

## HOW TO GET OUT OF IT.

A Sharp Device That Was Worthy of Woman's Wit.

"Maria," he said, as he entered the house, speaking before his wife had time to say a word, "this house is in an awful condition."

"Why, Henry—?" she began.

"Don't try to excuse yourself," he interrupted. "Look at this room! I was going to bring home a friend with me but I refrained for fear that the house would be in just the condition that I find it."

"You had sent word, Henry—?"

"Sent word, Maria! Why should I have to send word? Why should any one claim to be a housekeeper have to be notified that she can't keep around and make things look respectable? And that goes for you, Maria! It is outrageous to be dressed in that fashion at this time of day."

"I could have changed it—"

"Oh, of course. You could have done lots of things, but you didn't. You were ready to entertain your husband's friends at any time. I suppose the dinner is cold, too."

"It's not as good as mine. You're late, you know."

"Oh, of course; and if I had brought my friend with me he'd have had to sit down to a cold dinner or one that was turned to a crisp, and you would have had to apologize. It isn't right at all."

"Well, Henry, I'm sorry you should feel that way."

"Well, I wish you would try to do a little better. It is very annoying."

When he had settled himself in his chair after dinner he chuckled to himself behind his paper and murmured:

"George! But I would have got a roaring fire for being late if I hadn't started it first. It's a great scheme!"—*Clintan Commercial.*

## THE UNGRATEFUL PATIENT.

How a Pretty Girl Disappointed Her Clever Doctor.

"Our lives are full of disappointments," remarked my friend, the surgeon, who is famous for his ability to joke with patients of any nationality in their own language and make them forget their misery for the time. "Early last summer charming young lady was brought to my office from a western state in a pitiable condition. She had dislocated her ankle some months before, and from unskilled treatment it had been put in such a shape that I thought at first that amputation might be necessary. She was wasted away to seventy-five pounds, and a mere wreck of her former self."

"I was luckily able to save the foot and bring her back to perfect health, and she blossomed into one of the prettiest girls I have ever seen. She and her mother called on me to say 'good-bye' last Tuesday, and she was in the highest spirits. She danced around the room to prove that her leg was perfectly strong again, and gave me this handsome silver inkstand for a remembrance. As I accompanied them to the stoop she paused on the upper step and took my hand again. 'Doctor,' she said, 'beyond the check which you have given me and the eternal gratitude of mamma and myself I feel that I owe you nothing further.' Leaving toward me she went on impressively. 'You deserve a reward that is far beyond anything I can give you. You deserve a kiss. She paused for a second, and then said, 'Mamma, kiss me,' and before I could get the puncher out of my lips she was down in the street sending up the most tantalizing laugh I have ever heard."

"Yes, as I said before, we all have our disappointments."—*New York Herald.*

The General Set the Question Right.

Miss B. asked Gen. S. of Louisiana, if it was true that many of our solid citizens, while soldiers, regarded card playing and petty pilfering as among the compliments of camp life. Gen. S. replied: "A base lie, madam—a calumny. True, they never left a fence, ditch or road on its unbecomable foot; never suffered an unbecomable apple tree to break down from its load of fruit; never removed a bee gum from the shade of its neighbor; never permitted the local child to sour in badly ventilated milkhouses, and never—no, never—left a wounded soldier to bleed in young life away by the roadside; and as for cards, we give you our word that just before the battle of Seven Pines, of Perryville, of Murfreesboro, we saw cards strewn all along the road, so great was the soldiers' disgust for card playing!"—*Confederate War Journal.*

Equal to the Occasion.

One of the good stories of Postmaster-General James tells of a typewriter he once employed, who was a novice at the art, but who proved herself equal to an emergency. Col. James had dictated to her a political speech which he was about to deliver. He referred to a certain individual and said of him: "He knows no more about politics than Nicodemus did about the second birth." The young woman's notes, when she came to write them out, proved to be incomplete. She was not familiar with New Testament stories, and thus was obliged to fall back on her wits. "He knew no more about politics than Nicodemus did," she finished it, read: "He knew no more about politics than Nicodemus did was a favorite topic of conversation, and a safe conclusion, the young woman thought, in this respect."—*New York Press.*

Criticism.

Scene: Brown's Study (the well-known "Brown Study," of course). Brown is reading the fortieth chapter of his three-volume Autobiography to Jones. Brown (pausing in his gigantic voice)—"Well, tell me honestly, have you any fault to find with it? Jones—Well—hum—I—waste finish!"

One Way of Calling Him a Calf.

Callow—Till he's a bull in Wall street.

Callow—Heaven! How did you know?

Penelope—I supposed so because you're his son.

His Trunk.

Clerk (to emigrant)—Yes, that's all right for the passage money; and now as to your trunk? Emigrant (what would Oh be doing with a trunk, sir? Clerk—Oh, to put your clothes in. Emigrant—What! and me go naked?

On the Train.

Mr. Peck Slips but that's a newly married couple yonder.

Mr. Murray Hill—Why?

Mr. Peck Slips—Because they are trying so hard to act as if they were not.

Sensitive.

Saido—In the winter of 1910 there were five feet of snow.

Herdoo—On the level?

Saido—Do I look like a liar?

Undoubtedly Real.

He (jealous of his rival)—There is one thing about Count Minkinski that is unquestionably not bogus.

She—What's that?

He—His financial necessities.

A Reasonable Doubt.

"Ah, Cholly, I call me out in a spring suit next week."

"What? Cholly, I suppose?"

"Oh, yes."

"Bank checks or pawn checks?"—*Chicago Record.*

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## LOCAL SECURITIES ARE UP.

AN OLD-TIME BOOM STRIKES COMMERCIAL CABLE.

Local Securities Also Advanced—Other Stocks Higher—New York Stock Exchange—Excitement in Provinces—Cotton Higher—Wheat Higher—Heavy Run of Hogs at the Local Market—Business Embarrassment.

Local brokers are expecting a better supply of call money after the first of the month.

Consols are steady at 103 1/4 for money and account.

C.P.R. is higher at 87 1/2 in London.

Grand Trunk is steady at 55 1/2 for preference and 55 1/4 for common.

Henry Allen & Co. write J. J. Dixon that the gold market in the United States Treasury will be used freely, even if it goes down to the \$20,000,000 mark.

Port in Liverpool advanced two shillings and sixpence yesterday.

Kenneth, Hopkins & Co. say that though pork looks high it is not safe to be on the short side.

"There's no much of this wheat," said a dispirited bull yesterday. "Why, we have 45,000,000 bushels of wheat in the world, and we are getting on toward the new crop."

Cotton closed lower again yesterday. The Liverpool market is lower on unsteady regarding American currency, and New York reflects the weakness. May closed yesterday at 7.80, June 7.75 and July 7.60.

We are not averse to shipping gold abroad for our debts. Our quarrel is with the system that makes it necessary to ship gold abroad for a process of greater ease than possible any other means. The gold market is not so good as it was some time ago. The gold market is not so good as it was some time ago.

Yesterday's New York sugar quotations were: Sugar higher; spot Rio steady, 15 1/2; standard 15 1/4; 100 lb. cut and crushed, 15 1/2 to 15 3/4; powdered, 5 1/4 to 5 3/4; granulated, 5 1/2 to 5 3/4.

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There was a decided improvement in values of local stocks today. Notwithstanding stiff rates for money and the fact that the market for nearly all leading stocks advanced. The market for local stocks was not so good as it was some time ago.

The fluctuations in the New York Stock Exchange, as reported by John J. Dixon & Co. of Toronto.

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Am. Electric	100	100 1/4	99 3/4	100
Am. Telephone	100	100 1/4	99 3/4	100
Am. Paper	100	100 1/4	99 3/4	100
Am. Textile	100	100 1/4	99 3/4	100
Am. Lumber	100	100 1/4	99 3/4	100
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