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Drowns in Goldfish Bowl.

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Teaching Songs of Wild Birds. In one English school the chlidren are taught the songs of the various

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Widow

"For twenty years the Widow Jones, attenuated of body but determined of mien, had lived next door to the colonel. In fact, only a good-sized yard separated the two places, and after all this time she had come to the conclusion that the dapper little bachelor needed someone to look after his material wants besides "that man Jed," who glowered like a thundercloud whenever she looked in his direction. Furthermore, she decided to annex

him if he were annexable, That settled, the widow proceeded to supplement her usual neighborly kindnesses with further expressions of good will. These consisted of appetizing dainties that she knew wouldn't fall to attract the eye and tempt the palate of any normal male human. Everything in the line of edibles, from soup to pie, found the trail to the colonel's door.

When the "hand outs," as Jed called them, appeared more and more frequently, the colonel experienced a vague uneasiness.

The climax came one winter morning as he was leaving the house. There In the snow, almost under his windows, was the gushing announcement, "Oh, the dear colonel! How I love the dear colonel!"

"Scheming individual," muttered the angry little man. "What's she after now?" striding wrathfully up the road, That some young torment might be the offender never occurred to him even when, from the tail of his eye, he noted a duplicate inscription scrambled across the snowy expanse of Widow Jones' front yard. As his resentment abated, a sensation of fear came in its stead. The widow was tall enough to look clear over the top of his head, and who knew what these designing females, especially widows, might do? Pictures of bodily kidnaping flashed through his brain, and he kept close inside his own domicile for the next few weeks.

The widow's reception of the wrathprovoking words was equally explosive, and the colonel's subsequent ducking for cover produced a snort of de-

"So the old reprobate thought he was acting smart, eh?" Her expression and tone registered contempt. "Well, I'll let the little 'fraid cat severely alone and see what will happen. Maybe 'twill start something and maybe 'twon't."

She promptly transferred her attentions and culinary donations to Gramp Simpkins, who lived down next to the parson. For a while this arrangement worked, then the colonel began to show alarm. The parson was a widower and might be on the lookout for a wife for all anybody knew. Consequently, whenever he saw his neighbor leave the house with a suspiciouslooking parcel, he got out his field glasses and watched her. Sure enough, she turned into the parson's driveway every time.

"And Biny's (her name was Arabine) the best cook in this burg." he wailed, jealously. "Twas mighty nice of her to fetch Jed and me those tasty messes."

Now that it was too late, he wanted what he couldn't have. (Such is the perverse nature of the male of the specles). And he not only want- | more of "those tasty messes," but der, also. As that astute lady had wise y surmised, the way to his heart lay through his stomach.

When he could stand the strain no longer, he invented numerous errands that would take him over to her house. His clock was forever gaining time,

or losing time, or stopping entirely. Jed, the colonel's man of all work, frowned disapprovingly on these mysterious proceedings. "What's he larruping over there fourteen times a day for? And there he was yesterday,' disgustedly, "climbing that swiggling ladder to fix the water spout. S'posin' that angular widow had given the ladder a flip, where'd he landed? Right ker-plunk in her blasted old rain barrel!" Jed could be what he called "dinged profane" when the occasion demanded a display of verbal fireworks, and just now he felt like airing all that he had ever acquired,

Later developments caused him to scratch his head in perplexity. And likewise to voice his disapproval of the whole business. "Just see what he's done now!" he growled. "Gone and bought that fidgerator (what the thing was for Jed didn't know; moreover, he didn't care-not overmuch, anyway), and the new-fangled bureau contraption they call a shiverette (at least that is the way it sounded) and a plush square art."

He couldn't understand why the colonel should waste good money on foolish "concerns," when the house was full of stuff plenty stylish enough for angular widows, or any other kind.

However, the widow simply smiled serenely. She was cordial enough, but appeared to take no especial interest in his various comings and goings, and still carried "hand outs" down the parson's way.

Things went from bad to worse, according to the pessimistic Jed, until the season came when "a young man's fancy (and an old man's, too, apparently), lightly turns to thoughts of he is a great little town?" love." By this time, the colonel had mapped out his plan of action.

Early one Monday morning, dressed in his Sunday best, he left the house, singing gayly, "You have me hypnotized, mesmerized, paralyzed."

"Huh, hope she does paralyze you, and quick, too!" glared Jed with withering scorn,

But the blissful lover tripped blithely on. In the middle of the road he met the town terror wearing an impish grin and an immense peony fastened to his cont.

"Hello, Bub," the colonel beamed; 'that's a smashing button-hole bouquet you've got. What'll you take for it-a dime?"

"Sure, hand it over." The dime changed owners and Bub's peony bobbed giddily from the colonel's coat lapel.

"Now where's he going?" worried Jed, who had watched the transaction. He knew the colonel needed a guardian the worst way, but, "glory be to the love of the United States," who wanted to tackle a job like that?

From the Widow Jones' shed door came unmistakable sounds of vigorous scrubbing and the colonel headed that way. If his feet had been prone to lag, the militant "rub-a-dub-dub" would have been an added spur.

"Great Grief!" Biny exclaimed, as she saw him march bravely up the walk. She sniffed derisively. "Ail the common sense these he-creatures own could be packed in a peanut shell and then leave room to spare. What's he parading over here wash day for, and all dolled up with that blazing posy?" She had an overwhelming desire to call out, "Hey, peony, where you carrying the little chap?" but refrained and bent chuckling over her tub.

"'Morning, Biny," chirped the colonel. "Thought I'd come over and help -turn the wringer or something." Sulting the action to the word, he grasped the handle and turned energetically while the solemn-faced Biny fed clothes to the revolving rollers. They were getting on swimmingly, the colonel exulted.

Still, as everyone knows, the course of true love never did run smooth, and the colonel's affair was to be no exception to the general rule. He presently struck a snag in the shape of an obstinate button that would not go through. Undaunted, he gave a tremendous pull to the wringer handle as Biny pushed from her side, and over went bench, tubs and the colonel, the sudden deluge completely obliterating the little fellow.

Awestruck by the catastrophe, the startled Biny stood like a graven image. When she became aware of strange gurgling sounds coming from beneath the biggest tub, she remembered that her suitor was buried somewhere under the debris, and set to work.

"Suffering Jonah!" spluttered the wilted colonel as she fished him out of the wreckage. "Oh-h-h, Lemuel, dear," quavered

the widow. She was down on her knees in the swirling flood, pawing over the wet clothes in a frantic effort to locate the dear Lemuel's lost peony. In less time than it takes to tell it, that gentleman had marshaled his scattered wits. He plunged his drip-

ping self down beside her in the soapy puddle, and clasping her neck with a strangle hold, planted full on her surprised lips a kiss that he would have termed "smashing." If it did not strike forcibly on the

ears of the watching Jed it was because he had been stricken stone deaf. "Well, I'll be everlastingly drawn and quartered!" Jed exploded. "Well —that's settled; p'r'aps now I'll have a little peace."

In the shed the tableau went on. "Biny, will you be mine?" gasped the colonel, his mouth full of soansuds. "I'm famished for some of your waf-

"Yes, yes, I'll marry you tonight if you'll just let go my neck. My wind-

pipe's almost squashed." The colonel, his eyes filled with visions of smoking waffles, subsided hap-

STEEL HARD AS ADAMANT

pily upon the cake of soap.

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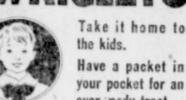
Reason Unanswerable,

"My town is on the boom," he de-

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clared. "She is a great little town." There was a jurist in the smoker. He sniffed and demanded: "Why de you say she is a great little town?" Would It not be equally proper to say

"I don't think so." "Give me a reason." "I come from Chariotte."



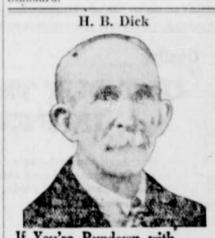


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