

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Several Meals Behind.

"Is it true," asked the benevolent lady, "that you often have to go without a meal?"

"It is, ma'am," replied Tattered Thompson. "This breakfast you have given me was due on the morning of May 7, 1889."—Leslie's Weekly.

Fortune Knows When It Is Well Off.

"And you will not smile upon me?" faltered the man.

"No," answered Fortune sadly, "for if I do I shall get myself disliked by the women who have refused to marry you."—Detroit Free Press.

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