

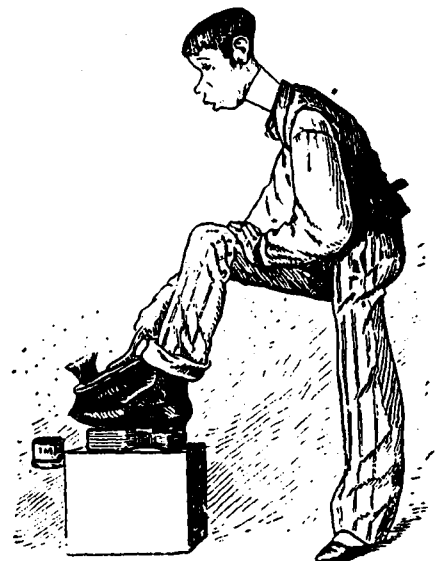
SHE: *Well, what do you find so absorbing in the paper?*
 HE: *Foreign quotations. They are bad for American investments.*
 SHE: *Indeed?*
 HE: *Yes, French titles are very bullish.*

RETROSPECTION.

BON BONS and chocolate, \$5.00;
 (10 cents for collars).
 Opera, \$15.00.
 In pearl satin dressed ;
 (25 cents, new buttons for my vest).
 Carriage, \$10 00.
 Ah ! but she was fair ;
 (15 cents, car fare).
 The races, \$50 00.
 We cut a dash ;
 (10 cents next day for hash).
 Fan, \$18.00, latest fad ;
 (5-cent cigar, was all I had).

Spent in one week !
 Of hope I am bereft.
 All this she got. And, I ?
 Oh, I got left!

Katharine Berger.



A SHINING BLADE.