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"I think perhaps I had better go," said the minister, with chilly dignity. "Such profane—"

But the other paid no attention. The sight of little Joe crawling aimlessly about like a fly just rescued from the cream jug, aroused him to the necessity for immediate action.

Stripping the astonished youngster on the spot, he rushed him upstairs, and drying him off swiftly with a towel, tucked him securely in bed. Calling the two girls he sternly bade them "see that he kept there." Then he returned to the kitchen. Even the wildest flights of his imagination had failed to picture anything quite so disastrous. He felt that this must be the limit. On the only clear spot by the door were the white outlines of the minister's 'No. Twelves.' Joe cursed them softly.

"I wish the whole blamed shebang had gone right over him," he said viciously. "If it hadn't been for him I'd a remembered to fasten that lid on. Job, indeed!" Stepping gingerly he fetched a pail and cloth and began to mop up. It was a heartbreaking task. Little Joe's clothes he put in with the rest, and when the pail was full, emptied the lot out into the scrub. He had scarcely finished when it was time to get supper. It was a dreary meal. The silence got on his nerves until he longed for Selina to speak, if only to scold. Towards the end he stole a glance at her, which she intercepted. Their eyes met and both flushed guiltily. A moment later the same thing happened again. As soon as it was over, though no word was spoken, Joe went out to do his chores, while Selina began to clear away.

He was absent a long time and it was dusk when he returned. He did not enter the house, but sat down upon a bench on the verandah, leaning forward with his head in his hands. He felt terribly tired and very miserable, and his head ached horribly. Inside Selina was moving quietly about, the children evidently in bed.

Vaguely he wondered how she had fared during the day. What a brute he had been to allow her to do it! True, she had suggested it, but that no longer seemed to excuse him. Old Maitland's words, 'Be good to her, lad,' came back to his memory, causing him a bitter pang. This then was the result of all his resolutions! How long he sat there in gloomy meditation he did not know, but all at once he became aware that Selina was beside him.

"Well Joe," she said gently, "how did you get on?"

For a moment a suspicion that she was mocking him flashed through his mind, but a quick glance revealed her face sweetly sympathetic and serious.

Casting pride to the winds, he poured out all his troubles, omitting nothing. From time to time he looked at her furtively. The tiniest smile, and his heart would have hardened again. But Selina was wise in her generation. Presently her arm crept softly round his neck. "Poor old Joe," she breathed once, and when he came to the mattress, she went so far as to say that she knew it was rotten.

Joe suspected this was a 'fib,' but was doubly grateful.

At last the weary recital ended and silence fell.

"How did you make out?" at length Joe enquired timidly.

"I—?" said Selina with a delicious little laugh. "I—er—Oh, Joe, you old silly!" She hesitated—"Well, I guess you'll find out tomorrow, so perhaps I'd better tell. I spent the day down at the old folks'—there!"

Joe's face relaxed into a sickly grin. He had been properly 'done,' and a wave of deep mortification passed over him. It was quickly followed by a feeling of relief. Yes, he was glad, glad that he had been done. Otherwise—

"Yes," continued Selina slyly, "the minister came along there after—after he left you." And Joe was glad also that he had made no reservations in his confession.

"Hang him," he said in some confusion, and Selina cordially agreed.

"And, oh, Joe dear," she continued after a minute—and he could never re-

sist her when she looked like that—"they're all going to the lake next Monday for a week!"

"Then we—all 'I'll go to!" he replied stoutly.

The storm had passed and a cloud rolling away let in a flood of soft silvery light, as the broad moon rode out lofty and serene. "There's another pair of 'em," exclaimed the old fellow tastily. "Can't think why they always keep their love-making till I'm about!"

Cured Without Medicine.

The young husband who had been an only son at home, petted and indulged beyond every point of reason, began to show signs of petty royalty soon after his marriage. Most of his friends were

men of great wealth, who lived extremely well, and association with them made him somewhat hard to please in the matter of cooking. Scarcely a meal at his home table passed without criticism from him.

"What is this meant for?" he would ask after tasting an entree that his bride had racked her brain to prepare.

"What on earth is this?" he would say when dessert came on.

"Is this supposed to be salad?" he would inquire sarcastically when the lettuce was served.

The merry-hearted little wife stood it as long as she could, and finally decided to retaliate. The next evening she wore her very prettiest gown, and fairly bubbled over with wit. They went in to dinner.

The soup-tureen was brought in. Tied

to one handle was a decorated card, and on that card was written in a big, round hand:

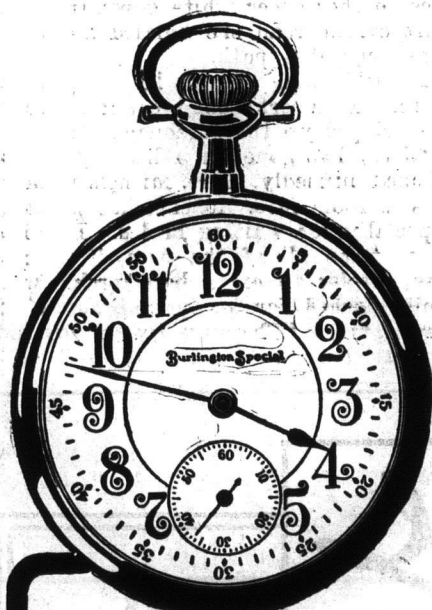
"This is soup."

Roast beef followed with a placard announcing:

"This is roast beef."

The potatoes were labeled. The gravy-dish was placarded. The olives bore a card marked "Olives," the salad-bowl carried a tag marked "Salad," and when the ice- pudding came in a card announced "This is really ice- pudding."

The wife talked of a thousand different things all through the meal, never once referring by word or look to the labeled dishes. Neither then nor thereafter did she say a word about them, and never since that evening has the cap-tious husband ventured to inquire the name of anything set before him.



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