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AN ARKANSAS WEDDING.
 The New Ceremony Just Approved by the Governor.

A very interesting wedding occurred over at Hock's Springs the other night. Ben Lother and Ida Grimes ran away from the neighborhood where they had been reared, and applied to young Wilkinson, who recently accepted a call to preach. The arrival of the runaway couple soon became known, and quite a number of young people gathered at the school house where the ceremony was to be performed. The preacher, upon arriving, called Bill Fellers to one side, and said:—"Bill, I couldn't refuse to accommodate that young couple, but to tell the truth I don't know how to perform a marriage ceremony. I was never married and I never saw anybody married, and I don't understand the performance."
 "I never saw anybody married, either," Bill replied, "and I don't believe there's anybody here that understands it."
 "It won't do to disappoint them, for I understand the girl's father is in pursuit. Let's see, you were commissioned as a justice of the peace the other day weren't you?"
 "Yes, but the papers didn't shed any light on marriage ceremonies."
 "I don't know what to do about it," the young preacher continued. "They've begun to grow restless, you see."
 "Well, parson, I don't understand it any more than you, but I am willing, if you'll help me kill hogs next week, to take the job off your hands."
 "All right."
 Bill turned to the company, and said:—"Ladies and gentlemen, we've met here to engage in a very serious business. This young couple" (pointing) "think they ought to be married, and it ain't for me to say they ought not. Young fellow, have you got your license?"
 "Yes, sir."
 "All right. Hop out here now."
 The young couple advanced.
 "Join hands," said Bill. "I would like to say that the new ceremony just approved by the Governor has gone into effect. Those who have never seen this ceremony performed will doubtless be amused at its novelty, but I'll say right here that all snickering will be treated as contempt of court. Young man, what is your business?"
 "I am a farmer."
 "Ah, hah! How many rails can you split in a day?"
 "Four hundred in good timber."
 "Will you swear to it?"
 "Yes, sir."
 "Hold up your right hand."
 He held up his hand and was sworn. Bill continued: "Are you a good hand to cover corn?"
 "Yes, sir."
 "Please say, 'Yes, your Honor.'" "Yes, your Honor."
 "That's right. How much can you cover in a day?"
 "Three acres, if the land's in condition."
 "Will you swear to it?"
 "Yes, sir."
 "Yes, your Honor."
 "Excuse me. Yes, your Honor."
 "Hold up your right hand."
 And he was sworn again.
 "What was the weight of the largest bass you ever caught?"
 "I don't remember exactly. About five pounds, I reckon."
 "Will you swear to it?"
 "No, your Honor."
 "All right. Are you willing to marry this girl?"
 "Yes, your Honor. If I want I wouldn't have brought her here."
 "That's what I thought," Bill meditatively replied. "You love her, I reckon?"
 "Yes, your Honor."
 "How much?"
 "Oh, I don't know. Ever so much."
 "What did she say when you asked her?"
 "She said, 'Yes.'"
 "Glad to hear it."
 "Now, young lady, will you please advance and kiss the Judge?"
 The girl hesitated a moment, but she stepped up and kissed Bill.
 "Do you love this man?"
 "Yes, your Honor."
 The girl corrected her mistake.
 "How much do you love him?"
 "Glad to hear it. Please step forward and kiss the Judge." Again she kissed him.
 "Remember that you are under oath. Did you ever love any one else?"
 "Yes, your Honor."
 "Why didn't you marry him?"
 "He didn't ask me."
 "Please advance and kiss the Judge."
 "Look here, Squire, said the would-be bridegroom. "I believe we'd rather be married the old way."
 "The old way is repealed. Young lady, how old are you?"
 "Look here, Judge," said the now impatient lover, "that's none of your business."
 "Yes, it is. Young lady, you will please advance and kiss the Judge."
 "No, I'll be blamed if she shall!" exclaimed the young man; "an' more than that, this thing has gone far enough. Now, I want to ask you a few questions. Don't move. The young fellow whipped out a pistol, and Bill's knees began to hump each other. "Now, just stand there. Did you ever see a bigger liar than you are?"

The Rise of Eugene Hale.
 In the Maine Legislature of 1862, my seat-mate was a gray-haired, good-looking man, every inch a gentleman—Mr. Grant, of Ellsworth—who treated me cordially from the first, and between us there grew up a lasting friendship. He had been in the House before, and helped me to get the "hang of the school-house." After we became acquainted, Mr. Grant inquired about Eugene Hale, who was a young man settled at Ellsworth. I had known Eugene from early boyhood, dividing his time between working on the farm and going to school, and I gave him a good recommendation. How could I do otherwise for no young man ever stood fairer or better in the community in which he was raised. When I met Eugene I told him what I had said to Mr. Grant.
 "Now, Eugene, I want you to fill the bill," said I. "I will try," was Eugene's reply. When Eugene got his foot into Congress there was no power to get him out, until the greenback craze knocked his trotters out from under him. Seth Milliken, who represented Eugene's old district, has not forgotten what kicked Eugene, and when a bill was before Congress to make more eighty-five-cent dollars, he voted against it.—(Solon Chase, in Augusta Journal.)

Diagnosis of Destiny.
 "Does yer know what's er fact? I'd rather be gwine 'long heah wid er saw un'er my arm an' wid er good appetite, den ter be buried in er gol' coffin wid er diamond set in it ez big ez er bull-eye watch."
 "Yer's right, podner. Arter all de Lawd is de only pesson—ef I ken speak o' him ez sich—dat doan honer man' de rich. He says, 'Mr. Rich Man, come heah to me, an' he come, lemme tell yer.'"
 "Doggod he doan, ebery time."
 "Yer's talkin'. Er rich man, when he doan feel like puttin' his han' down inter his pocket an' grabbin' up his money, ken stan' off er po' man, but he kain't stan' off de Lawd. De Lawd neber sen's er bill c'lecter roon' but onct, lemme tell yer."
 "Dat he doan, an' it doan meck no diffrence whunder de man is ready or not, de debt haster be paid. It stan's us might'ly in han' ter be ready fur dat c'lecter. We mus' be hon'es and pra'ful."
 "Dat we mus'. By de way, yer doesn't git work ernuff ter keep yer up, does yer?"
 "No, not ha'f ernuff."
 "How does yer manage den, dese hard times?"
 "Oh, fust rate. My wife cooks fur er generman what runs er bank. I tell yer whut, dar ain't nothin' like er good wife dat can tote er heavy load."—(Arkansaw Traveler.)

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