SUPPLEMENT.

Coast Mail.

BOWSER'S SCHOOL.

HE OPENS ONE TO TEACH MRS. BOW-BER A FEW THINGS.

the Proved to Be Such a Well Posted l'upit, However, That Mr. Bower Took the First Opportunity to Close the School.

(Copyright, 1901, by C. B. Lewis.) Mr. Howser's outburst was very sudien, although be had probably contem-; lated a surprise all day. He sat smoking and reading when all at once be

'I should think that you would want to know something."

terned to Mrs. Bowser and said:

"Yes, I would," size quietly replied t ter she had recovered from her ast michment.

"Weman was not ordained to know woch in comparison with man, but she e-ed not remain quite as ignorant as a



THREE YOU GO. THE PIEST THING!" HE SHOUTED.

bump on a log. She should at least be able to miderstand the everyday things arrounding her. I have often wonder ed at your ignorance and felt it my duer to turn temeber, but you have such a coper, you know. The sorry about my temper," she

faid, with a sigh-

"And you'd be willing to tearn?"

Of course.

'And not make a new Y

Well, I'll open an evening school, so in say, and try to learn you a few TETTERAL

You to an teach," she interrupted. There you go, the first thing!" housed as his speciacles fell off his "Iton't you suppose I know what in talking about? When I say learn, mean learn, and if you are going to samp in on me like that this school will ep before it begins."

I want to be learned, and I won't

ay anything more. See that you don't. Now, then, you large game along the street and seen a pile of bricks, haven't you?"

You recognized them as bricks?"

"And you didn't wonder if they were

(urnips) "Very well. Did you ever stop to

think how tricks were unde-whether they came out of the ground like potaloes or grew on trees like apples? No. you never did, of course. Not one

woman in a million has. One of the main factors in the creation of mighty cities is passed by without a thought. and you go rushing down to some bargain counter to get a 7 cent bottle of enseline for 6 cents."

"But I've been in a brickyard and seen the clay dug, tempered and molded and then the bricks put up to kilus

and turned," she softly protested.

POb. you have! Then you do know what bricks are composed of? wouldn't have believed it, but I'll give you a long credit mark. Now perhaps you can tell me what mortar is? Mortar is pretty closely related to bricks, you know

"Yes, without mortar bricks would be almost uncless. Which of the two kinds of mortar do you mean?"

"So you know there are two kinds.

ent my John, but you have picked up a thing or two! You may describe both kinds, if you please."

"The mortar used for brick and stone is composed of sand and time alone unions a little coment is udded, and that for plastering houses has bair mixed with it. The finishing coat on a wall is not mortar at all, but plaster of parts, as it is called. Is that right?"

It was right, and yet there was real disappointment in his tones as he said: "It's right enough for a woman, and you have indeed surprised me. You may possibly be able to answer another question. In the midst of your

gadding around for 5 cent bargains you may have paused long enough to as ertain how this house is heated?" "Yes, I have. We have a hot air fur-

"You've lift it, but it's probably be cause you've wasted at least three tons of coal this last winter. we have a hot air furnace, but what to the principle on which it works?"

There is a cold air box leading into the furnace, and the cold air is warm-, ed by the combustion of coal and seut through the various pipes and registers. Shut off the cold air and you would get no heat,"

He had hoped to trap her on the furrace, but her reply showed that she had a better understanding of it than he had bimself, and there were a hardness and a sareasm in his voice as be continued:

I beg to congratulate you, Mrs. Bowser, and I almost feel as if you could change a \$10 bill in an ice cream parlor and not get swindled out of a dollar or two. One more question. We have a range in the kitchen. made of iron, as you probably know. How is that from obtained?"

"In the first place, they dig the ore," plied Mrs. Bowser. "Then the ore replied Mrs. Bowser. is nached and separated from the foreign substances. Then it is fluxed and remelted and run off into pigs. These pigs are ugain melted at the stove foundry, and the hot iron is run off into molds in sand."

Mr. Bowser had nothing to say. She had fairly answered his question, better than he could have answered bim self, and he felt aggrieved and insulted that a woman could do this. When he had been selent for a moment, she lookget up and queried;

"Any more questions, dear ?"

"I suppose you think you're awful smart!" he growled.

"No smarter than the average woman. I think we had better open two schools this evening, as there are a few questions I should like to ask you. What is window glass made of? You see it at home, in the office, all around you as you ride or walk. It is some of the main factors in building up mighry cities Perhaps you have parried long enough in your rushing up and down with politics to post yourself?"

"Woman, what are you trying to run this thing into?" he almost whooped es his face turned the color of a beet.
"We will let window glass and all other sorts of glass go to pot. I never yet set out to learn you"

Teach me, dear." "Teach be hanged! That's twice you

have crowded that word down my farout. I say it's learn, and when I say a thing that settles it. Enjoyable

"I'm very sorry, and I won't intercupt any more. It was kind of you to offer to bearn me everything worth knowing, and I gratefully appreciate it. Please tell me how window glass is

Mr. Hower had no more idea than the man in the moon, and he didn't propose to be put in a hole. He therefore felt that his only safety was in bluffing It out, and after a minute be replied:

"Never you mind about the glass business. It's enough that you break

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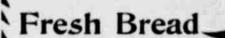
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