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I asked a young saleswoman who served me in a large shop the other day whether the employees of the establishment were allowed to take advantage of the "bargain sales" in buying goods.

"I can't speak for any other places, was her reply, "but I know that we're not."

"Why, what chance would the public have after we'd had a whack at the counter?"

"There are over 600 women and girls employed here, and the cream of the bargains would be gone before the customers had fought their way through the front door."

"Of course, if we're smart we can send people here to buy for us. "One girl did this some time ago, but her friend got lost in the shuffle and couldn't crowd her way to the counter."

"So Mary Ann—she worked next to me—got so wild that she gathered up the things that she wanted and waved 'em at the woman as much as to say: 'Come on, why don't you?'"

"But the floorwalker saw the whole business, and it was 'good-by, Mary Ann.'"

THE OLD LOG SHANTY. It is Giving Way to the Tenement in the Coal Region.

One charm of the anthracite coal region of Pennsylvania has almost disappeared, and that is the comfortable and even picturesque log shanty of the Irish miner.

To the tiny breaker boys coming home on winter nights after a hard day's work these shanties, with their cheerful fires, were welcome resting places, where they might stand in front of the fire unrebuked while black streams ran from their grimy boots over the shining floor.

The shanties have given place to formal tenements, and the Irish miners are retreating before thousands of even poorer laborers from continental Europe.

THEIR LAST DRINK. John Davis, one of the largest cider makers in Indiana, recently killed thirteen coons under very peculiar circumstances.

He fastened the door and locked them in and went to bed. When he got up the next morning he took the coon dog and several hands and began the killing. He found the coons drunk and undergoing all stages of jags.

The scene was a most peculiar one. They had rolled the barrels over, which had been left open to allow the cider to work. They had then drank themselves full of hard cider.

Opinions on Trust. "It is much harder to examine and judge than to take up opinions on trust; and therefore the far greatest part of the world borrow from others those which they entertain concerning all the affairs of life and death.

Hence it proceeds that men are so unanimously eager in the pursuit of things, which, far from having any inherent real good, are varnished o'er with a specious and deceitful gloss, and contain nothing answerable to their appearance.

Hence it proceeds on the other hand, that, in those things which are called evils, there is nothing so hard and terrible as the general cry of the world threatens. Thus the multitude has ordained. But the greatest part of their ordinances are abrogated by the wise."—Bolingbroke.

Old Story with Variations. A silver watch which was dropped in a well in Belfast, Maine, twenty-five years ago, was recovered a day or two ago. Unlike most watches recovered under such circumstances, this one wasn't running just as if nothing had happened to it.

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SHE MISUNDERSTOOD.

Miss Laborer Naturally Thought She Was Meant Herself. "Miss Laborer," said Mr. Askam, after they had confidentially discussed a number of topics, "my object in calling upon you this evening is to consult you about a step I hope soon to take in my life. It is a step upward, and I regard it as the most momentous one I ever contemplated. In short, my dear Miss Laborer, I trust soon to be—to be married," says the Kansas City World.

"Indeed, Mr. Askam!" Miss Laborer said, assuming an indifferent air, but blushing slightly, "and upon what do you wish to consult me?"

"Upon several subjects, my dear Miss Laborer," answered Mr. Askam, rising from his chair and seating himself beside her on the sofa. "First, I should like to know whether you consider it is possible for two people to live comfortably on \$3,600 a year."

"Oh, yes, indeed, Mr. Askam," Miss Laborer replied, quickly. "If two people love each other that is more than enough."

"I am indeed delighted to hear you say so," said Mr. Askam fervently. Secondly, do you think that you—that your mother and you, after living here together so long, could bear to be separated?"

"It wouldn't be as though we really were separated, living in the same city, you know, Mr. Askam," returned Miss Laborer, thoughtfully. "Yes, I am sure neither of us would mind it so very much."

"That's a brave young lady," cordially responded Mr. Askam, patting the back of her hand affectionately, as it lay in her lap, "that's a brave girl. And, thirdly, do you think a man of 47, my age, Miss Laborer, too old to get married—especially if there is little, if any, discrepancy in the ages?"

"Oh, oh, you insulting thing!" screamed Miss Laborer, springing to her feet. "You know I am not 23."

"Certainly, my dear," responded the astonished Mr. Askam, mildly, "certainly, but your mother must be nearly as old as I am."

"You have been speaking of my mother?" demanded Miss Laborer, tragically.

"Of course," said Mr. Askam, looking bewildered. "I thought it only fair, as you are the bread winner, to consult you first. Why, who do you think I meant?"

HE HAD TO BE CAREFUL. Or He Would Be Left Out in the Cold If He Forgot That Password.

From the Washington Star: "What is the matter?" asked one of Mr. Vivies' boon companions; "you haven't taken the pledge, have you?"

"No. But I'm not looking on the wine when it's red in the cup, just the same."

"Reformed, have you?" "Yep. You've heard of a woman's marrying a man with the idea of getting him to stop drinking. It doesn't always work; but it did in my case. My wife is a stupendously clever woman."

"Made you promise, did she?" "She didn't have to. When I started down town to-night she said: 'I've lost the latch-key, dear, but it won't make any difference. You ring the bell and I'll let you in.' I said 'All right.' 'Only,' she said, 'we'd better agree on some password, so that when you ring I can look out of the window and make sure it isn't a burglar.' 'Of course,' said I; 'what'll the password be?' 'I have it,' she answered; 'it mustn't be too simple. You just say 'Irrepressible reprehensibility' and then I'll come down and let you in.' Gentlemen, if I can't say irrepressible reprehensibility when I get home I don't get in, and, moreover, I assume the chances of being taken for a housebreaker. I've simply got to be careful! And he went over and resolutely seated himself next to the ice water tank.

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