

### SHREWD BIGAMIST.

#### Attempt to Keep Two Families Ends in Grief.

AXIOMS EVOLVED BY A BIGAMIST.

When a woman gets hold of a man's coat, he might as well give up and marry up.

No man who marries two women on a small salary can afford cigars. Let him make cigarettes; it's cheaper.

If a man marries two women, when the first one scolds at night he had better turn over and go to sleep.

No man ought to try to fool a lot of women.

Most any man will marry a woman if she begs long enough and hard enough and furnishes the money for the wedding.

Two women are no good. They bother too much and make trouble.

If a man's first wife is good to him, he will like her better than any other woman.

Chicago, Sept. 13.—The above philosophical deductions are made by Stanley Sobieszek, confessed bigamist, in relating his experience with two families on a salary of \$13.50 a week. By philosophy and strict economy Sobieszek managed for four months to exist in apparent happiness, dividing his time between two West Side homes. Out of the discovery of his dual life has come the imprisonment of Sobieszek, the grief of two women who believed him true and a life of hardship in future for one of the women and her five little ones.

There was no system about Sobieszek's expenditures on the two homes. He spent his money as he got it and when it was gone he went without complaint until he got more.

"If there were any shortage any week I made my second wife stand for it," he explained at the county jail. She had friends. My other wife had nobody to help her. I thought it was right to take the best care of my first family."

Sobieszek declares his second marriage resulted from a street flirtation. Three years ago he worked as a blacksmith in West Lake street. Across the street was a factory where Kate Galus worked. They met on the street once, he says, and there began the acquaintance which ended in Sobieszek's being drawn into a bigamous marriage.

"I couldn't get out of marrying Kate," said Sobieszek. She would have me. I finally married her to keep her from jumping in the lake. There's no sense of a man trying to get away when a woman gets hold of him. It's all off then."

It was three days after the marriage with Miss Galus at St. Wenceslas Church before Sobieszek could get free to return to his Paulina-street home.

"I suppose you've been away having a good time with your friends again," my wife remarked to me," said the prisoner. "I did not say anything back. I turned over and went to sleep."

"Did she keep on talking?" "Women always keep on talking," said Sobieszek, "and when a man's wife talks he better keep still. If I'd talked back she'd have knocked my head with a poker. I kept quiet and let her talk."

The prisoner insisted he would not have stayed away from his children any longer than the three days he gave up to his honeymoon with his new wife. The new Mrs. Sobieszek proved a jealous woman. On his return to her home, after three days at his first home, she demanded tearfully to know where her husband had been.

"I would just laugh at her when she wanted to know where I stayed," said Sobieszek. "I wouldn't tell her anything. Then she'd talk and scold for hours. A jealous woman is like a tomcat. She will yowl all night and let nobody sleep."

"The more women a man has the more trouble. They all want money. I got along all right, though, for, when I was out of money, that was all there was to it. I was short all the time, but, when I was, I had to stand for it."

"My worst trouble was arranging my

hours so the women wouldn't learn about each other. I got a good system worked out. I would go to see Kate after work and stay until late in the evening. Then I'd go home, and the next evening I'd go home for a few hours and then go back to Kate. But it was no use; they found me out at last and I don't know as I'm sorry. The business of trying to keep two women happy all the time was too much for me. It made me nervous."

Sobieszek's wives met and compared notes in Justice Severon's court while waiting for a chance to testify against the man, who is held in default of \$3000 bail. Each had an infant and they learned there is only nine days' difference in the ages of the children, who have been named Walter and John. The little ones so closely resemble one another that some persons in the courtroom thought them to be twins.

### OWES LIFE TO BANDIT.

#### Why Stephen B. Elkins is Friendly to Youngers.

Kansas City, Mo., Sept. Cole Younger, the promoter of the electric railway from Kansas City to Lone Jack by way of Lees Summit, says that the money to finance the project is being furnished by Eastern capitalists. Mr. Younger refuses to name his backers, but there is a well-grounded report that the greater amount of the needed capital is being furnished by Senator Stephen B. Elkins, of West Virginia. In this connection the story of how the Youngers saved the life of Senator Elkins is being retold.

When the Civil War began the Elkins family was living in Missouri. Stephen enlisted in the Federal Army. At that time the Younger boys and Frank and Jesse James were members of the Quantrell band. It happened that in one of the Quantrell expeditions Elkins was captured.

Quantrell ordered Elkins turned over to a squad of men and taken to the rear. The order to "take to the rear" in Quantrell's parlance meant death. While Elkins' custodians were conducting their prisoner to the rear, Cole Younger and Frank James, both of whom knew Elkins well, stopped the party:

"Hello, Steve," said Frank James. "Hello, Frank. Hello, Cole," replied Elkins.

When James and Younger found out what was about to happen to a former friend they tried to prevail upon the guards to turn him over to them. At first the guards refused, giving as a reason that the captain had ordered Elkins "taken to the rear."

Finally James and Younger, promising faithfully to be responsible for the prisoner to Quantrell, succeeded in prevailing upon the guards to turn him over. While the company was riding along leisurely, with Frank James, Cole Younger and Elkins well to the rear, a bugle call was blown and the horsemen were soon in a gallop.

"What does that mean," asked Elkins. Cole Younger replied: "It means that we are going to have a fight, Steve."

In a few minutes more the entire company was in full gallop, then it was that Cole Younger turned to Elkins and said:

"About half a mile farther we are going to come to the forks of the road. We will take the right hand. You put the spurs to your horse and make the left or you are a dead man as sure as your name is Steve Elkins."

Elkins needed no further encouragement. When the parting of the two ways was reached, he lay down flat upon the horse's back and plunged the spurs in and got well out of danger before he was missed by anyone except the men who connived at his escape. An engagement followed soon thereafter, and Quantrell was under the impression for a while that Elkins had been killed.

Elkins never forgot the service rendered by Cole Younger and Frank James. After the Youngers had been

sent to prison for life he was ever ready to aid them in any possible way. He made many trips to St. Paul to intercede with the Governor of Minnesota for them, and it is now said that he proposes to assist Cole Younger in his purpose to build an electric line from Kansas City to the former home of the Youngers.

### No Hatred of Foreigners.

Washington, Sept. 16.—An official report concerning the recent anti-treaty riots in Tokio was today received by the Japanese legation. On the basis of this report, Mr. Hioki, charge d'affaires of Japan, said today:

My advices from Tokio do not attempt to minimize the importance of affairs as they existed.

The immediate provocation of the riotous outbreak was the action of the police, who sought to prevent a political mass meeting, and not the slightest hostility toward foreigners in general and Americans especially entered into the spirit of the mob.

Of course there are many Japanese who are disappointed at the terms of the peace treaty and it is natural that they should express their disappointment, but the majority of the thinking class of my country deprecate the riotous action and regret the injurious impression created by these disturbances, which apparently led some people to regard them as an indication of a feeling of hostility on the part of Japan toward the United States.

I am authorized to say that, notwithstanding what differences of opinion may exist in Japan over the terms of a peace, there is a strong, united and friendly feeling toward the United

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Motor car No. 1 has but four wheels with one truck, while the new car has a double truck, enabling it to turn the sharp curves on the hilly track west of Omaha with perfect safety. This is the first all-steel passenger car. Its weight is but 56,000 pounds, as compared with cars on the New York subway of steel construction which weighs 78,000.

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