

BARGAINS OF BOWSER

He Goes Shopping and Prepares Little Surprise For Wife.

SOME OF HIS PURCHASES.

Clerks Unloaded on Him a Heterogeneous Collection of Articles the Wrong Size—Old Philosopher Once More Breaks Out in Anger.

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When Mr. Bowser reached home the other evening he was trying hard to look like some one else. He was trying to look imperturbable and carefree and to hold back a sort of grin that now and then made a determined effort to break out on his face. He didn't fool Mrs. Bowser a bit. She saw from the first that there was something up, but her only way was to play a waiting game. If he'd been buying a roller skating rink to raise winter radishes in or was thinking of exchanging the house and lot for a war balloon, she would hear of it in due time. All through dinner he maintained a patronizing air and carried a subdued excitement, and it was not until they were seated in the family room that he untied the bag of mys-



"THESE STOCKINGS HAVE SOLD AS HIGH AS A DOLLAR A PAIR."

tery. He made a jump to answer a ring at the front door, and Mrs. Bowser caught sight of a boy and a number of packages.
"Please keep your seat, my dear," he said as she came running down the hall.
"But those are store packages," she replied.
"Well?"
"And I haven't been shopping for three days. There must be some mistake. See if they don't belong next door."
"These packages are all right. They are addressed to our name and number, and they were duly paid for hours ago. If you will kindly sit down and still your beating heart and not act like a child of ten, I will explain matters."
Mr. Bowser was in no hurry. It was a case for dramatic effects, and he meant to ring in a few. He placed the several parcels and packages on a chair and proceeded to walk up and down the room with his hands behind him for three or four minutes. Then he said:
"Mrs. Bowser, on numerous occasions I have spoken to you about rushing down town to bargain sales."
"Yes, and you have spoken to me in a mean way, too," she replied.
"Very likely I have. I know that when you have stated that you could buy the regular dollar and a half glove for 92 cents I have looked upon you as a soft mark. You have now and then called my attention to ladies' hostility at one-half price to close out. I have given you money to take advantage of such sales, but I have at the same time pitied your guilelessness."
"But they do have what they call knockdown sales, and now and then I have made some excellent bargains."
Hunting Bargains.
"For years, Mrs. Bowser, as I said before, I have considered you a soft mark. I have smiled at the way the clerks must have smiled to see you come in bargain hunting. I have wanted to swear when I thought of the thousands and tens of thousands and millions of dollars you have paid into the coffers of the dry goods stores. There have been times when I thought to appeal to your common sense and other times when I determined to forbid you to attend a bargain sale of any sort or kind."
"But I got these shoes for 75 cents off," was answered. "That's worth saving, isn't it?"
"At last," he continued, without looking at her, "an idea struck me. We will say that it was a bright idea. I would go shopping myself and solve the mystery of the bargain sales. I would seek to discover where the fraud came in. I would expose the duplicity of the merchants and hold them up in public censure. I would discover whether a pair of ninety-eight cent stockings reduced to 47 cents were actually worth 75 cents."
"And you went shopping this afternoon?"
"I went shopping."
"And you bought—bought?"
"I bought a number of articles. They are here. I arranged for their delivery at this hour."
"And did you find bargains?" anxiously asked Mrs. Bowser.
"My dear woman, my name is Bowser, as perhaps you know—Samuel Bowser. When I say a thing I mean

it. Not in your life have you known me to make a retraction. I say and I stick."
"Yes, I know."
"I pride myself on sticking. I'd rather lose a thousand dollars than to own up that I was in the wrong."
"Yes."
"But in this case, Mrs. Bowser—in the case before us—I am going to do an unprecedented thing. I am going to frankly own up that I was all wrong. I am going to announce that there are bargain sales. I am going to own up that there are great big bargains to be had at bargain sales. I am going to state my belief that the woman who keeps her eyes open for bargain sales will save her husband thousands of dollars in the course of the year."
"Mr. Bowser, you are one of the best husbands in all this wide world," said Mrs. Bowser as she stepped forward and gave him a wifely kiss. "Now, then, show me what bargains you have been making."
"Well, here is bargain No. 1," he said as he tore off the paper from one of the parcels and handed her three pairs of stockings. "Those stockings have sold as high as a dollar a pair, but to make room for fall stock they were closing them out at 40 cents. There's a saving of \$1.80 right there."
Two pairs were No. 10 and the third No. 7, while Mrs. Bowser's size is No. 8. He was looking at her with a bland smile on his face, however, and what could she say? They hadn't told him that articles bought at a bargain sale could not be exchanged, and in making his purchase he had never taken the size of the foot into account.
"And these gloves," he said as he held up a pair of kids green in color and only one button at the wrist—"the girl assured me that they were all the go, but in order to make room for brass bedsteads they were closing them out. I saved just 75 cents on 'em."
Gloves the Wrong Size.
Mrs. Bowser wears a No. 6 glove, and those were 7½. She never wore a green glove in her life, and Mr. Bowser hadn't taken notice of the fact. He watched her face for a smile, and with a great effort she managed to work up one, and then he picked up another parcel and said:
"We have here some handkerchiefs that were selling at 60 cents each. The room was wanted for woolen blankets, and so we buy the handkerchiefs at one-third the regular price. The saving isn't enough to buy a house and lot, but every little helps. Am I a bargain hunter or am I not?"
"Of course you are, you dear, good man you," was the reply, though they were men's handkerchiefs and she had bought him better ones many a time for less money.
"I don't know that I shouldn't have bought this," he explained as he held up a corset, "but it was going at such a sacrifice that I couldn't resist it—a regular two dollar corset for 98 cents, and the salesgirl said it would last you a lifetime. Oh, yes, I'm admitting that there is money to be saved in looking for bargains."
Mrs. Bowser weighs 135 pounds. That corset was made for a woman weighing just 100 pounds more. It wasn't her make or her style. The husband who thinks that his wife wears most any old corset has something to learn. Mr. Bowser had looked upon a corset as a corset and bought one. Mrs. Bowser had to laugh at the grimness of the joke, and he was pleased with himself. There was one more package—the largest of all. She suspected its contents and would have given a hundred dollars to be elsewhere for the next half hour.
It was a lady's hat.
It was intended for a young lady of eighteen or twenty.
It was cocked up on all sides.
It was rakish and debonaire and saucy and impudent and dandified, and yet Mr. Bowser reverently extended it on his hand and said:
"For you, my dear, and how do you like it? I got it for \$5 less than the regular price."
Let us draw a veil over most of what followed. It is sufficient to say that Mrs. Bowser tried to faint away, but she only succeeded in sitting down on the floor in hysterics. Mr. Bowser once more became Mr. Bowser—that is, he jumped up and down and tore the hat into fragments. He talked a lot of nonsense. She was ordered to her mother's by the morning train. She had driven him to the dead line at last, and—
He put on his hat and left the house, and when he came in at 3 o'clock in the morning and was asked if it was raining outdoors he shut his jaws hard and refused to answer, although it was, and he had got sopping wet.
M. QUAD.

Too Much Diabolo.



Customer—Salmon mayonnaise.
Walter (absentmindedly practicing for the Hired Menials' Diabolo handicap)—Yes, sir. Shall I spin it for you, or would you rather catch it if I throw it under your leg?—Tatler.

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By order of J. A. Barham,
Special Deputy Fish Warden for Lake County, Oregon.

Timber Land Notice.
United States Land Office, Lakeview, Oregon, April 24 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. 4068, 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 Newell, of Lakeview, Oregon, E. L. Tull 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

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United States Land Office Lakeview, Oregon, Mar. 18, 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, Rose L. McDaniels, of Lakeview, county of Lake, State of Oregon, has filed in this office his sworn statement, No. 3922, for the purchase of the NE quarter, NW quarter, N half, NE quarter, SE quarter NE quarter, of Section 32, in Township 38 S., Range No 21 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 18th day of June, 1908.
He names as witnesses: Flint Vernon, A. Neilson, Wm. Metzker, J. D. Brooks, all of Lakeview, Oregon.
Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 18th day of June, 1908.
J. N. Watson, Register. 13-10

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