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Famous Philosopher Disappears After Solving Birds' Secret.

MRS. BOWSER DISTRACTED.

She Advertises For News of Lost Husband, Who Thought He Could Fly. Has Any One Seen a Bowser Bird In the Sky?

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One evening some days since Mr. Bowser shut himself up in the library for an hour under the excuse that he had some important business letters to write. The next day, when I was overhauling the room, I found that he had passed his time making drawings of wings and reading a magazine article entitled "Why Can't Human Beings Fly?"

The next evening, as we sat on the front steps to get the evening air, I noticed him carefully watching the swallows and bats, and after a time he queried:

"Mrs. Bowser, have you given the subject of flying machines any thought?"

"Not a great many thoughts," I answered.

"But you must be aware that at the present moment thousands of individuals are giving the matter their earnest consideration. Time and money are being lavished to solve the puzzle, and

"IN A WEEK YOU WILL SEE ME LEAVING THE HOUSE FOR THE OFFICE ON WINGS."

the newspapers are full of what benefits may be expected when flying machines are as common as birds."

"Yes, I have read a good deal about them, but how can the problem ever be solved? How can you expect a big and awkward machine to fly against the wind? How can you provide against sudden gusts and squalls? At any moment some part of the machine may get out of order, and what's going to happen then? A flying machine may be made to sail around a bit on a perfectly calm day, but of what utility would it be?"

Mr. Bowser looked at me in admiration for a moment and then exclaimed:

"By thunder, woman, you have got a head on you! You have stated the case just as I have. The flying machine is an impossibility. It will never go beyond the toy stage. Tell me, then, what must follow?"

"They will have to give it up."

"They will give up the machine, but turn to something else. Man now travels under the sea, and he will never be satisfied until he travels through the air. If he can't do it one way, he will another. He not only wants the novelty, but the convenience of it. For instance, it is two miles from here to my office. I have to transfer. I am detained by street car blocks and accidents. I have to jam in with the crowd. I may be on time or I may be half an hour late. I have my feet stepped on, my pocket picked and the conductor works lead nickels off on me. Suppose that instead of all this I could go up on the roof of this house and launch myself into the air and be at the office in three or four minutes?"

"It will never be possible."

"You may witness it within a week," he replied with a laugh. "Mrs. Bowser, answer me this, How does a bird fly?"

"By using its wings, of course."

"But what about the wings?"

"They are so constructed by nature as to sustain the bird in the air, the bones being hollow."

"Ah—ha! Now we are coming down to business. It's all in the wings instead of the bird. The ostrich has wings, but cannot fly at all. The swallow has wings and can fly all day. The wing bones of the hen are nearly full of marrow, and she cannot fly ten rods. The wing bones of the dove are entirely hollow, and she can fly a hundred miles. What deductions do you draw?"

"Why, if man is going to navigate the air he must do it with wings."

"Exactly."

"And the wings must be made after the pattern of the bird that flies the easiest and the farthest."

Mr. Bowser stepped into the vestibule out of sight of the people on the street and beckoned to me. When I was beside him he put his mouth close to my ear and whispered:

"You've struck it, Mrs. Bowser! Your head is level!"

"And what are you going to do?" I asked.

"Do? Do? Why I'm going to make $10,000,000 in the next ten years and a reputation that will last as many years. I thought this thing all out days ago, but I wanted to see if you would corroborate me. If we want to fly we must go back to first principles and take the birds for our pattern. Birds don't fly with their bodies, but with their wings. Put the right sort of wings on a man and he flies. You fly—I fly—everybody flies. By thunder! By thunder!"

"But those wings have got to be invented," I protested, a bit startled by his earnestness.

"Easy as rolling off a log—just a matter of three days' practice, Mrs. Bowser. You will see me leaving this house for the office on wings within a week. You will see me sailing over houses and trees and the river like an albatross. You will see the streets full of people looking up at me and shouting the name of Bowser. A thousand reporters will be tramping through the house and looking into the closets and under the beds and up the chimneys and asking you whether the mole was on your grandmother's chin or cheek. The fame of it! And the millions and millions of dollars!"

I have seen Mr. Bowser enthusiastic, but I never saw him so far gone before. Almost any second I expected to see him spread his wings and fly away. I started out to discourage him, but I made a failure of it. Boys might throw stones and men might bring out their shotguns, but he had a way of dodging them. He knew just how those wings ought to be made and just how they should be worked, and he sat down on all my arguments and flattened them out. I got him to fly to bed at last, but it was a long and sorrowful night for me. When he slept it was to work his legs as if flying, and when he was awake it was to tell me how many eagles and wild geese he would overhaul and bring to market. Just before daylight I fell into a sound sleep, and when I awoke he was gone. I questioned the hired girl about him, and she replied:

"He came down here, flapping his arms, an hour ago and was in such a hurry to get off that he would only wait for a cup of coffee. As near as I could make him out he expects to become a bird. Begging your pardon, ma'am, but a fine, fat, baldheaded bird will he make. Will he be called the Bowser bird?"

I was on my dignity and didn't answer, but as the forenoon dragged away I became very anxious. I figured that he had gone to some machine shop to get his wings made, and I could not tell at what moment he might come flying home and drop with a plump on the doorstep or be brought to the gate in an ambulance. At midafternoon I gave a boy a quarter to circle around and see if he could see a large bird sailing to and fro in the air.

No bird.

Then I gave another boy 10 cents to walk about and inquire if any one had been hurt or killed.

No news.

Night came on and no Mr. Bowser.

"When a man gets to thinking he's a bird what can you do with him?" asked the girl as I sat down to my dinner.

Nine—10—11—12. No Mr. Bowser. He had probably started for Boston or Philadelphia on wings.

I awoke next morning to go up on the roof of the house, but there was no clew. Mr. Bowser is sure to leave tracks wherever he goes, but he had left none on the roof.

At noon that day I had the police send out a general alarm. The officer who came to the house to get the particulars said that Mr. Bowser and his wings might be hanging to the telegraph wires out in the country or have been caught in some treetop and that the police would do their best to let me know whether I was a widow or not.

The afternoon and the night passed, and still no news.

It is now three days and nights since Mr. Bowser flew away and yet the mystery is unsolved. His wings have either carried him upward beyond the ken of man or they have failed him and his body is lying in some thistle patch and awaiting discovery. Any news from him, dead or alive, will be thankfully appreciated and a liberal reward paid by

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Do Not Crowd the Season.

The first warm days of spring bring with them a desire to get out and enjoy the exhilirating air and sunshine. Children that have been housed up all winter are brought out and you wonder where they all came from. The heavy winter clothing is thrown aside and many shed their flannels. Then a cold wave comes and people say that grip is epidemic. Colds at this season are even more dangerous than in mid-winter, as there is much more danger of pneumonia. Take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, however, and you will have nothing to fear. It always cures, and we have never known a cold to result in pneumonia when it was used. It is pleasant and safe to take. Children like it. For sale by Keir & Cass.

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A, b, c, d, e, f, g, gate, i, etc. Her mother sees still harder work ahead in making the little maid forget.—Washington Star.

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