

Mr. Bowser Acts Like a Tramp

Starts Out With a Good Opinion of Fellow Man, but It Is Shattered.

NO CHARITY FOR HIM.

It Was All Because His Wife Turned Abusive Hobo Away From the Door—Scores Her.

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I wish you had got home half an hour earlier," said Mrs. Bowser to Mr. Bowser as they sat down to dinner.



"He bumped into a deacon of the church," hurt the feelings of a worthy man and lumbered him against his fellow men.

Bowser Pities Tramp. "But that's nothing to go by. His wife may be lying ill. He may have a sick child. Some hard hearted landlord may be about to turn him into the street."

"I simply asked what he wanted." "Yes, but I know your way of asking. Did you inquire into the situation of affairs? Do you know whether his wife lies at the point of death or not?"

"That's not the question. We know that there are undeserving people soliciting charity, but at the same time there are others that we should be glad to assist."

Believes in Fellow Man. Her levity was unfortunate. It only strengthened Mr. Bowser in his determination. He looked at her very seri-

ously for a moment and then said: "I believe in my fellow man and believe to still further strengthen that belief. I will appeal to the sympathies of ten people, and I will come home to prove to you that at least nine of them opened their hearts in response."

If a cyclone had come along and unroofed the house, Mr. Bowser might have been turned from his project, but as nothing of the sort happened he got out an old overcoat and cap and started off.

"How did you refuse his request?" asked Mr. Bowser. "Why, I told him I had no money for idlers."

Three minutes later Mr. Bowser rang the front door bell of a house and it was answered by a woman. He started to open his mouth to state his case, but she closed it by saying: "If you are not outside the gate in half a minute I'll call my husband to throw you out!"

Mr. Bowser got. He was turning the corner when he bumped into a deacon of the church Mrs. Bowser attends every Sabbath day and he once in awhile. Here seemed a golden opportunity.

"I was over to the drug store to get some potent mustard plasters, but they were just out. If that fellow don't keep his stock up better I shall stop trading with him."

"Willie, you are just as bad as you can be." "Huh! I guess you don't know how bad I can be."

"No, ma'am. You are to keep right on in your cold blooded way and drive deserving people to suicide. How many you have thus driven I cannot say, but the list must be a long one."

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