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| Total Insurance in force, December 31, 1901                          | \$3,421,500 |
| Insurance written and revived January 1 to June 30, 1902             | \$1,336,500 |
| Insurance gained January 1 to June 30, 1902                          | \$1,249,000 |
| Total Insurance in force June 30, 1902                               | \$4,670,500 |
| Amount re-insured in other companies June 30, 1902                   | \$2,372,550 |
| Insurance written first six months of 1902, over same period in 1901 | \$608,500   |
| Premiums collected first six months 1901                             | \$40,758.08 |
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| Gains in 1902 over 1901  | \$40,707.89 |

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**New East River Bridge**  
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catches us. Back and forth, up and down, rolling like a ship in a gentle seaway, sways the footbridge. The engineer cheerfully and apropos of nothing that we care about at the time, mentions that the men are so proud of having completed the work of cable spinning that they have begun already to take the iron trusses off our meager roadway. That, he explains with the satisfaction of science, is what makes the footbridge swing so. He stops quite unnecessarily to explain it.

Then we begin the ascent toward the New York, or rather, Manhattan tower, though nobody ever calls it that, even by accident. If the climb from the Brooklyn anchorage to the tower was hard, now, in the light of present trouble, it seems as if it had been a pleasant morning walk.

Height seems more appalling here, too. To look down and see Manhattan's immense buildings, dwarf-like under us, tells us suddenly that there is such a thing as dizziness. If we thought that we had experienced it before this, we learn now that we did not know what the real thing was. In spots here the spaces between the planks of the footbridge are wide enough so that one's whole leg would go through if there were a slip. It would be entirely impossible for one's body to follow, but every man holds his breath as he steps over the terrible yawning chasm of seven inches.

**How He Waked Her**

The man who wouldn't take the time to work off any conversation upon his wife until after they are in bed, and who then begins to tell her the day's stock of funny stories after she is too sleepy to stay awake, so that she always goes to sleep on his hands while he is talking to her, had an awfully funny one to narrate unto her after he had doused the glim and crawled into bed a few nights ago, reports the Washington Post.

"Ha! ha! ha!" he gurgled, as he settled back on his pillow—his wife had been in bed for about fifteen minutes then. "Heard a Jim Dandy of a story about Billy Fantoids this afternoon. It seems that Billy took it into his head to go fishing up the river one afternoon last week, and b'jing, he hired a leaky skiff over in Georgetown without knowing that the blamed thing was leaky. Well, when he had rowed out to the middle of the river, why, he—"

At this stage of it the narrator heard an exceedingly gentle feminine snore alongside of him.

"B'jee, if she hasn't gone to sleep on me again," he said to himself, aggrievedly. "Mary," he said, aloud, "are you awake?" There was no reply.

"Huh! Wonder she couldn't just be civil enough to keep awake while a fellow's telling her a good story, anyhow," he growled to himself, and then he had a sudden idea.

"Well," he proceeded, in precisely the same tone that he had employed in starting out to tell his funny story, "as I was saying, this swell queen that gave me the goo-goo eye on F street this afternoon weighed about 158 pounds, and she was built from the ground up, too, I'm a-telling you, and she has got the swaggiest bunch of golden hemp and the niftiest violet eyes you ever saw, at that; and so when I pranced up to her and asked her if I hadn't met her somewhere and then took her around the corner to have a bite of lobster and a little something to drink and a quiet little chat, why, we—"

"John Forwhich, how dare you have the hardihood to lie there and confess such outrageous things to me!" his wide-awake spouse broke in just at this psychological moment and then he had to spend a good part of the remainder of the night explaining to her that he was only fooling in order to see if she would wake up, and it is no altogether a cinch that she isn't suspicious of him yet, at that.

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