

"DROP THAT"

How a Prominent Resident Prevented a Raid on His Pockets.

"Why a woman takes delight in going through a man's pockets when he is supposed to be fast asleep, especially when their contents could be hers simply for the asking, is one of the things that I never could understand," remarked a resident of the hill yesterday. "I speak of this because of an incident that occurred at home one night last week. I had been enjoying myself perhaps a trifle better than I had counted on in the company of several congenial friends in Alex. Campbell's, and when I let myself in some time before morning I felt that I could rest more advantageously in the spare bedroom. I undressed, climbed in, and a moment later was whistling a lyric through my olfactory organ. I don't know how long I slept, but daylight was breaking when I suddenly awoke. My eyes were fixed on the foot of the bed in a drowsy sort of way when my attention was instantly riveted by a movement on the part of my nether garments that I had thrown across the tailboard on retiring. Without moving my body I dilated my eyes to their fullest extent and watched. Inch by inch, stealthily and slowly, the pantaloons were being dragged over the footboard. Thoughts of the recent attempts at burglary entered my head for a moment, and then a light flashed upon me. I had been there before. Just as the waistband disappeared and the pantaloons fell with a thud to the floor, I let go in awful tones, 'Drop that!' A shriek followed and my young daughter darted out of the room in her night-gown as though she had been shot from a cannon. I chuckled myself into good humor and shortly afterwards went down to breakfast without saying a word about the episode of the spare room. Neither my wife nor daughter spoke, except in monosyllables, until I broke the ice by inquiring about the scream that had awakened me. Then the cat was let out of the bag by my wife, and I laughed all the way down to Third street until I discovered that I had scarcely enough money left in my pocket to pay for a cigar at Olsen's. And then I appreciated the point of the joke."

THE SOCIETY MINERVA.

An Attractive Program at Last Evening's Entertainment.

The usual weekly meeting of the Society Minerva was held last evening in the basement of Bethania church, a large number of the members and their friends being present. The program was as follows: Short address, A. T. Brakke; recitation, Miss Holmgren; recitation, Miss Mary Johnson; reading, R. Thorsen; recitation of original poem, Mr. Steffensen; recitation, O. A. Luckseth; paper, Fred Olsen; reading of society paper, "Fremad." The debate was on the subject, "Resolved, That women are entitled to equal political rights with men." Peter Walde and Fred Olsen led for the affirmative and negative, respectively, and the house, after listening to interesting arguments pro and con, decided in favor of the negative.

The subject for debate at next Thursday's meeting will be, "Resolved, That education is more useful to man than money." Ole Olson and P. Gimre will lead, the former taking the affirmative.

SILVER DEMORALIZED.

London, Feb. 8.—The silver market is completely demoralized. The price of bar silver took another drop today of 7-16d. The market is flat. Rupee paper declined 3-8d.

FUSION TICKET NOMINATED.

Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 8.—The state convention of Jeffersonian democrats and the people's party was held here today and a full state ticket nominated to oppose the regular democratic ticket.

UNION PACIFIC WAGE SCHEDULE.

Denver, Col., Feb. 8.—At the conclusion of arguments in the Union Pacific wage schedule matter at noon, Judge Hallett announced an order would be made at 5, to which time a recess was taken.

WILL MARRY MISS GOULD.

New York, Feb. 8.—The World tomorrow will say: "The announcement of the intended marriage of Miss Anna Gould and Mr. Harriman was confirmed today by George Gould."

THEY FOUND EVANS.

Fresno, Cal., Feb. 8.—News was received here tonight of a fight between Sheriff Scott and posse and Chris Evans and Morrell. The bandits escaped. No particulars.

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