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STORYS ON THE SIDE.

KEEP HIS WORD.

Asid a young and fashion- lady to her plain old- and, "I hope you are not at dinner before all the at how you went bare- boy. Every time we have hock the people by talk- bare feet when you were

He did not say a bare feet, but he talked about having been backward out of church owing to the dilapidated unmentionables consequent condition.—Texas

grocery bill doth tread heels, so fast they fol- Journal.

Quiet Man.

ot-looking, elderly man in of black broadcloth suit with a broad brim, such as Colonels' and "Majors." the car sat two young telling stories about per- es on the road. One of with much gusto an- he had recently with a n man, the weapons be- game was poker, the was that old familiar which so often figures in and two principals were a straight flushes. "It t game," remarked the and we bet sixty-seven called him. He had a queen high, and I had

should have heard ticed that the old man at attention to the story on he exclaimed with ishment, "You called angster blushed and guilt. "Well! well!" an, shaking his head, utinly not what they see I cum frum Ten- it up to this way er y, I'm playin' a hand t to my pap in '77. Dublin of Murfree- o a game one night in an' they bef an' bet an' they run outer cash they a horses, an' then nig- ey tuk to bettin' acres they run outer every-

agreed that the ban's a sealed envelop an' in the vault of the bank more stuff. Well, way off an' on till the ole Judge has died and Seven Pines, an' then he tuk his ole man's ad's. Well, gen'elmen, git whenever we git the t no signs of quitting, dly like to see them ole Judge Dubbin's he sighed a long sigh of ation while the two det him as one worthy eh if it was only as a urg Dispatch.

down stairs attired in ooked simply gorgeous. us" exclaimed Johnny ng to the party loonyg-

whispered the young e shoulder straps. They res." bar some other dress. I is, if you wear suspend- your shoulders flat like ood scound'ous with know. Don't ahe, Mr.

attempt. could be so base-

"Nor a base ball game," she remarked frigidly. In he plunged boldly—faint heart never won fair lady: "My angel, do you think your mother would consent—" "I know she would," she interrupted con expression; "go and ask her. You have my blessing for I'm sure you'd make a good step-father."

He took a step-father and went home. —Free Press.

PRESERVING HUSBANDS.

How to Treat Men So That They Will Prove a Joy Forever. At a recent meeting of the Woman's Club at Marshalltown, Ia., Mrs. H. C. Young caused quite a stir by her response to the toast: "Our Husbands." Quoting Burns, Mrs. Young began: "Husband, husband, cease your strife, No longer idly rave, sir; Though I am your wedded wife, Yet I'm not your slave, sir."

"How shall we preserve our husbands?" continued Mrs. Young. "In selecting your husband you should not be guided by the silvery appearance, as in mackerel. Nor by the golden tint as found in salmon. Be sure to select him yourself, as tastes differ. Do not go to market for him, as the best are always brought to your door. It is far better to have none, unless you know how to preserve them. Some women do this by keeping him in hot water. Others let him freeze by their carelessness and indifference. Some keep them in a stew by irritating ways and moods. Others roast them or keep them in pickle all their lives.

"It can not be expected that any husband will be tender and good managed in this way. The only true way to do with him is to preserve him. To do this you must have a preserving kettle of the finest porcelain; or, if that is unattainable, an earthenware pickin will do with care. See that the linen in which he is to be preserved is nicely prepared. The him in the kettle with a strong silk cord called 'comfort,' as the one called 'duty' is apt to be weak, and he might fly out of the kettle and be burned. (You must remember that husbands are like crabs and lobsters, they have to be prepared while alive.) Make a clear, steady fire out of love, neatness and cheerfulness. Set him as near the fire as seems to agree with him. If he sputters and fizzes, do not be anxious. Some husbands will do this until they are quite done. Add a little sugar occasionally in the form of what confectioners call 'kisses,' but be careful to avoid pepper or vinegar, as these things spoil the flavor. A little spice improves them, but it must be used with good judgment. Do not stick any sharp instrument into him to see if he is becoming tender. But stir him gently, watching the while lest he lie too flat and close in the kettle, for then he soon becomes spoiled and useless. Watch him carefully and you can not fail to know when he is done.

"If thus treated, you will find you have a well-preserved husband that will prove a joy to you and the children, and he will keep as long as you need him unless you become careless and set him in too cold a place.

"A king for the beautiful realm called home, And a man that the Maker, God, Shall look upon as he did the first, And say—it is very good."

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His Tax Was Crossed Out. The following story is told by the Oxford (Me.) Democrat: "About twenty years ago a Bluefield man, noted for his shrewdness, was attacked by the small pox. Conceiving the idea, as he was convalescing, that it would be a good time to dispose of his road tax, he took his stuff in one hand, and, shouldering his hoe, started for the scene of operations. Like the prodigal, he was seen 'afar off.' 'I sallow, Jase, they are afraid of ye.' 'Can't help it,' says Jason, 'I have got to work out my tax.' 'Say, Jase, if you'll go back I'll cross out your tax.' 'All right,' says Jayson, and the tax was 'crossed out.'

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NE Missed his Opportunity! DON'T Miss Yours, Reader. The majority neglect their opportunities and from that cause live in poverty and die in obscurity. Narrowing despair is the lot of many, as they look back on their life, and see that they have missed their chance. But a philosopher, that "the Goddess of Fortune offers a golden opportunity to each person at some period of life; outside the chance, and she punishes her riches; fail to do so and she departs, never to return." How shall you find the golden opportunity? Investigate every chance that appears worthy and of fair promise; that is what all successful men do. Here is an opportunity, such as most often within the reach of laboring people. Improved, it will give, at least, a grand start in life. The golden opportunity for many is here. Money to be made rapidly and honorably by any individual person of either sex. All ages. You can do as well if you will work, but too hard, but industriously; and you can increase your income as you go on. You can give spare time only, or all your time to the work. Easy to learn. Capital not required. We start you. All commodities are easily earning from \$5 to \$10 per day. You can show your law, free. Failure unknown among our work. No room to explain here. Write and learn all free. By return mail. Unpaid to delay. Address at once. H. Hallett & Co., Box 980, Portland, Me.

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