PREACHER'S ESTIMATE OF FICTION

Reasons Why Young Women Stay Away from Church-The Dress Question-Presbyterian Church Girls Organize a Club-Its Objects.

At the First Presbyterian church, last evening Rev. J. M. Patterson concluded the discussions of the reasons assigned by young men for non-attendance at church, and commenced the discussion of reasons agsigned

Some of the young men ascribe their absence from church to the fact of Sunday work. They declare that, against their will, they are often compelled to work on the Sabbath or lose their position. Mr. Patterson assured the young men of his sympathy in such a dilemma and expressed the opinion that a business man was exceedingly short sighted who required his employes to work seven days in the week. He also believed that it was guilt enough for a man to violate the fourth commandment for himself, but the guilt was greatly enhanced when he compelled others to do violence to their consciences and the law of God.

The prevailing immorality of young men is assigned by some young men as the reason for the absence of multitudes of this class from the church. The Saturday night habit was referred to as exceedingly prevalent and pernicious. Mr. Patterson was loth to believe that the majority, or even a large minority, of young men were given up to licentiousness, and yet the evidence was strong in support of the theory that not a few young men are living so fast that they have neither the time nor the inclination for the worship of God. Doubtless a reason could be found for the absence of many young men from church if the saloons and houses of prostitution and low theaters were visited and a census of the young men patronizing

those doors of hell taken. Another reason assigned for the absence of young men was the fact that they were afraid of meeting with a change of mind and of heart should they frequent the house of God. This is, said the preacher, doubtless the real reason for the absence of many a young man Like the man possessed of evil spirits, young men desire nothing more than to be let alone. A guilty conscience is afraid of being disturbed, and yet a young man should not fear the change of mind or of heart any more than he should fear sunshine or shower any more than he should fear the choicest blessings possible for a man to receive upon earth, for a new heart, according to the teaching of scripture, is the very climax of

WHAT YOUNG WOMEN SAY. The reasons assigned by young women for not attending church in many cases are the same as those assigned by young men. The speaker took occasion to assure the young vomen that there is an eminent propriety in the Christian pulpit giving special attention to their interests and also that there is a special propriety in women being loyal to the church of Christ. The whole human race owes an infinite debt to Christianity and to Christ, but to woman Christianity has brought a special and peculiar blessing. The world's Savior was born of a woman, and this was nothing other than a recrown ing of woman's uncrowned nature. Hence forth she stands related to Christ as man does not. Furthermore, Christ has pic-tured the church as a woman; His own be-loved bride, and more than this, Chris-tianity has lifted and honored and ennobled woman wherever it has gone. Everywhere else woman has been degraded. A missionary once accosted a female pagan as a woman. She replied, "I am not a woman."
"What are you?" asked the missionary.
"I am a log of earth," she replied. This is essentially the conception of womankind which the world has always held when not alkebred by Christianty. enlightened by Christianity. At the birth of Christ woman was kept in ignorance, degraded from society, made the beast of burden, or an instrument of lust. She was oppressed and enslaved, never the trusted companion and friend and equal of man. But where Christianity has gone it has lifted woman from the position of a slave to that of man's equal, and even to man's glory. Well might the virgin sing the magnificat: "From henceforth shall all nations call me blessed, for He that is

mighty has done for me great things."
"Some young women do not go to church because they find more enjoyment," said the preacher, "in reading novels. I do not undervalue the habit of reading. Johnson declared that the most miserable man was the one who could not read on a rainy day. Erasmus said: 'When I get a little money I buy books. If there is any left I buy clothes.' The question today is not whether one shall read, but what and when. The food we eat no more determines the quality of our heart's blood than the books we read determine the quality of our moral flesh and

You ask: 'What kind of moral misery do novels produce? That depends wholly upon the character of the novels. In these, like other books, are good and bad. Gelke says to proscribe books of fiction as such is absurd. I agree with him It is not a question of abstinence, but of choice. There are very few people in this day of the world who doubt that fiction has not a legitime. mate place to fill, but this does not endorse indiscriminate novel reading. A book is a companion and needs to be chosen just as a indiacriminate novel reading. A book is a companion and needs to be chosen just as a living companion does. Is there not danger with characters that we would seein to meet in social life? Is it not true that the vast majority of current fiction is, as Geike says, 'pestiferous as an open ditch in hot weather?' Is it not true that the majority of cheap novels have their plots in diverses, murders, seductions, etc.? You might, as well seek for a gold cagle in a sewer as for anything elevating in a cheap novel. 'The African dirt-cater is respectable compared with the people who feed their minds on this kind of food. 'Where such fairies once have danced no grass will ever grow.' A person danced no grass will ever grow.' A person who spends time reading such trash needs to make a note something like this in his diary for the day: Lost, somewhere between sunrise and sunset, golden hours, each set with sixty diamond minutes. No reward, is offered for their recovery, for they are lost forever.' But what shall we say for people who substitute such reading for the worship of God? Then it is not only robbing one's self, but robbing God. You might has well expect your physical health to reas well expect your physical health to re-main good while eating tainted meat as to have moral and spiritual health when you

substitute cheap novels for divine worshipe.
"It will scarcely do to maintain that won study theology in fiction. It is usually very fictitious theology. And even though you read the better class of novels they do nothread the better class of novels they do norning more than inculcate the virtues of honesty, veracity, sobriety, courage, and do nothing to promote the higher Christian virtues of hope, faith and love.

"These are produced only by the cultiva-

tion of the devotional spirit and the wor-shipful life. STUMBLING BLOCK OF DRESS.

"Some young ladies are kept away from church because of their inability to dress as as they would like to dress. They somes, times feel that church people regard their livery more than their souls. Doubtless there are people who call themselves Christians there are people who call themselves Chris-tains who indulgs in such a balanch-weigh-ing of men and women. But the truth is-that the church is the institution above all institutions which teaches that character and not clothing is the true standard of human value. Is there not danger that young women in moderate circumstances are too sensitive on this point? I would suggest that they be member that the woman who dresses gargeously and judges other people by their clothes is very likely to have something to counterbalance her clothes

just as the peacock's ugly feet keep him humble when he sees them.

"Above, all, let me remind you that God looks on the heart, life and character and not at the form or dress. Christ's disciples itere fishermen. The common people heard alm gladly. So far as I know, there is only one histance in God's word where He took any exception to persons' dress. We are

told in Zacharlah that when Joshua, the high pricat, stood in the presence of the Lord he was clothed in filthy garments. At this the Lord was offended and ordered his and squalor, but I would not accuse the young women by insinuating that they ever would appear before God to worship in such a condition. The preparation of the mind and heart is of infinitely more importance in the matter of acceptable worship than the preparation of the body."

The series of talks will be concluded next Sunday night. The young women of the First Presby-terian church have organized a club. Its purpose is to promote acquaintance and the spirit of sociability and be generally useful in the work of the church. The club held its first meeting yesterday at the residence of Miss Godso, 202 North Eighteenth street Light refreshments were served and the future of the clpb freely discussed. The membership is already large and the suc-cess of the club is assured.

JUDGE DUNDY NOT ALARMED. He Talks About the Several Threatening Letters Recently Received by Him.

Judge Dundy was asked last night in regard to the contents of the letter threatening his life, which he received a few days ago. The judge said: Yes, I have received such a letter, but

the letter itself I have not now in my possession and therefore cannot give you verbatim its contents. I have received two such letters, both written in the same hand, though the signatures were different. letters are short, to the and are very threatening. They are stamped with a skull and crossbones and the signature in each case seems to be that of an Italian, but I cannot remember it, as it was unpronounceable.

"What can you assign as the possible cause of such action on the part of anyone?" "Well, the letter refers to my action in the recent order asked for by the receivers in equalizing wages on the Union Pacific. It refers to the action as unjust. It may be well to say that one of the letters was sent me the day before I issued the order and the other the day after: the first threatening me if I took such a step, and the other assuring me of my fate. Both letters were mailed from a western point. The first was mailed to me at my home and the other to Lincoln, thus showing that the writer or writers were acquainted with my movements. The letters state that my death would be planned by members of a costain lodge and would be carried out."

"Do you feel any alarm for your safety?"
"No, but my family is much worried. The only thing that causes me any trouble whatever is that my residence may be dynamited, and this, of course, would be easier of execution than to attack me individually. No, I have taken no measures to guard my life, and regard these threats as a matter of course with one in my posi-

'As to the man who called at my residence; I was away at the time, but from the description I don't think I could recognize him nor do I ever remember having seen such a man. I attribute his object in such a man. I attribute his object in coming to the house as more to observe the lay of the fand than anything else, as I am quite convinced he knew I was away. The man gave his name as Brat-man and when he left my place he went directly to the residence of District Attorney Baker, so I am informed, but there he was not admitted. I have not decided on what to take, or whether I shall take

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The children, as well as their parents, have treat in store for them, for the best of all fairy spectacular plays, the Hanlon Bros.' "Fantasma," is to be presented in all its greatness and gorgeousness at Boyd's theater for four nights and Saturday matinee, com-mencing Thursday evening next. Since last season the Hanlons have devoted a great deal of time and money to improving the production, and the result is that "Fantasma" is now better than ever before, which is saying a good deal, for the spectacle was always good. New scenery was painted and the old scenes repainted. The many and the old scenes repainted. The many tricks and mystic changes have been made

Chauncey Olcott, who has for some years been known as one of the foremost tenors in America and also an actor of rare ability, comes to Boyd's the first part of next week in the beautiful Irish comedy drama, "Marvouriceen." Ms. Olcott plays the part of a rollicking young Irishman, with plenty of songs and sentiment.

For three nights and Saturday matinee, commencing February 8, at the Fifteenth Street theater, comes "Si Perkins," a famil-iar character to the amusement seekers for many years, and one created by Frank Jones, a comedian with original and exceedingly pleasing methods. He has an entirely new and more extensive field in a play entitled "Our Country Cousin," written by Charles H. Flemming, esq. The play, while it contains a dramatic story of unusual interest," is replete with rustic simplicity pertaining to West Virginia life, and is infused with delightful comedy, besides affording oppor-tunities for the display of novel and effective scenery; the railroad scene, in the third act, being one of exceptional effectiveness, and unlike the established efforts to produce realism on the stage. Frank Jones, as Jason Wheatly, adds greatly to the force of his well known artists.

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AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA will spend several weeks in San Francisco visiting the Medwinter fair.

Citizens Talking of Putting an Independent City Ticket in the Field.

NAMES OF PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATES

Quarrel Over Heyman Clothing Stock Likely to Be Amleably Settled - Officer Harding Worsted in a Fight -Other News.

There is now considerable talk of holding a mass convention of citizens, regardless of political parties, to nominate a city ticket for the spring election. In this event it is almost certain that either Schultz or Bruce would be endorsed by the convention. The move is being agitated by the church people, and Councilman Bruce seems to be their favorite. Bruce has always opposed open saloons on Sunday, gambling in any form, and the other vices which are found in cities. There is no doubt that Judge Fowler would be the choice of such a convention for police judge. In fact, the judge is very popular with all who know him. Mr. Wyman's friends say they could capture the mass meeting for him if he wants to run for treasurer, out Tom Hoctor's

In the demogratic city convention Jack Walters and his friends will be likely to make a fight on Ed Johnson, but the old line democrats say that Johnson will get the nomina-tion and that he will make a splendid race. W. G. Sloan wants to be treasurer and Del Pierce and Harry Christie each want to be city clerk.

Beaten with His Own Club. Officer Hiram Harding and his immense ide whiskers became tangled up in an encounter Saturday night which gave the gentleman the first real touch of high life that he has enjoyed since he pinned a star on his

breast two brief weeks ago.

It is customary when a public dance is given at Bauer's hall to engage the special services of a policeman. For this sort of work the officer is given a chance to earn \$3 or \$5 extra money. The German society gave a masquerade ball Saturday night and Hiram was assigned to the job. Mr. Harding has the very sort of whiskers that one sees a comedian wear on the stage when he makes up as a typical cop. They are as red as a June apple, and they say it takes Hiram several hours a month to make them stand out with the exactness they do when on duty. He is a herculean appearing glant and is as polite as he appears pugilistic. The dance jogged merrily along until about 1 o'clock in the morning, when a fellow came to the door drunk and with no money. Hiram informed the visitor that unless he delivered up one silver dollar he could not enter into the festivities. Beginning at his feet, the intruder gradually raised his eyes until they met with Hiram's, and then with a wild shrick he sang out, "Get on to the whiskers." Still refusing to produce any cash, the officer took the fellow by the shoulders and told him he must settle or get out. The man brushed the dust from his coat sleeve where Hiram had touched him, and, squaring away, told Harding to go back in his cage. This was too much for the officer and he placed the man under arrest. Out the door the pair went with a jam and it was nip and tuck who was the best man. They reached the stairway outside when they clinched, and down they went. In the scuffic the prisoner got hold of Hiram's club, and with it he drove the gentleman's whis-kers back into his face for an inch. They fought for a few moments, when the man concluded he had better go, and he disap-peared in the darkness, leaving Mr. Har-ding to nurse a badly mutilated face and

Obituary.
The death of Miss Eila O Donnell occurred at the residence of her sister, Mrs. P. Mc-Mahon, Twentieth street and Missouri avenue, on January 27, at 8 p. m. Her last lness, which was a severe attack of bron chitis, commenced December 26. All the resources of medical skill were tried without avail and her sufferings, which were borne with rare fortitude, were terminated by a peaceful death, to which she had become calmly reconciled, She died fortified by the rites of the Catholic church, of which she was a devout member. Her two sisters, Mrs.P.McMahon and Mrs.T.Fleming, and her brother. John O'Donnell of Chicago, were in attendance at her death. The deceased was a native of Nashville, Tena, but for the last a native of Nashville, Iend, but for the last six years had been a resident of South Omaha, living with her brother-in-law, Mr. P. McMahon, one of the foremen of the Cudahy Packing company, during which time she had endeared herself to young and oid allke, and her untimely end at the age of 19 years is mourned by all of her acquaintances. The casket, which was very beautiful was literally covered with the

beautiful, was literally covered with the floral offerings of friends. The funeral, which took place on Thurs-The funeral, which took place on Inurs-day. January 30, was attended by the Young Ladies sodality of St. Agnes' parish in a body. It was conducted from the family residence to St. Agnes' church, where requiem high mass was said by Rev. H. J. Me-Devitt, who afterward preached a touching sermon. The remains were then viewed by those present after which they were es-corted by one of the largest concourses of carriages ever witnessed in the city to St. Mary's cemetery, where interment took

The bereaved relatives have the sincere sympathy of a host of sorrowing friends.

Mr. and Mrs. P. McMahon, Mrs. T. Fleming and all the relative, wish to express through The Bee their most heartfelt thanks to friends who so kindly assisted and at-tended them in their hour of affliction.

Litigation Over Heyman Clothing Stock. All sorts of attachment and replevin suits have been plastered on the Heyman stock of clothing within the last forty-eight hours. City Treasurer Hoctor was the last man to file an attachment. His bill was \$105 for taxes due the city.

In the meantime Harris & Cooper have, by legal services, managed to pack up and ship away the biggest bulk of the stock. They have not figured at any time since the deal was first closed that any but themselves had

any voice in the matter.

Mr. Heyman has been away, but he left a good representative in his daughter, Miss Betty, who has stood off lawyers, policemen, constibles and everybody else in a manner that has shown her to be a woman of much

nerve and good judgment.

Attorney Doud, who represents the interests of Messrs. Harris & Cooper, said last evening that he had been given to understand that Mr. Heyman was now ready to ge ahead with the deal as was originally agreed, and it is quite likely that the matter will be straightened out this morning.

Magie City Gossip. Mayor Walker is confined to his home by

Captain Austin has been reinstated by Mayor Walker and is again on duty. An overcoat belonging to J. P. Murphy was stolen at Bauer's hall Saturday night. The Young Men's Institute will give its last social of the season at its hall this even-

Oscar frongland is held at the police sta-tion as a suspictous character. The police are of the opinion that Hosgiand is one of the four men who recently robbed the Rock Island depot at South Bend. Colonel Sharp, treasurer of the Stock Yards company, leaves this morning for a trip to the Pacific coast.

Misses Ida and Jennie Woodward gave a very pleasant card party to a small com-pany of friends Saturday evening. Mrs. J. B. Watkins and daughter of Clin ton, Ia, who had been visiting at the home of their son and brother, returned home

yesterday.

W. Curtis reported to the police last night that a value filled with clothing had been stolen from his room at Twenty-fifth and M streets.

Harry Fowler, son of Judge Fowler, left yesterday for a trip to the Pacific coast. He

MMUSEMENTS.

"Spider and Fly" at Boyd's. "Spider and Fly," Leavitt's spectacular burlesque, which spened at Boyd's yesterday, suffers in contrast with "The Black Crook, which played to tremendous business last week at the same house, the Saturday matince being the dargest in the history of the pretty theater. Although the "Spider and Fly" is making its third visit to Omaha, the crudities of the first season are still apparent, not only in the lines, but in the situations as well. From a spectacular standpoint the performance is only fair, the gorgeous setting given the preceding per-formance decidely detracting from the present entertainment, although it afforded amusement to two large audiences yesterday. Handicapped as the production was yesterday by the sickness of half a dozen of the principal members, their places being filled by understudies, a critical estimate of the performance is not expected. There are, however, a number of right clever people connected with the company, who labored particularly hard to off-set the conditions which greatly operated against a well rounded production. Hilda Thomas, a well known burlesquer has a happy role in Lord Razzle Daz zle, which she plays with much credit to herself. In method she suggests both Theo and Jarbeau, the former probably to a greater degree than the latter. full of new business and gets out of the part all there is in it. Miss Marie Laurens, a beautifully formed woman and an artiste withal, plays the queen of the mermaids with grace and brilliancy. She has a sweet soprano voice which shows considerable cultivation and is therefore a decided acquisition in the concerted numbers as well as , quartets. Hilda and Rose LaPorte, as the evil spirits, Spider and Fly, have considerable to do throughout the progress of the play, and

urn in his balancing ladders. The King's Daughters of the Church of the Good Shepherd, assisted by Miss Gertrude McMacken, soprano soloist, gave a delightful entertainment Saturday night at Washington hall for the benefit of Omaha's poor. William Dean Howell's well known farce, "In the Elevator," was given splendid performance, while the graceful and courtly "ancient minuet" which pre-ceded the regular program was a delightful

they meet all the requirements. Dan Packard and Charles A. Morgan sustain the comedy element satisfactorily. Paul Duval

introduces in the third act a very clever

exposition of the manners and costumes of the age of Louis XIV. Eight pretty girls made this one of the most attractive features of the evening.

The characters in the farce were cast as

follows:

Mrs. Edward Roberts... Miss Grace Turner
Mr. Edward Roberts, husband of his
wife... Mr. Charles Thomas
Dr. John P. Lawton... Mr. Lysle I. Abbott
Miss Lou Lawton... Miss Mathilde Fried
Mair Bemis... Mr. Alvin Patten
Mr. Albert Bemis... Mr. R. A. Jones
Mr. Curwen... Mr. Edward L. Bradley
Mrs. Caroline Curwen. Mrs. Alice Elisworth
Mr. Ellery C. Miller... Mr. A. W. Jeffeis
Mrs. Ellery C. Miller... Mrs. Sue King
Willis Campbell... Mr. Charles Nichols
Mrs. Creshaw... Miss Nellie Campion
Frank Meyers, elevator boy...

Master Guy D. Thomas
The young gentlemen and young ladies

The young gentlemen and young ladies who took part in the minuet were: Messrs. Wiley Jones, Arthur Cooley, Roy Boudinot, William King, Allen Barstow, Frank Corby, Fred Schneider, Herbert Robinson; Misses Frances Lehmer, Lizzie Corby, Salome Eminger, Margaret Lehmer, Jennie King, Ruth Lehmer, Esther Fried, Pearl Bradley.

"April Fool" at Fifteenth Street. Gus Williams opened a four nights en gagement at the Fifteenth Street theater last evening to a well filled house. "April Fool," from a dramatic standpoint, has little or nothing to recommend it, but like all of its class, it affords an opportunity for introducing a number of very clever spe-cialty people. Gus Williams himself was generously applauded for some cleverlyrendered songs. Charles H. Burrows, in his whistling act, and Misses Lillian Elma and Fapnie Midgley, in vocal selections, were well received by the audience, but Sager Midgley, as the silly boy, was the prime favorite.

PULLED DOWN THE WALLS.

Incidents Following Boston Store Fire Thousands View the Wreck. Thousands of people visited the ruins of the Boston store yesterday and stood around on the sidewalks watching the work of the few firemen who still remained on duty. Shortly after 1 o'clock men with heavy moving apparatus went to work to pull down the wails left standing.

The cornerstone pier near the entrance to the store was pulled down at 2:30 o'clock, and fell with a great crash. The pier at the west end was next razed. The workmen then directed their attention to the north wall, part of which had already fallen in. After an hour's hard work the west part of this wall had been pulled down and all danger of failing brick was over.

In the front of the Los Angeles Wine and Fruit company's store, adjoining the Beston store on the north, frozen fruit was displayed in great abundance, and many a small boy's mouth watered for a chance to taste the luscious looking tropical products.

Every plate glass window in Thompson & Belden's store was broken and Mr. Thompson had the entire north side boarded up yesterday morning. All of the windows on the south side of Douglas street as far down as Falconer's were cracked by the heat. The loss to the

plate glass insurance companies will be quite While making the run to the fire the front axle on Chief Galligan's buggy broke. Driver Ben Wisby was alone, the chief haying preceded him to the fire. Wisby was thrown out and dragged about fifty feet before he was able to stop the horse. Fortunately he was not injured. This was the second or third accident of the kind that

Wisby has met with in the last couple of Fireman John Fitzpatrick of hose com-

pany No. 3 was quite badly burned about the face by brands from the burning build-ing dropping on him. The patient had his face dressed by Dr. Loa. Complaints were heard on all sides yesterday about the miserable water pressure, and more than one citizen and taxpayer was heard to remark that he would subscribe to a fund for the purchase of more engines. Frank E. Moores acknowledged his willing-

ness to donate \$1,000 for a new engine to protect the business interests of the city. De Witt's Witch hazel salve cures piles. A Seventy-Two Pound Rail

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SEQUEL OF A ROMANTIC CORRESPONDENCE

Wooed but Not Won-Result of an Adver tisement in a Matrimonial Paper-Henry Stacy is Still Single-Revenge Supplants Love.

A rose-tinted romance of two states-s tale of love with goggles and another instance of matrimonial misfits, was shattered at the Murray hotal Friday evening. Two hearts that were to beat as one are now hopelessly adrift on the hymencal ocean. tossing about amid the sea weed of bitter disappointment. Henry Stacy is a student of queensware at the Murray. He is a dishwasher, and a

good one, so they say. Henry is a stalwart fellow about 40 years of age, and while he is not cursed with the fatal gift of beauty, he is said to possess a lovable disposition He is the hero of the story. The heroine is a resident of Big Sandy in far away Montana. Her name is Miss Lou Kilpatrick. She is a brunette of 34 summers. The winters are not all counted. Miss Kilpatrick formerly resided in Iowa. So did Stacy, but neither of them ever met until Friday About one year ago Miss Kilpatrick in serted an advertisement in a matrimonial paper published on Dearborn street in Chi-cago. She wanted a husband. The call for

volunteers specified that each applicant should state age, weight and general de-scription. An important feature of the card, was that incomes should also be in-cluded in the responses. The advertisement reached the eye of Henry Stacy. He thought it over. Here he was in the prime of his manhood—with-out a wife. The feeling rapidly biossomed into a feverish desire to answer the adver-

tisement. It was not for the purpose of a senseless pastime. He meant business. As the fingers of Cupid picked a banjo solo on his hearistrings, Stacy grasped a pen and wrote to the great unknown in the howling northwest. He said that he possessed all of the attributes of a first class husband. Each and every requirement of her advertisement he believed he possessed. With the aid of love's light wings and a 2cent postage stamp the letter reached its destination. Miss Kilpatrick immediately responded. It was a go. First blood for Stacy.

CORRESPONDENCE BEGAN. Letters were exchanged with regularity Finally, one day, last November, Miss Kil-patrick wrote to Stacy and cautioned him not to be too gushing in his affection through an inkstand, as she had lost the key to her trunk and could not lock up the correspondence. It would not do to have love letters scattered around loose where inquisitive people might see lines of devotion not intended for the eyes of a morbid and gaping public. So Stacy bottled up many of his pet billet doux terms and contented himself with writing letters more formal in expression. Christmas was approaching and the prospective bride wrate a proaching and the prospective bride wrote letter calling attention to the fact that sh had always received presents on her birthdays and Christmas. Stacy has a heart in him as big as an ice wagon, so he straightway hied himself to a dry goods store and purchased his prospective wife a bright red

dress. This he sent to her and was rewarde with a letter fairly teeming with gratitud Finally arrangements were made for the approaching nuptials. Owing to the financial stringency and repeal of the Sherman law, Miss Kilpatrick was not burdened with wealth, and appealed to Stacy for expenses of transportation. Stacy complied with the request to the extent of \$30. The breveted bride purchased her ticket and started for Omaha. As the car wheels revolved with a clickety-click cadence, they echoed the beatings of her little Montana heart. Even the telegraph poles which streaked past the car window formed a sort of punctuation of her sighs for Henry. She reached Omaha Friday morning. As she left the train and glanced around the depot platform, a small cloud of regret seemed to gather between her eyebrows. Henry was not there to meet her. Events prove that in the excitement of departure, she had falled to notify him when she would arrive in Omaha. Her loved one was at that mo-ment engaged in a Graeco-Roman wrestling match with soiled dishes in the basement of

the Murray. Miss Kilpatrick then went direct to the Miss Kilpatrick then went direct to the hotel. At first she mistook Billy Anderson, the head clerk, for the man whom she was to wed. Mr. Anderson proved his identity, however, and then a search was made for the bridegroom-to-be. Miss Kilpatrick was assigned to room 16—"sweet sixteen" as it were. A bell boy was sent in hot haste to the basement of the hotel, where the love-sick dishwasher was informed that his future wife was up stairs and ready to em-brace him. Stacy is rather proud-spirited. He blushed a bit and sent back word that he would come up as soon as he prepared his tollet, as the call was unexpected and he was arrayed in the uninviting garb of his industry. Miss Kilpatrick immediately sent a message for Henry to forego any preparations to improve his personal appearpreparations to improve his personal appearance and to come up at once fust as he was. She was thirsting for his society and hungering for the music of his voice, Henry demurred, but finally yielded. With a light heart he rapped on the door of number 16. Miss Kilpatrick responded. Her bright, smiling face was quickly changed to one of horror.

horror. LOVE SOURED QUICKLY. "I am your Herry," he said, with a sera-

phic smile. Miss Kilpatrick gave him one glance, Miss Kilpatrick gave him one glance. It was her first rimuse of the man whom she was to marry. She gave him a look of scorn and then shut the door in his face. Crushed and humiliated, Stacy returned to the basement. Miss Kilpatrick burst into tears and declared the match off. The honeyed expectancy had become a pickled disappointment.
Then love turned to hatred in Henry

Stacy's heart. He wrote a note demanding an interview. It was refused. Then he hied himself to Justice Cockrell's court and instituted a suit against Miss Kilpatrick for \$30, the amount that he advanced for her for \$30, the amount that he advanced for her transportation to Omaha. He claimed that he gave her the money on condition that she would marry him. She had repudiated the contract, and now he wanted his thirty simoleons. A writ of attachment was issued for her baggage, which consisted of a small hand satchell. Yesterday Stacy went into Justice Cockrell's court and became engaged in an argument over the went into Justice Cockrell's court and became engaged in an argument over the
deposit for payment of costs, during which
he left the court room in a heated frame of
mind and the case was practically declared
off. Miss Kilpatrick left for Ottumwa, Ia.,
and Henry returned to his work. He
showed a number of love letters to a reporter yesterday and feelingly said that
he had been most cruelly treated by the
woman. He said that he knew that he was
not pretty, but he fulfilled all the requirements which she advertised for, especially
on weight and income. He says that both
parties put up a deposit in the
bank several months ago, as an evidence
of good faith and he proposed now to institute unit for the forfelt money. Stacy
waxed wroth at the fact that Miss Kilpatrick sent him a photograph of herself, and rick sent him a photograph of herself, and then asked him to return it several months ago. He never sent her a photo of himself, and he cannot account for her fickleness.

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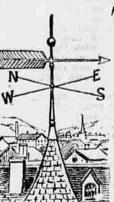
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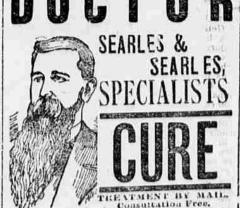
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