

A TRIFLING INCONVENIENCE.

"My dear," said Mr. Spoopendyke, feeling up the chimney, "have you seen my gold collar button?"

"I saw it the day you bought it," answered Mrs. Spoopendyke, cheerily, "and I thought it very pretty. Why do you ask?"

"Cause I've lost the measly thing," responded Mr. Spoopendyke, running the broom handle up in the cornice and shaking it as if it were a carpet.

"You don't suppose it is up there, do you?" asked Mrs. Spoopendyke. "Where did you leave it?"

"Left it in my shirt. Where do you suppose I'd leave it—in the hash?" and Mr. Spoopendyke tossed over the things in his wife's writing-desk and looked out of the window after it.

"Where did you leave your shirt?" asked Mrs. Spoopendyke.

"Where did I leave my shirt? Where do you suppose I left it? Where does a man generally leave his shirt, Mrs. Spoopendyke? Think I left it in the ferryboat. Got an idea I left it at prayer meeting haven't you? Well I didn't. I left it off, Mrs. Spoopendyke, that's where I left it. I left it off. Hear me?" And Mr. Spoopendyke pulled the winter clothing out of the cedar chest that hadn't been unlocked for a month.

"Where is the shirt now?" persisted Mrs. Spoopendyke.

"Where do you suppose it is? Where do you imagine it is? I'll tell you where it is, Mrs. Spoopendyke, it's gone to Bridgeport as a witness in a land suit. Ideal! Ask a man where his shirt is! You know I haven't been out of the room since I came home last night and took it off," and Mr. Spoopendyke sailed down stairs and raked the fire out of the kitchen range, but didn't find the button.

"Maybe you lost it on the way home," suggested Mrs. Spoopendyke, as her husband came up, hot and angry, and began to pull a stuffed canary to pieces, to see if the button had got inside.

"Oh, yes! Very likely! I stood up against a tree and lost it. Then I hid behind a fence so I wouldn't see it. That's the way it was. If I only had your head, Mrs. Spoopendyke, I'd turn loose as a razor strop, I don't know anything sharper than you are," and Mr. Spoopendyke got up in a chair and plucked a handful of dust off the top of the wardrobe.

"It must have fallen out," mused Mrs. Spoopendyke.

"Oh, it must, eh! It must have fallen out! Well, I declare, I never thought of that. My impression was that it took off a buggy and drove out, or a balloon and hoisted out," and Mr. Spoopendyke crawled behind the bureau and commenced tearing up the carpet.

"And if it fell out, it must be somewhere near where he left his shirt. Now he always throws his shirt on the lounge and the button is under that."

A moment's search established the infallibility of Mrs. Spoopendyke's logic.

"Oh, yes! Found it, didn't you?" panted Mr. Spoopendyke, as he bumped his head against the bureau, and finally climbed to a perpendicular. "Perhaps you will fix my shirt so that it won't fall out any more, and maybe you'll have sense enough to mend that lounge, now it has made so much trouble. If you only tended to the house as I do to my business, there'd never be any difficulty about losing a collar button."

"It wasn't my fault," began Mrs. Spoopendyke.

"Wasn't, eh! Have you found that coal bill you've been looking for since March?"

"Yes."

"Have, eh! Now where did you put it? Where did you find it?"

"In your overcoat pocket."—*Brooklyn Eagle.*

MARKET REPORT.

PORTLAND, June 17, 1880.

WHEAT—Very little moving. No market here.

WOOL—Market continues in a very depressed condition. Buyers not anxious to holders not anxious to sell at prices obtainable.

EGGS—Advanced to 20. Good demand, chickens—Have sold at \$3 to \$5 per dozen during week, according to supply and size.

BUTTER—More plenty. Young selling at 6 1/2 to 7. No demand for turkeys or geese.

BUTTER—If you have choice butter, better put in half bbls. in bins; put in 2 lb rolls in 1/2 bbl and mark kegs, number rolls in each. Shows better very plenty at 12 1/2 cents per lb.

POTATOES—Very plenty and cheap. The market is glutted with them.

DRIED FRUIT—Firm at quotations.

FLOUR—Extra \$5 00; Superfine \$3 75.

WHEAT—1.35@1.40 per cental. Nominal.

HAMS—12 1/2@15 cts. per bushel.

RACON—Sides 12 1/2.

HAMS—12 1/2@13. Shoulders 8@9.

LARD—In kegs 12 1/2; in 10 lb tins 12 1/2.

BUTTER—Choice dairy, 20@22 1/2. Roll in tins, 20@22 1/2. Solid in kegs, 19@20.

STORE—Choice, 12 1/2@13.

APPLES, SUN-DRIED—Sacks 10; kegs, 10@11.

PEARS, SUN-DRIED—Pitless, 14@15.

PLUMS, SUN-DRIED—Plummer's process—Apples, 12@12 1/2. Pears, 11@13. Plums, 20.

EGGS—20. CHICKENS—3.50@4.00.

HIDES—Choice 16 cents; Good Cull. 12;

Murrein hides, 8 cts.; Green; salted, 7 1/2 cts.; Dry Deer Skins, 25@30.

TALLOW—5 1/2 cts.

WOOL—Willamette, 22 1/2@25. Eastern Oregon, 20@22 1/2.

WOOL SACKS—55 to 57 1/2.

WHEAT BAGS—12@12 1/2.

POTATOES—25 cents per bushel.

GRAIN BAGS—Last week in San Francisco at auction quite a lot of wheat bags were sold at a considerable reduction from current rates. They were five years old. We presume some California sharper will soon be offering grain bags a little under the market price. We advise our readers to buy their grain bags of well known reliable parties and thus be sure of getting good ones.

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