Mr. and Mrs. Bowser.

I don't want to be complaining of Mr. Bowser all the time, but some of his doings ought to be held up to the public gaze. He came in from the barn the other day in a great hurry and called out:

"Mrs. Bowser, where's the screwdriver? Hurry, now, for I want it right away!"

"Why, I don't know where it is. I don't have charge of your tools."

"Look here! I left that screwdriver on this window sill in the sitting-room yesterday afternoon."

"Well, I haven't seen it."

"Who has? It's probably been tucked into the stove or given away to some Polack. It's a wonder the piano doesn't turn up missing some morning. If it's got so I can't leave a tool around the house without its being destroyed, I want to know it."

I was looking around while he stood in the middle of the room talking, and presently I found a gimlet bored into the wall where he had intended to put up a bracket, and said:

"There's the gimlet, and you'll be asking for that next."

"Mrs. Browser, when I asked you where the gimlet was, why didn't you tell me?"

"You didn't ask."

"What! What brought me in from the barn?"

"You came after the screwdriver."

"Never! I came right in here and asked for the gimlet, and you know it! Do you suppose I'd try to bore a hole with a screwdriver?"

"I'm sure you said screwdriver."

"I know I said gimlet!"

He was mad about it all the afternoon, and that evening, as we got settled down after supper, he suddenly observed:

"If you'll hunt up those rivets I'll fix that picture frame."

"Did you have some rivets around here?

"Did I? Didn't I bring a paper of 'em home three or four days ago! They've probably gone into the stove or into the cart of some peddler."

"Mr. Bowser, I'll take my oath there hasn't been a rivet in this house since we moved in. What could we use rivets for?"

"Do you remember the night I brought home that bottle of wine? Didn't I take a small package out of my pocket and put it on that table, and didn't I afterwards get the tack-hammer and put a strip on the kitchen window?"

"Oh—yes."

"Oh, you remember, do you!"

"But you didn't have rivets in that package—they were inch brads, and they are right in the stand drawer. Why didn't you say brads, Mr. Bowser?"

"Who said rivets?"

"Why, you did."

"Don't you suppose I know the difference between rivets and brads?"

"Certainly."

"Then don't try to make a fool of me! When I asked you for the brads I didn't mean rivets. If you don't know which from which you'd better learn."

Mr. Bowser was using his tape-line in the garret the other day, and when I went up and found it strung about I reeled it up and laid it on a window-sill. About 10 o'clock the next forenoon he came rushing in with the exclamation:

"Nice neighborhood, this is! You are bound and determined to locate up here, and now you must take the consequences!"

"What is it, Mr. Bowser?"

"I left my tape-line on that sawhorse yesterday, and some human fiend slid in last night and stole it. It was by your advice that I came up here and invested $10,000 in a house, and this is the result!"

"Weren't you using the tape-line in the house yesterday?"

"No, ma'am!"

"Didn't you leave it up in the garret?"

"Do you think I've suddenly lost my memory! Mrs. Bowser, you talk to me as if I was a half-idiot!"

I went up and got the tape-line and brought it down to him. He was caught, but what did he do but assume an air of awful dignity and say:

"Mrs. Bowser, don't you never dare to play any such trick on me again! A joke is a joke, but when you sneak into the yard and carry my tape-line up into the garret it is going altogether too far!"

I suppose there are men who keep some track of their hats, gloves, rubbers, etc., when at home, but Mr. Bowser isn't of that kind. Each morning after breakfast I am prepared for the exclamation:

"There! Some of you have been fooling with my hat!"

"Isn't it on the hall-tree?"

"If it was would I stand here asking for it? I don't think I've gone blind yet."

"Didn't you leave it in the sitting-room?"

"Of course I didn't! I hung it up here as I came home, and some of you have probably been using it to store potatoes in."

The hat is found on a chair in the sitting-room, just where he had placed it, and after more grumbling he goes into the hall for his rubbers and shouts back:

"They are gone!"

"What?"

"My rubbers! I'll be hanged if I stand this much longer. You or the cook have got to let my rubbers alone or I'll know the reason why!"

"Are you sure you left 'em there?"

"Am I sure I'm alive! You've probably cut 'em up to make door-hinges or some fancy nonsense!"

"Here they are, Mr. Bowser. You remember you took 'em off by the radiator as you stood telling me about the railroad accident."

"I don't remember anything of the sort! I suppose my gloves are down in the coal-bin, and my scarf has been given to the boys to play horse with. I'll come in by way of the barn after this, and when I take my things off I'll lock 'em up and slip the key down my boot leg."—*Mrs. Bowser, in Detroit Free Press.*

GIRLS TAUGHT TO BOX.

Billy Edwards Tells of a New Fashionable Diversion For Young Women.

Billy Edwards has a number of girls as pupils in boxing. He said to a Sun reporter: "I've just now come from giving a lesson to a girl ten or twelve years old. She is the daughter of wealthy parents, and they are having her take boxing lessons on account of her health."

"Is that the motive that inspires most of your pupils?" I asked.

"No; they have a good many different motives. Those among the wealthy people of leisure—and I have a number of these—learned to box for the sake of the exercise, or because they want to know how. Then I have some theatical ladies who go into it as a matter of business. They learn to box because it will make them more graceful, and because as a matter of business it will be profitable."

"What do you think of boxing as a means of exercise for women."

"Unquestionably it is the very best that a man or woman either can take."

"Better than fencing?"

"A great deal better than fencing, because that only develops the right side of the body, while boxing brings into play every muscle from the toes to the brain, for you have to keep on the alert, with you eyes on your opponent and your thoughts concentrated, so that your brain, as well as your body, gets stirred up."

"What kind of a pupils do you find the girls? Do they learn as easily as men?"

"I find them quite apt, but they do not learn as quickly as men, because it hasn't been bred into them. Blows come kind of natural to men, you know, but girls have never had anything of this kind before, and so it takes them longer to learn."

"Which do they learn quickest, to guard or attack?"

"Well, I generally find that my pupils are a good deal better at attacking than guarding. They are not so quick about guarding, but attacking seems to come to them naturally. But, then, there isn't much to boxing, anyway. You teach them how to lead out and stop, and after they get the hang of that once, that's about all there is in it except to keep up the practice. It's the constant practice that makes perfect."

"Of course you use soft gloves with your girl pupils?"

"No, for the most part we don't use any, because I don't intend to hit them hard, but just barely touch them. And if they do get a little tap on the cheek, it just hardens the flesh."

"How long does a girl stand up at boxing?"

"Oh, that depends on how severe I am. If I go about it very gently they can keep up for an hour or more, but if I am a little bit severe they will get winded in a quarter of that time."

The dress worn by the girls in their contests with this very mild-mannered boxer is not always the same thing. Some take their boxing lessons in their ordinary attire, but that puts them to a disadvantage. Others use a sort of blouse and knee skirt, or the fencing costumes with Turkish trousers. —*New York Sun.*

Driving a Sleigh Along a Railroad Ahead of a Train.

A thrilling scene was witnessed on Saturday at Hazleton. Near Allen and Co's foundry and machine shop is a road which crosses the Lehigh Valley Railroad tracks. About noon Charles Herling, a somewhat eccentric character of the town, drove up to the crossing in a sleigh, to which he had hitched a fiery team of horses. Herling turned the horses onto the railroad bed, and lashing the animals furiously, a mad race up the track was begun. The employes of the foundry were terror-stricken when they saw a freight train rounding the curve, and running at the rate of about eighteen miles an hour. They rushed out on the railroad track and signaled to stop. The engineer saw nothing ahead of him, and was at a loss to know what the signalers meant. As he cleared the curve he saw the madman and the horses. He whistled down brakes and reversed the engine.

The man in the seleigh heard the tooting of the locomotive and turned back to ascertain the distance between himself and the train. The animal tore down the railroad at a terrific rate of speed, but the locomotive was gaining fast. When the engine was within fifty yards of the sleigh one of the runners broke and the speed of the horses was considerable lessened. When within ten feet of the sleigh the train came to a dead stop. The horses' feet were badly cut up and they were ready to fall from exhaustion. The sleigh was also wrecked and would not have pulled its freight much farther. A large crowd collected. Herling took things coolly. He said: "By thunder! that was a big race, but I think I won."—*Mauch Chunk Gazette.*

He Resembled a Tree.

"I have about come to the conclusion that you are a certain kind of a tree," said a creditor to a man who presistently refused to liquidate a small bill.

"Indeed," replied the creditor. "Is it because I appear to be pine-ino away."

"No, sir."

"Is it because I'd just ash leave refuse to pay it, as knot to do so."

"No, sir."

"Then what kind of a tree am I?"

"A will-owe tree."

"Oh, that's a chestnut."

"If that's so, I guess I will be leafing."—*Carl Pretzel's Weekly.*

A Hospitable Reception.

Householder to burglar through keyhole—Good evening, sir. Make yourself at home; don't mind me. I must apologize for the thinness of the larder, but my wife is down with the smallpox, I have the typhoid fever myself, and the girl has a little touch of diphtheria.—*New York Morning Journal.*

Hereditary Inebriety.

"This is no wholesale liquor store," said the bartender, indignantly, as he snatched the bottle away from a tough-looking citizen, who had called for a drink of whisky and filled the tumbler to the brim.

"Don't get mad about a little thing like that," said the customer.

"But it is too big a drink for anybody."

"Not for me. See here, do you believe in hereditary inebriety?"

"What's that?"

"Appetite for drink handed down from generation to generation."

"Shouldn't wonder."

"Well, I'm one of them victims."

"Needn't try to drink it all at one go if you are, growled the bartender.

"I'll tell you why I have to take a big drink," said the tough citizen. "My grandfather was a big drunkard, and his father, but the hereditary appetite skipped my father and struck me."

"What's that got to do with that big drink?"

"I have to drink for my father, too."—Texas Siftings.

The Sneezing Spot.

As a Journal representative sat in the chair of a Maiden Lane barber the other day, the genial artist of the brush observed that the journalist sneezed when his hair was combed. "Did I touch the sneezing spot?" inquired the barber. He then proceeded to explain that the "sneezing spot" was a sensitive place to the left of the middle of the forehead. "Why," he said, "there are men who sneeze regularly every time I comb their hair or shave them, just as soon as the comb passes over that spot. I had a man in here yesterday who sneezed three times just as hard as he could, all because I touched the 'sneezing spot.' It must be a very small nerve that tickles the nostril."—Albany Journal.

Victoria at Her Coronation.

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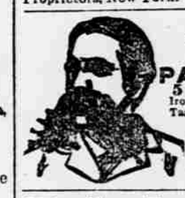

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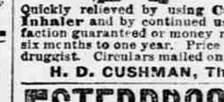

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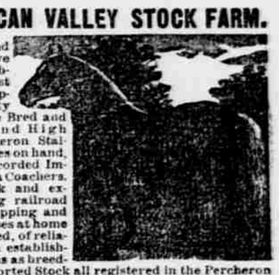

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