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"Yes," hissed the tall man at her side, bitterly. "My heart."

Feeling remorseful at having flitted him so cruelly the beautiful girl leaned over and added:

"Cheer up, George! If your heart is really broken we can stop at a repair shop."

"Nonsense! What kind of a repair shop could mend a broken heart?"

"Why, the parsonage, George!"

Twenty minutes later the "repair shop" was reached.

As It Often Happens.

When our hero did his courting in the golden long ago,

He declared that her small fingers never real toil should know.

He'd protect those dainty digits; he would labor like a Turk,

And he'd never, never let her do a thing that snacked of work.

For some six or seven winters have the twain been married now,

But throughout them all our hero has been faithful to his vow.

True, he lets her 'tend the furnace, lets her carry in the coal,

But no real work. Good gracious! That would jar his tender soul.

—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Narrow Escape.

"My baby," said the husband of a prominent club and society woman,

"had a narrow escape yesterday."

"Indeed!" exclaimed the friend of the family. "How was that?"

"The nurse girl thoughtlessly left it alone with its mother for nearly an hour," explained the husband and father.

Juvenile Shrewdness.

Kitty called up her father by telephone.

"Hello, papa?"

"What is it, dear?" he asked.

"I wish you'd bring me some candy when you come home this evening."

"All right, Kitty; but why do you spell it out?"

"I don't want anybody else to know what I'm saying."

The wealth of Norway lies almost entirely in her forests and fisheries.

According to Signs.

An Irishman was walking along a road beside a golf links when he was suddenly struck between the shoulders by a golf ball. The force of the blow, says a writer in the New York World, almost knocked him down. When he recovered he observed a golfer running toward him.

"Are you hurt?" asked the player. "Why didn't you get out of the way?"

"An' why should I get out of the way?" asked Pat. "I didn't know there were any assassins round here."

"But I called 'fore,'" said the player, "and when I say 'fore,' that is a sign for you to get out of the way."

"Oh, it is, is it?" said Pat. "Well, then, when I say 'foive,' it is a sign that you are going to get hit on the nose. 'Foive.'"

Cesar's Wealth in Forests.

Few people who have not traveled about the Russian empire can imagine how boundless is its wealth in timber. "Wooden Russia" is the name applied to the vast forest areas of Russia in Europe, which cover nearly 5,000,000 acres, or 36 per cent of the entire area of the country. In Russia houses built of any other material than wood are almost unknown outside the cities and wood constitutes the principal fuel. The forest belt called the "Taiga," in Siberia, stretches in a direct line from the Urals to the Pacific for 4,000 miles and in many parts is 500 miles broad. All this is the property of the czar.

His Only Concern.

"John," whispered his wife, shaking him, "I hear somebody in the basement." John groped his way, half awake, to the wall, and hawled down the register. "You infernal scoundrel," he said, "after you have satisfied yourself that there's nothing worth stealing down there will you please push in the upper damper rod of the furnace? I forgot to do it." Then he crawled back into bed again.

Identification Necessary.

"Is your mistress at home," inquired Mrs. Boren, standing in the shadow of the doorway.

"I don't know, ma'am," replied the servant. "Can't tell whether she's home or not till I git a good look at ye. If ye hev a wart on the side o' yer nose, ma'am, she ain't."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Conquest of the Great American Desert

Irrigation.

"American irrigation was old when Rome was in the glory of its youth," says C. J. Blanchard in "The National Geographic Magazine." "The ancient aqueducts and subterranean canals of South America, extending for thousands of miles, once supplied great cities and irrigated immense areas. Centuries before the venturesome Norsemen landed upon the bleak and inhospitable shores of New England a large population dwelt in the hot valleys of the far southwest. From the solid rock, with primitive tools of stone, they cut ditches and heaved the blocks for many chambered palaces, which they erected in the desert or on the limestone ledges of deep river canyons. These voiceless ruins, older than the memory of many centuries, tell the story of a thrifty, home loving and semi-civilized people, concerning whose fate history brings us no word. In these palaces and in many miles of canals we may almost read the story of another Egypt—a people toiling under the burning sun of the desert, wearily and patiently executing the commands of an American Pharaoh."

In the last quarter of a century a crop, producing area of 10,000,000 acres, equal in size to the State of Massachusetts, has been wrested from the desert. Irrigation canals long enough to span the earth twice and representing an outlay of \$100,000,000 have been built. Every year this area returns a harvest valued at nearly twice the cost of the irrigation canals. The United States is to-day the largest owner of the great American desert—no doubt as Mr. Blanchard explains, because it was not considered worth stealing. For many years the sentiment has been growing that the government should make this vast empire habitable and this sentiment crystallized into the reclamation law, signed by President Roosevelt on June 17, 1902.

The first of the great irrigation works to be undertaken by the government is in Nevada. In the bed of ancient Lake Lahontan and embracing what was long known as Forty Mile desert, the most desolate and arid spot on this continent except Death Valley, the engineers completed the plans for an extensive irrigation work involving some rather novel engineering features, the greatest and most important of which is that of lifting the waters of the Truckee River into the great canal, which will carry them over into the Carson River reservoir, whence they are diverted into laterals and carried out upon the desert. When completed the Truckee-Carson works will cost more than \$50,000,000 and render productive more than 400,000 acres now absolutely worthless, but which, when irrigated, will sell readily for \$30,000,000, it is estimated.

Yes, She Could Help Him Up.

A well-known bishop of Tennessee was taking his customary stroll through the park the other morning. He happened to sit down on one of the benches there. Now the bishop is a very great man, not only in the Methodist Church but in subcontinent as well. His weight proved too much for the bench, which collapsed, spilling him on the ground. About this time a little girl, rolling a hoop along, saw the reverend gentleman prostrate and offered her assistance. "But, my little girl," said the bishop, "do you think you could help such a great, heavy man to his feet?"

"Oh, yes," replied the little girl. "I've helped grandpa lots of times when he's been even drunker than you are."—Lippincott.

Snake on the Gas Meter.

Arch Davenport, a Fort Scott joker, turned a large snake loose in his cellar under his house. The gas meter was also in the cellar, and for six months his snakeship forced the gas company to give Davenport a flat rate on his gas bill. The young man who reads the meter never got nearer to it than the door. Last week the snake was found dead and the reading of the meter showed that Davenport had paid for only half the gas he had used. He was compelled to put up the balance due.—Kansas City Journal.

Fish Story.

Sunfish—Seems that all food one buys is adulterated these days. Pike—Sure. I never think of buying any canned preserves or anything like that—my wife makes all such stuff as that. Why, last summer she put up forty gallons of jelly fish. Finest jelly fish that ever went down the pike, too.—Kansas City Times.

Quite So.

Towne—I wonder why young Radeley doesn't settle down?
Brown—Oh! I suppose that goes against the grain.
Towne—What grain?
Brown—Well, the wild oats.—Philadelphia Press.



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