

THE MAN WHO WAS REFUSED.

How Charles Sturges affected a sister-stricken girl in love.

When six or eight of "the boys" got back into the city, there is apt to be a lively time, says the Boston Herald.

"No, it's nothing of that sort," he brokenly replied. "But you seem to feel very bad."

"If you'll tell me how I can help you I'll gladly do it. Let me get that bottle of cholera remedy. It's a damp day, and a sip will warm you up."

"I see. Have another sip of the cholera remedy? Sure to ward off the dread disease."

"Thank you. I don't want to catch the cholera if I can help it. Ah! That's purty good! So, ye see, after takin' time to think it all over, I went down to-day and put the case to the widder. Jes' cum right out and talked straight to her. Told her how old I was, what I was with and what I was willin' to do for her."

"And of course she accepted you?" "No! The blamed critter let me go on talkin' and promisin' and telling how I'd fix over the woodshed, paint the house and buy a new parlor carpet, and after an hour or so informed me that she was married agin three weeks ago."

"Is it possible? Have some more of the remedy." "Thank you. Makes me feel better. See this? It's a bottle of laudanum. I got it at the drug store. I was goin' to take it when I got hum. When I left that widder's house I wanted to die. I was determined not to live twenty-four hours longer. I was jes' doubled right up with sorrow and grief. It did seem—"

"Have another small sup?" "Thank you. Wouldn't believed anything could help me so quick. Guess I'll throw this laudanum out of the window. Wall, it's funny how different I feel."

"Grief all gone?" "Every bit of it." "No more sorrow?" "Not a spark. I'm a-feelin' every bit as if I never saw nor heard of the Widder White. Instead of goin' hum to take laudanum and die I'm goin' to kick up my heels like a yearlin' colt."

"Just another taste to effect a complete cure." "Thank you. That does knock cholera and no mistake, stranger; put it there! You have saved me from the grave! I ain't rich, but if you'll stop with me I'll board you a hull year and not charge you a blamed cent!"

"I'm glad you feel better." "Feel better?" he exclaimed, as he pushed his hat back and smiled all over. "I should gurgle that I did! Not a grief, not a sorrow. As for the widder, she kin go to grass—whoop!"

NOT IN CAMBRIDGE. A Youngster's Retort that was Complimentary to the Village. This is a short story that Cambridge people may not find exactly humorous.

WIT AND HUMOR.

A Boston procession is a moving spectacle. Living in a carter may be said to be a rheumatic difficulty.

A defect in the hearing of a Judge is not as serious as a bad hearing for the prisoner.

When our hopeful comes home and tells us of an increase in his salary we can almost feel the glow of the son's raise.

"Our baby is awfully nice," remarked Mabel. "It pulled my hair yesterday, and then cried because I did."

Stranger—"Sonny, this Mr. Sawreen in your village is quite a learned man, isn't he?"

Mrs. Bloomhopper—"What long hair that college professor has."

It must have been an unsuccessful philosopher at the time who first remarked that the world could better spare a better man.

Coroner—"What was found in the dead woman's pocket?" Assistant—"Nothing as yet. We've sent for an expert to find the pocket."

Van Arndt—"Do you believe second thoughts are best?" Van Dunso—"Weally, ye know, I nevah have them. Even first thoughts are a dooced boah."

"Seeing a mouse dart across the room she screamed murder at the top of her voice."

"I have a unique thing in the book line," said the poet. "So I have heard," returned the cynic.

Teacher—"Can any one help Johnny to finish the fourth commandment?" Small Boy—"Yeth'm. And the Lord blessed the Thirday, and made it a holiday."

ring along? MR. KNOWLTON—"I understand they have not desired a single plate."

Count Poco d'Argento—"I called upon Mr. Gaswell this afternoon and made a formal proposal for his daughter's hand."

"It seems to me that the government ought to pension all sons of veterans who were born since the war."

Female Emancipator—"With all our work, the cause of woman does not progress. Why is it?"

The Soldier Got Even. In the early days of the civil war the Maine volunteer regiments were quartered at Augusta several weeks after organization to be drilled and trained before going to the front.

Two soldiers came into a livery stable one morning and asked the proprietor how much he would charge for a team to go to Waterville.

"Six dollars," was the reply. The bargain was closed and the soldiers drove off. Toward night they returned, and one of them stepped into the office and tendered the proprietor \$6.

"Oh, no!" he exclaimed. "Your bill is \$12." "How is that?" "Why, you asked me how much for a team to take you to Waterville, and said \$6; but you came back, didn't you? I meant \$6 each way."

Mazzini's Courage. The famous Italian exile was forewarned that his assassination had been planned and the men had been despatched to London for the purpose, but he made no attempt to exclude them from his house.

Uncle Treestop—"I hope to live long enough to find out what there is sacred about a sacred concert."

Winter bath its openings as well as spring. The small boy who ventures on the thin ice may be as effectually swamped as the husband who has invested in an Easter bonnet for his wife.

"I don't see you at the business any more since you married." "No. Whenever I want my feelings harrowed I just go out in the kitchen and watch Mary Ann handle the china."

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A Mystery Explained. The papers contain frequent notices of rich, pretty and educated girls cloping with negroes, tramps and coachmen.

Cough Following the Grip. Many persons, who have recovered from a gripe are now troubled with a persistent cough.

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