

SUNSHINE-SHADDER

Before Billy, who had gradually retreated to the end of the sofa, had time to reply, Tommy had closed the door and resumed his seat beside the kitchen fire.

"Yes, I'm goin' ter start the new year as I oughter done years ago, 'n' the late widder here, I'm a-goin' ter say, was quite willin' ter try the partnership. When I axed her the question she refused ter hear, well nigh over twenty years ago."

The little wedding party, numbering some four guests, raised their glasses of currant wine and drank to the health and happiness of Mr. and Mrs. Limpold Beggs.