

HE WASN'T DEAREST.

At the Fat Woman Cyclist Talked to Him Without Reserve. There is one amusing feature about riding that all old riders and a good many new ones must have noticed—that the way in which a moderately proficient rider will carry on a conversation with some one behind him without really knowing who that some one may be. A moderately proficient rider isn't clever enough to turn his head to look backward, and so he talks right on in the dark. The other day a wheelman was coming down the Dodge street hill. There isn't much of a hill on Dodge street, but slight as it is it lathers the new riders. Just ahead of the wheelman in question, who was riding at a leisurely rate, was a stout, sturdy, round-shouldered fellow. Half way up the hill the wheelman was astonished to hear her call out: "Coming, dear?" The wheelman didn't answer. He felt sure the inquiry couldn't be to him, and he kept silence. "All out of breath, dear?" she called again. And again the wheelman made no reply. "Don't be discouraged," she cheerily shouted. "You'll get there by and by, dear." The wheelman thought so, too, but he made no mention of the fact. "Does it tire our little armies so much?" she continued the stout lady. "That was too much for the wheelman. He got on steam and passed the lady. As he whirled by she caught sight of his smiling countenance. "Oh, beg your pardon!" she cried, and narrowly averted a tumble. When the wheelman had gone a little farther, he looked back over his shoulder and saw a lank young fellow, with fuzzy little side whiskers, toiling wearily up the hill. And he feels pretty sure that was "dear."—Cleveland Leader.

Her Little Brother.



George—Is your father a banker? Maud—No, why? George—Nothing, only your little brother seems to be a teller.—Up to Date.

Lucky Baker's Dozen.

Bridegroom—I trust, Lydia Petrovna, that you are not superstitious. Bride—No, not at all. But why do you ask me, Ivan Ivanovich? Bridegroom—Then I can make a clean breast of it and tell you this was my thirtieth engagement.—St. Petersburg Streets.

Clear Case of Vacuum.

Ethel—Well, Jimmie didn't blow his brains out after all because you refused him. He proposed to Miss Goughly yesterday. Maud—Did he? Then he must have got rid of them in some other way.—Punch.

Worse Yet.

"It makes me so nervous when that young Billings calls on Mabel. They make such a lot of noise." "That young Johnson makes me more nervous. When he calls, they make no noise at all."—Indianapolis Journal.

Trouble at the Museum.

"I understand the bearded lady is out of a job." "Yes; last night when the place was full of people she took her whiskers off and fanned herself with them."—Chicago Record.

The Important Thing.

"Daughter, what time did your company leave last night?" "Why, papa, he started home at half"— "Never mind when he started. I want to know when he left."—Ohio State Journal.

Clear Case of Suicide.

Mawson—That was funny about Riley's dog. They say it committed suicide. Mugs—Yes; it came into my yard while I was sitting there with a gun in my hands.—Philadelphia North American.

Incited Him to Crime.

Mother—Kleptomaniacs is taking something you don't want. Johnnie—Humph! I must have had some of that when I was sick, but the doctor was to blame.—Adams Freeman.

An Accommodating Partner.

Lady (during dance)—Mon Dieu! I have lost my hairpins, and now my hair is going to fall down over my shoulders. Partner—Never mind. I shall be glad to pick it up for you.—Mondo Comique.

Terrestrial Fashions.

"How do you like your wings?" The angel with the baby stars beamed radiantly. "Very much," she replied. "They rustle almost exactly like a silk petticoat."—New York Truth.

The Difference.

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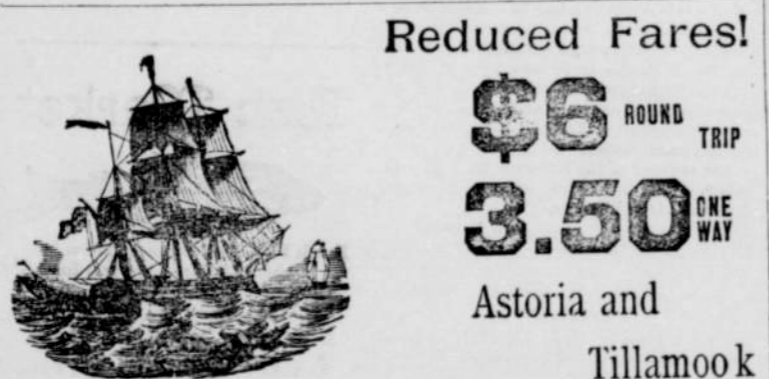
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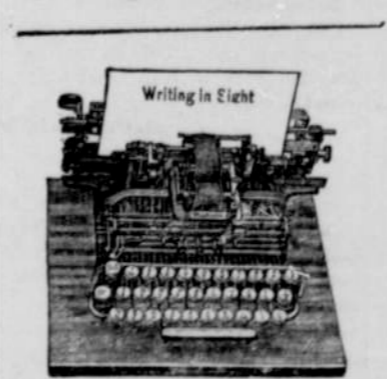
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