

BOWSER'S CHANGE.

Sudden Access of Good Nature Greatly Alarms His Wife.

SHE FEARS THE WORST.

Week Goes by Without a Kick From the Old Man—Doctor Reassures Mrs. Bowser—All Men, He Says, Occasionally Act That Way.

[Copyright, 1906, by T. C. McClure.] It was Sunday evening that Mrs. Bowser observed the change in Mr. Bowser. He found two clothespins in the back yard, but he did not come in to charge her with being the most reckless housekeeper in town and talk about the parsonage.

He discovered that a pane of glass in one of the bay windows was loose, but he did not charge her with having dug out the party and sold it.

He found the back hammer lying around with the head off, but he drove in the handle without a word. Mrs. Bowser couldn't make it out and was worried.

Monday—Mr. Bowser got up and dressed without finding any holes in his socks or putting around about his collar and tie. The breakfast bacon was fried too hard, but he didn't seem to notice it. When he came home in the evening a policeman called and wanted him to run for mayor at the next campaign, but Mr. Bowser firmly declined. He further absolutely declined to be set in a patent four-handled jug that the inventor brought around. He denied to Mrs. Bowser that he had a headache or had been attacked by a new sort of rheumatism. He refused to go into Green's and play



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poker for a couple of hours, but his conduct was so unusual that Mrs. Bowser made an excuse not to go. He held the cat on his lap all the evening and made no remark when a boy threw a stone and hit the front door.

Tuesday—Mr. Bowser dressed without ripping off any buttons or doing any cursing. He had put one of his socks in the pocket of his nightshirt on going to bed and had to hunt for it for ten minutes, but he displayed no impatience.

Made no assertions that the world was cold and unkind and that Mrs. Bowser would be glad to collect his life insurance.

Cook had got up late and in her hurry had mixed the tea and coffee together, but Mr. Bowser drank the compound and never made complaint.

During the evening of that day a man called to sell him a Jersey cow, but he wouldn't even go around into the alley to look at her.

Another man called with an invention to throw cats off the back fence, but his reception was so chilling that the cats rejoiced.

Mrs. Bowser said that some furnace coal must be ordered at once and then stood by for an outbreak, but none followed.

Wednesday—Mr. Bowser was awakened half an hour ahead of his usual time by a row between two milkmen, but he did not blame Mrs. Bowser for it. On the contrary, he got up and looked out of the window and really enjoyed the scrap. Some change had fallen out of his pantaloons, but he didn't charge Mrs. Bowser with having tried to rob him during the night.

Turns Down a Good Thing. When he reached home that evening he found a man at the gate who wanted to sell him a cannon that would shoot twenty-four miles, but he turned him down with a smile and wouldn't even invest at half price.

On the front steps was a second man who had a fire escape that could also be used as a spare bed in case company arrived, and he wanted to sell a half interest. He was waved aside.

In the hall sat a man who had been waiting a whole hour for Mr. Bowser to tell him that he had discovered on his farm a spring the waters of which would grow hair on a fence rail. He was asked to take a walk.

As there was no growling at dinner on account of the bone the butcher had sent with the meat, Mrs. Bowser became alarmed and suggested cards for the evening. Mr. Bowser was willing. He sat down with her and was beaten twenty straight games at eucher and never yelled out. In some of the hands she deliberately "nigged" in hopes to arouse him, but he refused to see it. On the contrary, he praised her for a good player and criticized himself.

When talking playing, she showed him the gas bill for the previous month and characterized it as an outrage, but he said he had changed his

mind about such things. There was a time when he looked upon the gas man as a highway robber and a liar, but he had come to the conclusion that he had done him gross injustice.

The cook called Mrs. Bowser up to her room and said that she was afraid to stay in the house overnight. She once worked in a family where the man of the house made just such a sudden change, and after a week he got up one night and killed four people with an ax.

Thursday—Still the meek and uncomplaining Mr. Bowser. There were only toast and coffee for breakfast, and by Mrs. Bowser's orders the toast had been burned, but nothing whatever was said. Indeed, Mr. Bowser ate with hearty enjoyment.

The Wife Won't Come Off. Coming home on the car that evening the conductor short changed him out of 10 cents, but he got off the car smiling.

On the car a fat woman poked an elbow into his ribs and asked him why he didn't wear a wig and keep his vest pulled down, but he let it all go without a word.

He had only got into the house and hung up his overcoat and hat when a man called and sought to interest him in a refrigerator that used cobblestones instead of ice, but he was worked out doors in the midst of his guarantee that there was at least \$6,000,000,000 in it.

Mrs. Bowser had determined that something must be done. At dinner she suggested the theater. Her suggestion was at once accepted. Mr. Bowser got ready without the slightest fuss. On the car going down he had to stand up, and a man beside him called him "old man" and asked him to get off and have a drink, but there was no row.

It was a poor play, and Mrs. Bowser fell asleep, but Mr. Bowser stayed awake and endured it without a complaint. While those around him were wishing they had potatoes to throw at the actors he simply felt sorry for the whole cast and wished he could find them jobs in a sawmill.

Plenty of provocation, but no row going home. On the steps was a man who had been waiting for three hours to sell Mr. Bowser a soup ladle that turned with a crank, like an egg beater, but he was gently lifted up and deposited outside the gate, and his feelings were not hurt by any hard words.

Friday—A heavenly calm before breakfast, a heavenly calm during the meal, a bland smile on Mr. Bowser's face as he left home. He hadn't got to the corner when Mrs. Bowser called up the doctor by telephone and related affairs and asked what should be done.

He replied that he was busy, but would read up on the case and let her know as soon as possible.

When Mr. Bowser came home at night he was followed from the car by three men who wanted to sell him chicken farms, but he smiled benevolently and turned them down.

No finding fault with the dinner. No startling remarks when told that the cook had given notice.

No observations of any sort when told that the ice man had sent in his bill and that it was a dollar too much.

Mr. Bowser Holds the Cat. Mr. Bowser held the cat and read his newspaper during the evening. Men called to offer him investments in strawberry farms, war balloons, hair dyes and pitchforks that would pitch a ton of hay over the barn, but by his orders Mrs. Bowser met them at the door and kindly replied, "Nothing wanted tonight, thank you."

Saturday—No trouble with Mr. Bowser before breakfast. Not an unkind word at breakfast. Same blandness, same beatitude.

At noon the doctor called and heard the story. When all the symptoms had been specified he burst into a laugh and said to the fearful Mrs. Bowser:

"Suffer no more anxiety. This is what the medical profession terms a lucid interval. Nearly all husbands have them. Bowser will probably come home tonight to fling down his hat in the hall, kick over a chair or two in the sitting room and then go down to dinner to yell at you and ask what is blazes you have got corned beef for when you know that he wanted roast mutton."

"Do you really believe he will do that?"

"Of course I do."

"Then I am so glad to very, very glad! I thought sure that he was going to die!"

M. QUAD.

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Timber Land Notice.
United States Land Office, Lakeview, Oregon, April 26 1908.

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled, "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892, FRANCIS A. FITZPATRICK, of Paisley, county of Lake, State of Oregon, has filed in this office his sworn statement, No. 4008, for the purchase of the W half, NE quarter, E half NW quarter, of Section 31, in Township 36 S., Range 16 E., W. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes and to establish his claim to said land before Register and Receiver at Lakeview, Oregon, on Thursday the 9th day of July, 1908.

He names as witnesses: C. E. Fitzpatrick, of Paisley, Oregon; John Stoldt, of Bonanza Oregon; Henry Stedell, of Lakeview, Oregon; E. L. Toll of Bly, Oregon.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 9th day of July, 1908. J. N. Watson, Register. 15-10

\$1,000.00 Reward.

The Oregon, California & Nevada Livestock Protective Association will give \$1000 Reward for the conviction of any party or parties stealing horses, cattle or mules belonging to any of the following members of this Association:

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Notice for Publication.
United States Land Office, Lakeview, Oregon, March 24, 1908.

NOTICE is hereby given that the State of Oregon has under the provisions of the Act of Congress of August 14, 1898, and the acts supplemental and amendatory thereof, made application for the following described unappropriated, non-mineral surveyed public land as indemnity for losses to its grant for common school purposes, to-wit:

Lots No 212, for NE quarter NE quarter, Sec. 25, T. 33 S., R. 14 E., NW quarter SW quarter and NE quarter SW quarter, Sec. 6, T. 36 S., R. 18 E., and SE quarter NE quarter, Sec. 3, T. 35 S., R. 15 E., W. M.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are requested to file in this office said claims on or before the 6th day of June, 1908.

J. N. Watson, Register.

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