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WEDDING ANECDOTES.

A clergyman on one occasion waited for a couple in his parlor one evening, and as they did not keep their engagement, he went to bed.

One Saturday evening an Irishman and woman came to a certain minister's house to be married.

Readers of Thomas Hardy's story, "Far from the Madding Crowd," will remember the scene in which Bathsheba, on taking charge of the farm, inquires how it came to pass that Mrs. Ball ever consented to name her son " Cain."

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"Yaas," said the German, "to join together this man and this woman in holy matrimony, which which—what comes next?"

"Hold on, man," said the astonished minister, "you have gone into the communion service; I can never get straight now."

Another mistake much like this happened to a very absent-minded clergyman, who stood up before a bright roomful of joyous people, and began the wedding service as follows:

"I would like to oblige you, sir, in your wish, but I fear I can not, as I do not recognize the validity of your orders."

"My orders are not valid, sir," exclaimed the indignant Wesleyan, "I tell you it's a purer ministry that has come down from John Wesley than a ministry that has come down by your apostolic succession through all their dirty popes!"

As a general rule, ministers find, on the principle that "a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush," that it is always better to take the fee at the time of the wedding than to wait for any after judgment in the matter.

The nervousness of the parties to be married very often accounts for some mistakes. A pretty well frightened groom on one occasion, feeling that he must be brave and speak up well when the officiating clergyman asked any question, boldly replied to the question addressed to the father of the bride,

On one occasion a clergyman, after pronouncing the benediction upon the kneeling couple before him, put forth his hand to congratulate the young husband, when the latter, thinking he was reaching for his fee, with an indignant, injured air, waved his hand away, saying, at the same time, "It is all right, sir; the same groomsmen will attend to that."

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