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Miss Sprightly—Not at all.

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Fizzler (who has not the faintest idea)—I reckon they made the fellow ride a bicycle, when they found he'd never been on a machine.

Wisdom in Silence.

Boston Courier: Yellow—We were speaking of Whately the other day I said I thought him to be a very intelligent man.

Brownly—You spoke in fun, of course. Yellow—Certainly not; I was in dead earnest.

Brownly—Why, man, he's dumb as an oyster in company. You never heard him talk. Where does he show his intelligence?

Yellow—He shows it by keeping his mouth shut.

Couldn't Fool Her.

Lawrence American: Mrs. Lumpkins (as the fish which her husband had caught are brought on)—Joshua, you have deceived me.

Mr. L.—How my dear?

Mrs. L. (tasting the fish)—You said you caught three fish in salt water, and they are just as fresh as they can be. Now I want to know where you bought them.

The Legitimate Drama.

American: Young Manager—You are making a great deal of talk about the legitimate drama. Now, I'd like to know what you mean by the legitimate drama anyway?

Old Manager—The legitimate drama, my dear, is the one up those plays whose authors are dead, and on which managers need pay no royalty.

Contrary to Nature.

Boston Transcript: Hobbs—An idea has just come into my head.

Nobbs—Oh, come now! That's contrary to nature.

"What d'ye mean?"

"Nature, you know, abhors a vacuum."

Paste.

Philadelphia Society: Idaho millionaire—What's the price of them there books? Bookseller—The novel by Henry James is \$1.50 and that cloth copy of Shakespeare's "Hamlet" is 50 cents. Idaho millionaire—Gimme the \$1.50 book. I don't want no cheap trash.

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Marriage of a Couple Whom Obligate Parents Separated Fifty Years Ago

—Remembered in His Deserted Wife's Will.

LITTLE ROMANCES.

No sooner had the schooner William Renton, from Kodak Island, Alaska, docked at Lombard street, San Francisco wharf, the other evening, than her captain posted to the morgue in order that the coroner might be informed of a ghastly incident which occurred at Kodak island about three months ago.

Ah Win was one of the Chinamen hired by the company to work in their salmon cannery, and went north at the opening of the season with the rest of the batch, agreeing to remain until the season was over, when he was to be returned to this city.

Ah Win was the youngest of the party, being but twenty years of age, and had only arrived in this country a few months before he went to Alaska. While in this city he pined for China all the time and was discontented and homesick. Under such circumstances he made the acquaintance of Ah Lung, a Chinese woman who lived on Broad Alley, and the two became fast friends. Friendship was formed by mutual affection, and they secretly became engaged. Ah Lung agreeing that when Ah Win had made enough money to support her she would abandon her mode of living and cling to him forever after. With the hope of making an everlasting fortune at some time Ah Win was persuaded to join a company of his countrymen bound for Alaska to work in a cannery. Ah Lung, soon after her lover's departure, forgot her vows and wedded Lo Tarn, a cigar maker who had saved a little money.

The news of Ah Lung's faithlessness was taken to Kodak island on the 15th of August, and the next morning Ah Win, accompanied with his friend half out of their wits from seeing his body hanging from a beam in the cannery, stone dead, with the letter announcing Ah Lung's perfidy tightly grasped in his hand.

The body was buried and exhumed before the schooner's departure, and after being well salted was placed in a tin case, tightly sealed, and brought back by the Renton. It will some day be taken to China to be buried among Ah Win's ancestors.

Quite a romantic wedding took place the other day in Bowie, a town a few miles west of Gainesville, Tex. Over fifteen years ago a young girl known each other in one of the eastern states and were engaged to be married. The lady's parents objected and sent her to Europe, where, after remaining some years, she married and finally came to Texas, settling in this county with her husband, who has since died. The gentleman to whom she was first engaged was soon after the departure of his intended bride, to Indiana, then the far west, where he settled and has since resided.

About a year ago this once-engaged

couple learned of each other whereabouts, and a correspondence was opened. The old flame which once burned in their hearts was rekindled, and the other day the old gentleman, Mr. Williams, arrived from Indiana, and hastily preparations were made for the wedding, which took place in the M. E. church in Bowie, Rev. Yelton, the pastor, officiating.

News of the intended marriage had leaked out and the church was filled to overflowing with an eager, expectant crowd. At the conclusion of the regular services Mr. Williams and his intended bride, Mrs. Barnes entered the church, walked to the alter, where where they were met by the minister and united in marriage. They are each over seventy years old, and will reside in Texas in future, both being quite wealthy.

Mr. William Bell for a number of years taught school at Atascosa Post Office, this county, for a very meagre salary, says a San Antonio dispatch.

He had labored in America for twenty years, and was no further ahead than when he started. Recently he left here for New York, where he hoped to better himself. On reaching there he received news of the death of his wife in Alaska. He had married her in his youth, and she was a lassie on the hills of Dundee. She was of good family, and her people were wealthy. They objected to the match, and after the marriage made it so unpleasant for the young people that Bell, in desperation, resolved to seek his fortune in a new world. He had not the money to bring his bride with him, and was unwilling to subject her to the privations of a hard life. He bade her good-bye, and she promised to wait patiently until he was able to return for her. She went to her parents, and Bell turned his back upon the land of his nativity. He was engrossed and ran away, and willing to turn his hand to anything. He tried first one thing and then another, and failed in all. Chilled by disappointment, he drifted at last to southwestern Texas and became a country pedagogue. The old restless desire to be up and doing overcame him and he went north again. The news which reached him there makes him the heir to \$20,000, which fails to him through his dead wife. The money came to him but recently through the death of her parents, and she had written to Bell a short time before she died, telling him that they were rich at last, and bidding him come to them. He got word of his death and the estate left according to the terms of her missive. In a heart-broken letter to friends here he states that he expected to sail for Scotland in a few days.

After living with a broken neck for twenty-five days, Caleb B. Tozer died in Cooper hospital, Camden, yesterday, says a Philadelphia dispatch. By his bedside when death came were the faithful young woman to whom he was engaged to be married, Miss Mismer, and Tozer's sister. The grief of the former was uncontrollable. She had two weeks expected her lover to recover so far as her symptoms, and the both talked hopefully of their approaching marriage. During the time Tozer was at the hospital Miss Mismer was by his bedside almost continually, and she was assiduous in caring for the injured man.

Tozer's case has excited much interest among medical men, his long existence under the circumstances being considered extremely remarkable. The victim's strong determination to live prolonged his life considerably. Most of the time he was paralyzed from the shoulder down. Death is thought to

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