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IT WAS THE IRONY OF FATE.

The Clerk's Loud Voice Made Trouble in the Lambkin Family.

"I don't see why we can't go to the opera like other people," pouted Mrs. Lambkin, as she and her spouse were walking home together. "We could, I'm sure, if you didn't look upon Wagner as a mortal enemy."

"My only objection to him is the fact that he sends you to sleep and then won't let you stay there," replied Mr. Lambkin. Then, basely anxious to change the subject, he remarked, "I do believe that is Mrs. Fitzjones in another new gown."

"No doubt. Her husband is so generous to her. Why, she tells me that they were at the opera last evening and expect to go again tomorrow."

"Indeed. Ah, by the way, didn't you tell me that you thought Dick Norooks and Miss Effie had quarreled?"

"Very likely. I notice that Dick is particularly touchy whenever grand opera is in town."

"Ah, indeed. By the way, how should you like to call at your mother's this evening?"

"Very much, if anybody was likely to be at home. But of course they will all go to the opera."

"Um—ah! I've just remembered that this is church evening. Suppose we go. We haven't been to evening church since we were first married."

"Impossible, George. I should be ashamed to have any one know that I was well enough to be out after night and not at the opera. People would be sure to say that you are stingy, and I would rather die than cause such remarks."

"Fact is, Eudora, I'm as anxious as you are to go to the opera, but money is too tight. I had to make a payment today and I don't if I have a dollar in my pocket. Never mind, we can have a nice long evening at home alone, can't we?"

"Humph! We are sure to be alone, for every living soul we know will be at the opera."

"All the better, my dear. Just step in here with me a moment, will you? I have no cigars, and I don't want to have to go out for anything tonight. You see, I don't keep many cigars on hand now that money is so scarce."

They went into the store, and Mr. Lambkin selected his cigars, while his wife stood by. He felt anxiously in his pockets for small change, and finding none took a bill out of his notebook, and glancing warily at Mrs. Lambkin handed it, all crumpled up, to the clerk. After all that did seem the irony of fate which made that individual call out in stentorian tones to the cashier, "Twenty-five from 20, please!"

And Mrs. Lambkin was still talking about it when they reached home—Chicago Times-Herald.

THE NEW WOMAN'S WAY.

How She Will Propose to the Innocent Young Male Creature.

The room was in confusion. That is the way the books say it. An ordinary man with good eyes would have said confusion was in the room.

"At last!"

Her hands trembled as she attempted to fix her tie. Thirteen collars have been ruined. She took a photograph from a drawer. It was the sweet, innocent face of a young man. "Ah, little George! I can no longer deceive myself. I love you. The strong is about to become the weak. How far we women will go for the bright eyes of a silly man! But enough! I shall ask you to be mine this night, come what may."

"Mr. Nicely will be down in a moment. Pray be seated."

But her heart beat too wildly. She paced the floor. "The dear, dear, little boy! How I love him!"

The curtains parted, and the world's greatest treasure—a true hearted, innocent young man—entered.

(An ordinary, everyday conversation for a few minutes. She attempts to take the hand of George, who blushes and looks startled.)

"I must explain myself! Hear me! I can no longer act this hateful part! I must speak! I love you with the great love of a brave woman. I—"

"But this is so!"

"It is. But will you be my husband?"

There was a great gulf of pity in the young man's gentle eyes. But he spoke: "No. But I will be a brother to you."—Boston Post.

Fixing a Watch.

"I dropped my watch today, and it has been gaining ten minutes an hour," said a man, at the same time handing the watch to a jeweler. The jeweler stuck a glass in his eye, looked into the interior of the watch, poked something with a small instrument, set the watch by a regulator, and handing it back, said, "It's all right now, and I've set it by the correct time." "How much?" said the customer, relieved. "Nothing," was the answer. "But I can't let you work for me without pay." "We never charge any one for such a service; why should we charge you? The hat-spring was doubled, and that made the watch run fast. A single touch set it right."—New York Sun.

Neighborhood Curiosity.

Mrs. Meekton was standing on the front doorstep when her husband came home.

"Henry," she said in a loud tone, "there's your income tax blank. You'd better fill it out right away."

"Great Scott, Maria!" he exclaimed. "What do I want with an income tax blank?"

"Don't talk so loud," she said, "as a neighbor in a suburban lot has called a summons to serve on the city. The next door neighbors on the other side of us have been sitting behind a fence, and down blinds waiting to see if you would come home so they could find out what the officer was here for."—Washington Post.

Both Averse to Interference.

At the corner of Fourth avenue and Smithfield street a lady from Glenwood entered a crowded outgoing car. The conductor knew who she was, and that she resided in Glenwood. He suspected that she had made a mistake, and that she thought she was on a Second avenue car, so he crowded up the aisle and politely inquired:

"Where are you going, lady?"

"That's my business," she tartly replied.

The conductor said nothing more, and the car sped along through the dark, crossing the Monongahela through the covered Tenth street bridge and rapidly putting space between it and Glenwood. When it entered the big Knoxville incline elevator and stopped, nobody said a word. After a minute's wait up the precipice it started, leaving the sparkling electric lights far below.

"My goodness," screamed the Glenwood woman to the conductor, "where is this car going?"

"That's my business," dryly replied the conductor.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

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Too much cannot be said of the harmful and disastrous effects of these drugs. The doctors are unable to rid the system of the poison, and direct their efforts toward covering up the symptoms from view. There is but one effect to be obtained from potash and mercury—they bottle up the poison and dry it up in the system, but it must be remembered that they dry up the marrow in the bones at the same time, gradually consuming the vitality. Those disfiguring copper-colored spots are but indications of worse results to follow. No sooner has the system taken on the full effects of this powerful drug than that suppleness and elasticity of the joints gives way to a stiffness, followed by the grating pains of rheumatism. The form grad-

POTASH MERCURY



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