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A "cooperative matrimonial snap" was explained to a New York *Sun* reporter a few days ago by a veracious Chicago drummer who had escaped uncaptured from a section in Massachusetts where the fair sex predominates to an unusual extent. It seems that there were twenty marriageable young women in a certain town, and only one man, and he was so poor that he was afraid to venture upon matrimony. "The girls were worth four or five thousand dollars apiece," the drummer states, "but that was hardly enough for the thrifty eligible, so he proposed that all the girls chip in so much for a chance at him, no subscription to be less than five hundred dollars, and each subscription of that amount entitling the subscriber to one ticket, with additional tickets at one hundred dollars each. The enthusiasm soon became intense. One girl blew in a thousand dollars on six tickets, and several of them had more than one chance. On the day of the drawing there was something over twelve thousand dollars in the pool. The drawing took place in the town-hall, where an admission of ten cents was charged, the sum to go to a consolation fund to be distributed among the nineteen unsuccessful ones. The young man's name came out with that of a girl who had only one chance, and, of course, she was declared the winner. The wedding took place two months later. The unsuccessful ticket-holders take a proprietary interest in the couple, and they have a reunion every year and call for an accounting, though they never ask for dividends on their investment. The lucky man has made money enough to agree to pay to each of the contributors a thousand dollars on her marriage, and up to date he had paid three thousand dollars. Three or four of them are in maiden graves, however, and the chances are he will never have to give up as much as they gave him."

The Sunday-school was financially embarrassed. A picnic had been devised, but some hoodlums broke the barriers and ate the cakes, and the deficit increased. A garden party was held, but on an evening when it rained, and ten dollars' worth of ice cream was sent to the Hospital for Sick Children. Other worldly devices were tried in turn, but all in vain, and at last, in blank despair, Superintendent Knowell turned to more Scriptural ways and means. One Sunday, after a lesson on "The Talents," he proceeded to put it into effect. Fifty cents were given to each of the boys of two senior classes, and in a voluminous address the superintendent explained to the whole school, as well as to the boys interested, that for one month the latter should trade on his half-dollar capital, for the benefit of the Sunday-school treasury. It sounded well and on the fourth Sunday all were on tip-toe to hear the results. After due address the superintendent sat at receipt of custom, and, beginning with the class nearest him, called out, "Thomas Jones." Thomas arose, looked meek and mild, and marched up with a dollar. "Well done Thomas," cried the superintendent, "you have been both faithful and diligent." You have, indeed, been shrewd to double your capital in four weeks, a fortune awaits you when a man." "And now, John Brown, give your account." "What have you made?" "Haven't

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