MRS. BROWN'S HUSBANDS.

BY MAX ALDER.

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Mr. Mills, the minister, was a stranger in the town, and when called upon to visit Mrs. Brown, who had just lost her husband, and to console her, he went around to see Deacon Wilt, so that he could post himself about the situation.

"I understand you to say," said Mr. Mills, "that Mrs. Brown has been married three times ?—or was it four?"

"I say," replied the deacon, "that she was Mr. Brown's third wife, while he was her fifth husband. But she was the fourth wife of her second husband and the second wife of her first, so that she——"

"Let me see," said the parson, "the second wife of her first and the—well; then, three and five are eight, and four are twelve, and two are fourteen—if

eight, and four are twelve, and two are fourteen—if I get the hang of the thing, Mrs. Brown has been married fourteen times, and Mr. Brown was her

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"Oh, her fifth. But you said she was the fourth wife of her second husband, and she had three more, so that—four and three are seven—she must have had seven husbands, and where are the other two?"
"Why, don't you see? Her second husband was married three times before he met her. She had been married once—"

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"How could she be married only once when he was her second husband?"

"Only once before she met him, and when she married him she was his fourth wife, so that while he had had four wives, she had only——"

"Is this Brown you are speaking of?"

"No, no! Brown was her fifth. He had been married twice before."

"Her second husband had?"

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Mrs. Brown, say, married John, Thomas, Jacob, William and Henry. Thomas married Lulu, Mary,
Hannah and Susan—"

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"Before he married Mrs. Brown or after?"
"Before. Well, then, Brown married Emma and Matilda, and John married Agnes. Agnes died and John married Mrs. Brown. Then John died and Lulu, Mary, Hannah and Susan died, and then Thomas married Mrs. Brown. Then Thomas died, Jacob's wife died and Jacob married Mrs. Brown. Jacob's wife died and Jacob married Mrs. Brown.
Then Jacob died and William's wife died, and William annexed Mrs. Brown. When William died
Emma and Matilda died, and then Brown married
Mrs. Brown. Everybody came to Mrs. Brown, you

"I see," said Mr. Mills. "I think I grasp the facts, Pll go right around and see her."

Mrs. Brown was at home. And after alluding to the weather and one or two other topics, Mr. Mills

"I am deeply grieved, Mrs. Brown, to hear of your bereavement. It must be very very terrible, even for a person who is so used to it."

"So used to it! What do you mean, sir?"

"Why, I merely meant to suggest that experience cannot reconcile us to these afflictions. But there is this consolation, dear madam—time dulls the edge of our bitterest grief. You wept for John as if you could not be comforted; but you see you—

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"You wept for John, but Thomas came. When Thomas was taken you thought yourself inconsolable; but there was Jacob—he brought new joy. When Jacob was wafted to a better land your heart was nearly broken, but William healed its wounds; and when William drifted off into the unknown, Henry assnaged your grief. Perhaps there are other Henrys, Williams and Thomases to whom this blessed duty will fall again. Perhaps—"

"You are talking very strangely, sir," said Mrs. Brown.

Brown.

"Oh, no; I merely say that now that John and Thomas and Jacob and William and Henry have been called away to join Susan and Hannah and Agnes and Matilda and Emma and Lulu and Mary and the rest, there is some hope that—that—Why, Mrs. Brown, what on earth is the matter?"

Mrs. Brown flew out of the room without replying, and Mr. Mills, filled with amazement, went around to ask Deacon Wilt to explain the mystery.

"I was merely telling her," he said, "that Brown, had followed John, and Thomas and Matilda, and the others into a better world, when she—"

"Good gracious!" shricked the Deacon; "you

"Good gracious!" shrieked the Deacon; "you did'nt allude to her dead husbands and their wives by those names, did you?"

"Of course. You said that——"

"Oh, thunder, man! Why, those were only imaginary names, that I used by way of illustration. Brown's first name was Alcibiades. No wonder she was mad"

Mr. Mills groaned and went home in dismay.

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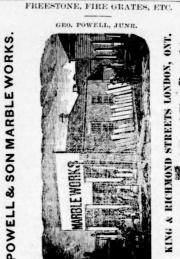
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