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MR. AND MRS. BOWSER.

The Head of the Family Tries to Put Up Some Screen Doors—The Result.

An expressman brought up a small jag of lumber the other afternoon and left it at the barn, and when Mr. Bowser came home I mentioned the fact and asked what he intended to do with it.

"It's for screen doors for the front doors," he replied.

"Carpenter coming up to make them?"

"Haven't engaged any."

"Mr. Bowser, you are not going to try and make them yourself?"

"There won't be any trying about it. I shall proceed to make and hang them."

"I'm afraid you can't do it. It's a nice piece of joiner work to make a screen door, especially one for the front of the house."

"I am well aware," he said as he stroked his chin in a complacent way. "Haven't I got about $50 worth of tools? Don't I know how to handle them?"

"I—I wish you had given your order at the shop, as other folks do."

"I'll be hanged if I pay any $8 for a pair of doors when I can make 'em for $6! You are always dead set against anything I undertake!"

"Mr. Bowser, you can't make a screen door. You can't hang one. Don't blame me when the failure comes."

"Blame you! Are you getting crazy? If those doors are not a success you won't hear a word of fault from me—not a peep. I was thinking of ordering them, but being you have stuck your nose up so high I'll make 'em now just to show you that I can do it!"

And next morning he put on an old suit and went out to the barn and before 9 o'clock he had measured four different times for those doors.

It wasn't long before I saw him sneaking around to the front with one of the pieces. I watched him as he tried it and it was all of twelve inches short. Mr. Bowser scratched his ear, growled like a bear and looked as foolish as a boy caught in a harvest apple tree. Ten minutes later he was at the telephone ordering more stuff.

"Were they too short?" I asked as he hung up the trumpet.

"N—no, but I thought I'd get heavier stuff," he mumbled as he shot out doors.

The stuff came up after dinner, and it was about 5 o'clock in the afternoon when he put one of the frames together and stood it up in the door. I went out, and as he began to smile with satisfaction I said:

"Mr. Bowser, that door is squeegawed."

"Squeegawed? Squeegawed? What does that stand for in the back counties?"

"Your door is wider at the bottom than at the top."

"It can't be!"

"But your own eyes will convince you. There's an inch difference!"

"Never! I'll bet you a million dollars there isn't a hair's breadth!"

I ran for my tapeline and soon proved that the difference was over an inch.

"Oh, well, I can fix that in a moment," he said, but it was 9 o'clock that evening before he came in.

It was 10 o'clock next forenoon when I went out to the barn. He had the door covered with the wire cloth and proudly called my attention to it.

"Which is the outside of the door?" I asked.

"Why, the side this way, of course."

"Then you've tacked the cloth on the inside!"

"That's where it belongs."

"You never saw it there, Mr. Bowser—never! And look at the way you have tacked the stuff on. It's humped up in a dozen different places, because you pulled it askew."

"There isn't one hump—not the sign of a hump. I'll give any man a billion dollars to make a better job of it! All that door needs now is painting."

"But don't they paint the frames before they tack the cloth on? How are you going to paint the inside of the frame?"

"Don't you worry yourself about this job, Mrs. Bowser. I wasn't born alongside of a huckleberry marsh!"

Mr. Bowser had been at work an hour next morning before I went out. He had the doors at the front, and he seemed to have some trouble about hanging them.

"You see what you've done, don't you?" I asked, after a survey of the scene.

"I don't believe I'm either near sighted or color blind," he said.

"Well, you've got one door wrong side up, to begin with."

"H-how?"

"Look at the panels and see. Then you have been trying to hang one to swing in and the other to swing out."

"I have, eh? That shows all you know about it. I'm simply fitting the screens so they will shut tight."

Just before noon he got a hang on both doors, and as I looked at them from the hall I had to sit down on the floor and laugh. They didn't meet in the center within two inches and each was half an inch short at the top and bottom. He had also hung them with the cloth on the inside. Just then a neighbor came along and turned in to the steps. After looking at the doors for half a minute in great astonishment he queried:

"Something just from Paris, Bowser?"

"What do you mean?"

"Why, you've got a new idea in screen doors. I suppose the space at the bottom is for bugs, that at the top for mosquitoes, and the center for flies. I see you have left the frames exposed. They will make capital roosting places for horse flies and pinch bugs. Did you do this job?"

"Y-yes."

"Well, if I had a girl 10 years old who couldn't beat it I'd make her go barefoot all summer."

"I didn't make these doors for your house, sir."

"Thank Heaven for that! Bowser, you're a brick—a soft brick! I'll come up this evening with a band and serenade those doors!"

When the neighbor had gone I suddenly felt the back end of the house lift up. It was Mr. Bowser pulling those screen doors off. He couldn't even wait to take the screws out of the hinges. They came off in detachments and the pieces were flung into the back yard. When he had finished he came in and said:

"Mrs. Bowser, I want to have a talk with you—a very serious talk!"

"But didn't I tell you how it would be?"

"Never! You encouraged me to go ahead, and to please a whim of yours I've lost three days' time, pounded myself all over, spent $6 in cash and been made a butt of ridicule! Mrs. Bowser, this is the limit—the finis—the end! Make out a list of what furniture you want and let us agree on the alimony!"—Detroit Free Press.

All Is Settled.

Between the 1st of April and the 1st of May eight out of every ten tenants in the United States notified their landlords that unless the house was repapered, repainted, repaired and the rent lowered they would not remain another year. About one landlord in 500 consented, and about one tenant in 1,000 kept his word and moved and was sorry for it. All is now settled until another spring.—Norristown Herald.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Stanley will be accompanied by his wife on his lecturing tour in the United States. His first lecture will be delivered at Boston, November 18th.

Mrs. General Custer is in the Northwest summering and getting material for another book. She is the guest of General Carlin at Fort Sherman.

Ex-Vice President Hannibal Hamlin, who lives at Bangor, Me., is believed to do more fishing and catch fewer fish than any other man in New England.

The work of coaling the San Francisco has commenced. During the week short runs will be made about the bay to smooth her bearings. It has not yet been determined when the cruiser will start for the Santa Barbara Channel to make her official trial, but will probably be about the 23d inst.

Oregonian: Since assuming the duties of county judge, Mr. Moreland has had experience even in the matrimonial line. He recently performed the ceremony for two Chinese couples, and as none of the contracting parties understood much of the English language, his honor had no desire to waste any words. "You likee him?" he asked of the first women, pointing towards her lover, and receiving a nod of account, he turned his attention to the man with the question, "You likee her?" The same nod of the head convinced his honor that John was hopelessly lost in the rushes of love and he clinched the ceremony by saying, "All light. You allee same man and wife. Ten dollies. Heap cheap." Couple No. 2 were united in the same way.

The following item from the Ashland Tidings should be read by persons who frequently stand by the lines on our steamers when they are subjected to a fearful strain in landing at the wharves:

"David G. Spencer was killed in a singular way at his farm about six miles south of Ashland last Tuesday afternoon. He had hauled to the barn the last load of his season's hay crop, and had just commenced to unload with a horse hay fork. The first forkfull of hay had been thrown into the barn by the horses when a pulley, through which the rope passed at the ridge of the barn above the load of hay suddenly broke. The great strain upon it caused it to be drawn with terrible force toward Mr. Spencer. It struck him on the side of the head, knocking him from the wagon. He never spoke afterwards. His neck was broken and the side of his face and head crushed by the fearful blow."

Eugene Guard: A deputy U. S. marshal brought John Bergman and Wm. Saffey, captain and engineer of the steamer Lillian, from Florence last week. Saturday they appeared before Judge Deady charged with running the Lillian on the route between Florence and Yaquina Bay without proper license. After hearing the evidence and extenuating circumstances the Judge imposed a fine of $100, the lowest possible amount, on each of the gentlemen, and suspended payment for three months. The suspension of payment is equivalent to a remission. Captain Bergman came up Saturday and from him we learn that the inspectors would not grant the Lillian a license to run outside the bar. This action of the inspectors is not only a great loss to the owners of the vessel, but a hardship and inconvenience to the people along the Siuslaw, who depended on that boat for the transaction of their outside freighting business.

Reading the census, a dispatch from Corvallis to the Oregonian, dated August 12th, says: "The people of this county were not aware of the gross injustice done in the matter of the census until the figures were published to-day, giving the country 8,600. In 1885 the population was 10,035. The vote for congressman in 1886 was 2062, while the vote this year was 2479. On this basis the present population is not less than 12,000. To claim that in the face of fact of the building of the Southern Pacific, which was completed in 1884 to this city, and the hundreds of acres brought into market by the Oregon Pacific in the western part of the county, that we have lost nearly 2,000, is simply another example of the manner in which the so-called census has not been taken. Benton county has been making a splendid growth, especially during the past two years, and her population to-day, on any legitimate basis, is not less than 12,000. The receipts at the postoffice in this city for the past quarter show an increase of 25 per cent. over two years ago, at which time the salary was increased."

Certain persons in Oregon are said to be telegraphing to the congressional delegation that the movement for a new census for the state is "a Portland scheme," and asking them to oppose it on that account. There is some senseless jealously of Portland throughout Oregon, but this is a very queer way to show it. What possible interest has Portland in a new census which is not common to the whole state? There are two things to be gained by a new count—prestige for the whole state and a second representative in the house. By what process of reasoning any person has made himself believe that the endeavor to accomplish these objects springs from Portland's selfishness, the ordinary constituted human mind cannot conceive. If the demand had been made for a recount for Portland alone, there might be some room for suspicion that we were trying to gain the cheap glory of a large city in a small state, or to lay a foundation for a disproportionally large representation in the legislature. But the whole contention in Portland has been for a recount everywhere.

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Catholic Church.—Rev. F. N. Beutgen.

Emmanuel Church.—Services on the 2nd and 4th Sundays in each month at 11 a. m.—Sunday school every Sunday afternoon at 2:30. Rev. W. Horsfall, rector.

Methodist Episcopal Church.—Rev. J. H. Roork, pastor, Empire City, Or.

Presbyterian Church.—Services at Smith & Sengstacken's hall. Rev. J. B. Rideout, pastor.

It takes about $20,000 to run the city of Pendleton. The following salaries are paid its officers: City surveyor and street commissioner, $1500; water superintendent, $1200, two pump house engineers, $1800; marshal, $1020; engineer fire department, $1000; three policemen at $900 each, $2700; recorder $900; driver fire department, $720; attorney, $300; stoker fire department, $120; city treasurer, $150; total, $11,410.

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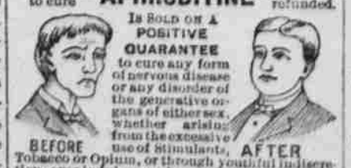

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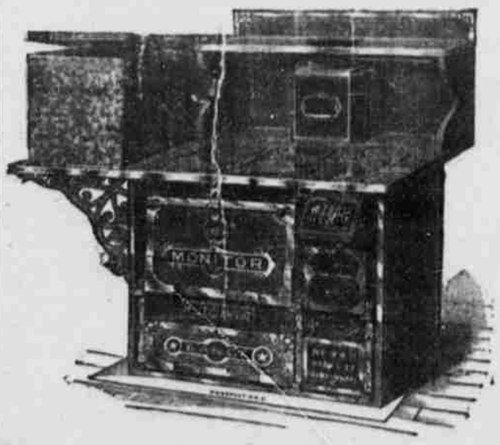

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