

BY A TURN OF THE HEAD.

Missed His Wife and the Theater he Got His Dinner.

A city official, who supposes the episode is a close family secret, arranged with his wife to meet her at the office last Friday night at 7 o'clock, says the New York Herald. They were then to have dinner at a hotel, and attend the theater. He was prompt, but his wife had not yet arrived, so he patiently waited on the sidewalk with his eyes on the door that she might not come without his knowledge. He paced back and forth, reading the bulletins, observing the direction of the wind and looking at the clock as it marked the passing minutes; but he saw all who entered the building. He heard a loud clanging of gongs, as a fire engine dashed down 6th avenue, and turned his head for not more than five seconds to look after it. His wife was only a few minutes late, as she hurried from a Broadway car and rushed into the office, during the five seconds his head was turned. She had not seen him, and was pleased to think that he would be the one to be blamed for being late, as she sat down to wait his coming. He continued to wait and pace, as the clock ticked off the minutes. Eight o'clock was near and he became very impatient, as he realized that it meant to either miss dinner or the first act of the play. When 8 o'clock was passed he saw another act slip away. In a few minutes more he had given up the theater, and feared for the dinner. In another ten minutes all of the plans were changed, and he determined to go home. She was also discouraged and hurried to the street to take a northbound cable car. They met, and well; the theater was given up, but they had a dinner and each promised to say nothing about it.



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