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When Your Wife's Away

After you get about 'steen grips, suit cases, baby cabs, etc., safely checked for dear mamma-in-law's, and see your tootsie wootsie wife and the kidlets tucked onto the parlor car and after the good graces have been won in the accustomed and regulation manner, you kiss them all good-bye (with the exception of the porter) with tears in your eyes and secret anticipations of joy in your heart. You are going to have a month of solid comfort—going to be free for four weeks.

You are going to go to bed when you please, going to get up when you please and you are going to have just a jolly good time with the boys.

Here's about the way a diary of succeeding events would read:

1st day.—Attempted to get breakfast. Put two quarts of water in the oatmeal cooker and stirred in three quarts of oatmeal. Got too thick, put in more water. Got too thick again, more water. Cooker not large enough. Put into stew kettle, more water. Enough porridge to feed a regiment. Same luck with coffee. Forgot salt in oatmeal. No cream for coffee. Hustled down town and bolted three sinkers and cup of coffee. Docked three-quarters of an hour at office.

Bilious all day.
Ate light supper.

Went down to whist club in evening. Old faces disappeared. New faces made me feel like a butt-in-sky. Went to opera. Fat lady with flowing mane in front. Went home after second act. Found gas stove burning. Forgot to turn it out in morning. Tried to read. House too confounded quiet. Took shower bath and went to bed. Rained all night. Slept like a log.

2nd day.—Awoke at 9:30 (due at office at 8 o'clock). Didn't eat breakfast. Found shower bath still running. Boys at office laughed at me when I said it rained all night. Felt grouchy all day. Brought steak home to cook for supper. Burnt to a crisp while gone to neighbor's after cream. Ate dish of oatmeal left over from first day. Couldn't find boys. Went to vaudeville. Chorus girls couldn't dance. Went to office and wrote letter to wifey. Took room at hotel.

3rd day.—Ate meals down town. Took room at hotel. Wrote letter to wifey.

4th day.—Wrote two letters to wifey. Otherwise same as third day.

5th day.—Ditto.

6th day.—Telephoned wifey would be down Sunday and bring her home.

7th day.—'Steen grips, suit cases, baby cabs, wifey and kidlets home again, the porter got another quarter and everybody happy once more.

FOLLOWING THE MAN.

Rev. Mason, of the Presbyterian church, in his sermon last Sunday morning, gave expression to a thought that is responsible for this editorial. He decried the tendency of church members to place faith in the man who preaches instead of what he preaches; the tendency to follow the man and not the doctrines he preaches.

Not to in any sense criticize Bro. Mason, he touched upon a universal human tendency, call it frailty if you will.

A great leader will always have many blind followers, many who put their faith in him, and fail to consider what he stands for. It is hardly to be expected that the world will ever be different. Gypsy Smith drew great crowds to his recent meetings in Portland, not because he preached any greater or better religion than was preached in Portland before, or is preached there now, but because he had a personal magnetism that inspired faith in him and a consequent belief in what he said.

Bryan was first nominated for president, not because he represented any greater or better things than the democratic party had represented before, but because his "cross of gold" speech electrified his hearers and gave them faith in him.

Roosevelt was nominated for vice-president, and later became president, not because of any of the great reforms he had brought about in New York, but because his service in the Spanish-American war had cast a glamour about his

name that made him so popular with the masses that his name was forced upon the ticket by designing politicians in an attempt to kill him off and at the same time give strength to the ticket. A vice-president seldom gets any further.

The majority of those who now put confidence and faith in the republican party or lack confidence and faith in that party, do so, not so much because of the platform enunciated by the last national convention, but because of their satisfaction or lack of satisfaction in the way that the head of that party, William Howard Taft, does things.

If J. Pierpont Morgan allows his name to be used as an officer of some industrial concern, dividends are assured; not because of faith in the company, but because of faith in Morgan.

If the address of a copper company is given as 26 Broadway, the stock is oversubscribed, not because the Standard Oil's way of doing business is approved, but because the leadership is one that has never yet failed in anything it has undertaken.

So we may shout for principles all we will, and, theoretically, we should believe in principles rather than the man, but if those who shout for those principles are not such as inspire faith and confidence in themselves the principles are more than likely to go begging for supporters. The silver-tongued orator gets more supporters than the erudite philosopher.

Why didn't they call the Western Governors' Special the Governor West Special?

THE DYNAMITE CLUB.

At the last meeting of the Dynamite Club the following remarks were made by Mr. Live Wire:

"This great western country of ours is going to get an awful black eye unless some of these boosters get on a new tack. There is an opportunity for them to give their enemy, the knocker, a little job. It is time that news was scattered over the east that this is no place just now for the laboring man. There are already too many laboring men and not enough jobs.

"The depression in the east and the glamour of the stories of high wages in the great west have lured the laborers here, when, as a matter of fact, the labor situation in the west is as bad as in the east. There are thousands of idle men who have been reduced to circumstances of charity. We do not want to attract people here to want and hunger and to go back east to tell their troubles.

"What we want, what we need, is men with money to put into industries and the development of natural resources. For these the opportunities are as great as ever.

"We need men to produce jobs, not men to take jobs. We need men who have money, not men who need money.

"There is nothing to be gained by getting people here under false pretenses. To get one class of people here under such conditions is going to tend to cause other classes to doubt the truth about this great western country of ours. We have enough to offer to induce to come here the kind of people we want. It is better to keep the others away until we need them, which I do not think will be very long."

The anti-saloon league is already making preparations for a lively fight in the next campaign and the "home rule" amendment is to be a special object of attack.

The "home rule" amendment was adopted by the voters of the state at the last election, and the supreme court has decided that this amendment allows the sale of liquor by cities within prohibition counties. It will be remembered that it was under this interpretation of the law that Springfield recently voted for saloons.

The "drys" do not believe that the voters meant the law to be thus interpreted, and they will go after the amendment.

Erecting magnificent tombstones to our departed wives and mothers, with beautiful and endearing inscriptions of love chiseled thereon, shows a proper feeling of respect, but oftentimes the departed ones might still be scattering sunshine among us if words of love had been spoken and deeds of love performed while they were journeying through this vale of tears.

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It's a pretty dull day in Washington when some kind of an investigating committee is not appointed.

There are some wrongs that can't be adequately punished—one of the most glaring of these is the untruthful gossip that hurts a woman's character.

It's sometimes laughable how a person will study the outside of the envelope to try to guess what's inside.

An exchange says the best young man in the world lives in Massachusetts and that he has never used tobacco, never touched liquor, never sworn, and never kissed the girls. The paper must have meant to have said that he has just been buried there. He certainly isn't alive.

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Things We Think

Things others think, and what we think of the things others think.

A man never likes to get turned down in an uppish sort of manner.

When sick, see a doctor. He may "do" you good.

Edison has invented a concrete sofa. That ought to solve the problem of how to get young men to go home on time. No young man would put in much overtime sitting on a sofa of that kind with a young lady on his lap.

A girl always looks fair to a man, but she isn't always fair to him.

Did you ever notice the look of real disappointment on the face of the bull-headed arguer when you really agree with him.

Do for yourself what you would that others should do for you.

Millions spent for navies to insure peace might well be spent in piecing out the comforts of the poor.

Portland, Ore., seems to have the same troubles as other cities. In a recent issue the Journal said: "There would be no doubt about the Rose Festival if those who benefit most by it would contribute accordingly."

This is the year when woman proposes and the lord of creation disposes.

There's no sense in wasting energy in wishing for things that you know you are not going to get.

Once in awhile you run across a man who talks big and can make good.

The people do not want "a change" so much as they want "the charge."

A man is discontented until he realizes his ambition, and sorry then that he didn't aim higher.

The fellow who has ever been up against it trying to peddle out some kind of a proposition that he did not care a snap about except for its bread-and-butter possibilities, has a kind of a fellow feeling for the man who comes along afterwards to sell him something that causes him to at least give respectful attention.

What a man's best friends say about him usually hurts the worst, because they really know his faults.

Some women who think their husbands are the best men on earth must have a mighty poor opinion of the balance of humanity.

The man who always says something when he speaks never tries to talk unless he has something to say.

About the only difference between a knocker and a respected citizen is that the knocker says what he thinks.

If the divorce courts were not one of the ways of robbing children of homes they could be more easily condoned—but, then, a home in which can be found grounds for divorce is not so elevating, either.

It's all right to love thy neighbor as thyself, but the biblical injunction did not mean that you should get mushy about it.

It costs money to get married; it costs money to be married; and it costs more usually to get unmarried.

Conservation is all right in some ways, but don't conserve your sunshine and happiness.

The Lord loveth a cheerful giver, not because of what he gives, but because of how he gives it.

Congress is talking of adjourning. We are pleased to see it get down to something that it is likely to do.

The fellow who digs for nothing other than the root of all evil ought to break his pick.

A genius is a man who does the things that others said could not be done.

Some folks feel that they have done their duty if they succeed in unloading it onto someone else.

The trouble with doing a favor for a man is that he feels that he has opened the way to ask for more.

The grouch is no good to anyone else and the worst kind of a burden to himself.

A woman is not cut out for a good wife who quits a job that supports her to marry a man who has never been able to support himself.

There is often more to a thing than you see at first glance. For instance, take a figure 6 and turn it upside down and you will see half again as much as you did before.

If the time and energy spent in tearing down something that doesn't amount to anything that does amount to something, life would be one grand sweet song.

The garbs furnished by Nature are the same style every year, and yet they are recognized to be prettier than any invention of man.

Fame makes mistakes in those it favors as well as in those it don't.

Satan smiles sinisterly at the hearth that does not have the children of the home around it.

A well-known writer has said that the American press agent is an unmitigated liar. Another bid for the free services of the said press agent.

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