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Mrs. Jones.
 "Peggy Smith I think it is too
 bad, Jones still gone, and every-
 thing about the place turned topsy-
 turvey. These pesky men, when
 once they get away from their poor
 patient wives, there's no telling how
 long they may remain, without a
 thought of the work or responsibil-
 ity left in the hands of their wives
 at home. Here is this to do, that
 to do, something to correct, and
 the children just naturally running
 wild, under no restraint, and just
 about do as they please."

"Why Sophie," said I, "you often
 tell me men do not amount to much,
 only in the way, don't know but
 I do, and we would be better off
 without them; I should guess you
 entertaining such ideas would be
 glad of his absence so as to have an
 opportunity to display your superior
 tact and talent in the management
 of his business affairs. It would
 just suit me, if my opinions coin-
 cided with yours on this subject."

"Tut, tut, Peggy, you don't know
 what you are talking about," said
 Sophie, "you should have wit
 enough to understand that every-
 man always has his business af-
 fairs in a tangled condition, and it
 ain't his wife's place to unravel the
 dilemma and get everything in ship-
 shape during his absence from
 home, and I, for one, shan't do it, if
 I did I'd get no credit for it, not
 even thank you Sophie."

"But the children, Sophie," said
 I, "you cannot have any excuse
 for not controlling them."
 "Yes there it is again go on, ex-
 posing your ignorance and folly,"
 answered Mrs. Jones. "Are you not
 aware of the fact that Jones has
 humored and spoiled the children,
 by letting them have their own way?
 and I want him here to be held re-
 sponsible for their conduct so long
 as he is away I am expected to con-
 trol them."

"Oh that's it, is it," said I, "and
 still you are one of those strong
 minded women who believes her-
 self able and capable of grappling
 with the intricacies and troubles of
 this life. Why did you allow your
 husband to get such an influence
 over the children?"

"Well," said Sophie, "your argu-
 ment is just what might be expect-
 ed of a people's party woman.
 Why did I let Jones do so? simply
 because I chose to do so. Is such
 an answer good enough for you, if
 not solve the problem yourself.
 How is your industrial legion pro-
 gressing?"

"Very nicely," said I, "we have
 already quit an organization and
 are daily adding to our number."
 "Oh yes," said Sophie, "you meet
 at your school house and talk the
 matter over, and some disappointed
 office seeker will get up and make
 a blood curdling speech, telling the
 enormous sins committed by both
 democrats and republicans and end
 by saying that Grover Cleveland
 will soon declare himself Dictator
 and have for his secretary of State
 a Chinese Mandarin, in all his glory
 riding a gray horse and blowing a
 tin horn."

"Sophie" said I, "don't make
 yourself ridiculous, you know very
 well we don't do anything of the
 kind, we talk of course of the evils
 brought about by class legislation."
 "Yes," said Sophie "and to boost
 your own office seeking party try
 to blame the democratic party for
 something of which we are entirely

innocent. You know you are too
 selfish to give either old party
 credit for anything good ever ac-
 complished; and if both old parties
 were guilty of one fourth of what
 you accuse the n this government
 would have been long since non est."
 "No thank God!" said I "the
 people still hold the balance of
 power and kept the government
 from going to the wall."

"The balance of power" said
 Sophie, "and still you argue that
 both parties are a band of cut
 throats money sharks and mono-
 polies, legislating the last thirty
 years laws advancing their own
 personal interest and detrimental
 to the people. How could the e
 men do so if the people as you say,
 hold the balance of power? Why
 did not the people prohibit this
 class legislation?"

"Well," said I, "I can't tell you,
 you will have to ask Mr. Jones or
 some of our leaders, they can en-
 lighten you; I've heard it explained
 but cannot make you understand
 the reason."
 "No I guess not," said Sophie,
 "nor no one else. It is an easy
 matter to make assertions and im-
 pose upon minds ready to receive
 any doctrine leading towards an in-
 dolent life, and an existence of
 pleasure and ease. When it comes
 to that we are all sailing in the
 same craft, but unfortunately your
 boat is without rudder or compass
 and likely to come to destruction."

"Very well," said I, "we are going
 to destruction under the guidance
 of the two old parties and it cannot
 be worse in the peoples party."
 "Peoples party, fudge," said Mrs.
 Jones, "you make one tired. There
 is no better government on the face
 of the globe. Your party deserves
 thanks for our present prosperity."

Fight With Outlaws.

ASHLAND, Ky., July 21.—A re-
 port is just received from Wise
 county, Va., that a fight took place
 Wednesday in that county, between
 state troops and the Fleemans
 gang of outlaws, in which four
 soldiers were killed, and six out-
 laws were mortally wounded.

For several months Fleemans'
 boys, four in number, have acted
 very badly. They are accused of
 participating in a triple murder
 some months ago. Doc Taylor, one
 of the gang, was captured and hung
 for the crime. Two weeks ago the
 governor sent a company of 60 sol-
 diers to assist the sheriff in arrest-
 ing the outlaws. Wednesday the
 soldiers overtook them and a battle
 ensued. Four soldiers were killed,
 and six mortally wounded. Oliver
 Fleemans was also shot and is dy-
 ing.—Tele gram

Killed by a Masked Lob.

QUINCY, Ill., July 21.—Wednesday
 night S. P. Bradshaw was called to
 the door of the residence of Mrs.
 Breckenridge, in Kingston, 30
 miles from this city, by a mob of
 200 masked men and shot to death.
 He was 26 years old, and had been
 a salesman for the Singer Sewing
 Machine Company, but on account
 of stories of his association with
 Mrs. Breckenridge, and threats of
 the residents of that village if his vis-
 its were not stopped, he had been
 transferred to another district.
 The woman is about 28 years of
 age, fairly good looking, and with
 fascinating manners. A few weeks

ago she enticed the man into her
 house, and when he was in her room
 her husband crawled from under
 the bed and forced him to sign a
 promissory note for \$150. For this
 act her husband is in jail. Friends
 of the man had remonstrated with
 him on account of his infatuation
 for the woman. She was here look-
 ing for him only two days ago, and
 in an effort to prevent their meet-
 ing his employer sent him out on a
 business trip. Bradshaw was well
 liked by his associates.—Telegram.

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