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And practice they did, till the five young women, clinging at the altar words, reached mamma in the garret, where she had gone to put away the remaining materials left scattered about by her young gardeners.

The house is an old-fashioned one, and a long hall divides it down the middle. The family all sleep downstairs at the summer, as the ground floor is much cooler. Between the dining room and the sitting room sleep Leza and Jill, and just across the hall is their parents' chamber, flanked on either side by the boys' room and the tiny one where Poese sleeps.

Waking up suddenly that night, Leza saw through her door, left open for coolness, something that makes her turn over softly and shake Jill awake. Jill is a light sleeper and wakes quickly to find Leza's warm hand on her lips and hear Leza's hushed voice whisper:

"Sh! Be awful still, Jill, and we'll have some fun. Papa has been out in the dining room, to get Poese a drink of iced coffee, and has just gone back into his room. Let's scare him with 'Sairy-Jane-Marlar-Ann,'" "All right," and Jill choked down a laugh as Leza silently out of the bed and caught up her instrument from a chair.

"Now," she breathed. And drawing the bow across the strings with a sudden fearful wail, the two mischief makers strike up, "Sairy-Jane-Marlar-Ann," and the tale of her love.

Before they reach the second line, the boys, scared awake, mechanically join in the appalling din. And to cap it all, Poese awakes and sets up a counter yell of fright.

The combined noise is so deafening to the complacent ears at first they do not hear the sounds of a waltz in papa's room, but a sudden sound of crashing glass and an oath send two white-gowned astonished maids across the hall, where two frightened boys, also in undress uniform, join them.

A sense of confusion meets their eyes. Mamma is just turning on the electric lights and papa stands by the open window with a cane in his hand, gazing bewilderedly out into the darkness. The mosquito netting on the window is torn as though a large body had been suddenly shot through it, and on the floor, broken to fragments, lies the pretty rose bowl that had stood last night on the window sill filled with roses.

"What on earth!" begins Jack, in fearful wonder, while Dick peeps out from beneath his brother's arm, shivering violently, but clinging tightly to the soap dish, which was the first weapon that came to his hand when he awoke.

"Matter!" echoed papa. "That's what I'd like to have some one tell me. I was asleep peacefully, when suddenly in the midst of a most delightful dream I was awakened by the most frightful noise, something like a luscious asylum bell!"

"Yes, that was us!" put in Jill, wonderingly. "But you wasn't asleep, papa, for Leza saw you going across the hall, and just for fun we began to sing our burglar song."

"I haven't been out of bed since I got up in several hours ago," declared papa. "When I was awakened by that fearful racket, I saw in the half light of the room a man's form and heard a voice swear as though his owner were rather astonished. I jumped out of bed, grabbed up my cane and chased the fellow across the room. I reached him just as he reached the window, and was just in time to give him one good crack on the skull as he went through the window head first. Just as you children came in I heard him scramble up and go off at a round pace, still swearing 'right'."

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"Well, I had a surprise all right!" said papa, rather grimly.

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"O papa!" came the cry a moment later. And when papa and mamma and Poese reached the dining room they found the children standing in an excited group around the dining table, on which was spread a large course cloth. And piled on this cloth were mamma's spoons, the knives and forks and even the silver teapot.

Jack picked up the teapot. "Hello, the thing rattles," he said, opening it and peeping cautiously inside, and then he emptied out on the table the silver salt cups and napkin rings.

"Well, Leza, I guess we have you and your racket to thank for saving mamma's silver," said papa heartily.

"I don't believe the burglar will come here again," remarked Jack, with a laugh. And as a matter of fact they didn't. And that was the last of the burglary for that year as well.

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"I beg your pardon," Dick began, diffidently. "I have been commissioned to meet you and escort you to your destination. John intended to have come himself, but he has sprained his ankle."

The young lady's face assumed a look of great distress. "Oh, I hope he is not much hurt," she cried, as she clasped her hands over her head. "Poor John, I suppose you are a great friend of his?"

"We are excellent friends," Dick replied. "My name is Richard Challenger. I seem an absurd thing to say, but John did not mention your name to me."

"That is odd," replied the girl, looking at the young man with some suspicion.

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The young lady smiled so bewitchingly that Dick was delighted with his own diplomacy, and, assisted by his fair companion, identified two trunks, called a cab, and felt that he was altogether in luck.

As he entered the vehicle, after giving the cabman the address, Miss Heathstone said:

"Now tell me about John. Does he seem quite happy?"

"His 'rate,' said Dick, "particularly since he became engaged."

The young lady smiled and looked pleased. "He has had plenty of time to get used to that idea," she said, laughing.

"Oh, I don't know," replied Dick. "Two weeks is not such a very long time, you know."

"The smile faded from the girl's face." "Two weeks!" she cried. "Why, he has been engaged nearly two years. I don't understand it."

Dick laughed. "I suppose you must be thinking of that other little affair," he said, "but really that never amounted to anything. This time it is for keeps. He met her in several hours ago," declared papa. "When I was awakened by that fearful racket, I saw in the half light of the room a man's form and heard a voice swear as though his owner were rather astonished. I jumped out of bed, grabbed up my cane and chased the fellow across the room. I reached him just as he reached the window, and was just in time to give him one good crack on the skull as he went through the window head first. Just as you children came in I heard him scramble up and go off at a round pace, still swearing 'right.'"

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British troops sent to the disturbed territory near Hong Kong have returned after taking possession of Loow Koon city. The Chinese garrison was disarmed and the British flag hoisted.

President Kruger of the South African Republic, and Sir Alfred Milner, British High Commissioner for South Africa, are to meet on the 30th inst. to discuss the grievances of the Uitlanders in the Transvaal.

The S. S. Montevideo, to Montreal, last week, brought 12 large cannon from the Imperial Ordnance Store. Two are to go to Colburg, Ont., two to St. John, N. B., two are for Montreal Field Battery and six are intended for Quebec.

The Filipinos have decided to continue the war with the United States, at all costs, till independence is secured. They energetically refuse the American peace overtures, based on restricted autonomy, coupled with promises of subsequent self-government.

To Be Cured by Faith.

Lourdes, France, May 15.—The annual pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes is now at its height. Fully forty thousand sufferers and their attendants are quartered here. The town is crowded to its utmost capacity. Over five thousand arrived in one day from Paris alone. When the special trains bearing their burden of suffering, disease, sorrow, and misery arrived at the station the scenes were heart-rending. Some of the poor sufferers painfully dragged themselves along the road towards the hospital, and a permanent nuisance to walk were carried on mattresses by friends or relatives to the quarters assigned to them. It was a pandemonium of woe. Some pathetic scenes were witnessed. One young woman scarcely able to stand, and who had painfully hobbled from a train. Death was written in her wan face and wasted figure. A blue-bloused porter tenderly helped her from the station platform and into a carriage where she sank exhausted, and died before she reached the hospital, which she had so long and so vainly sought.

Sable Island.

The following paragraph is taken from the New York Maritime Register of May 17:

The latest news received from Sable Island state that the weather is becoming more threatening. During the past winter this is very extensive in danger. This island is 50 miles distant from Nova Scotia, and is a most desolate, shallow, perplexing currents and bewildering fog. It is the most notorious spot in the world for wrecks, and is surrounded by a shoal, perplexing currents and bewildering fog. It is the most notorious spot in the world for wrecks, and is surrounded by a shoal, perplexing currents and bewildering fog. It is the most notorious spot in the world for wrecks, and is surrounded by a shoal, perplexing currents and bewildering fog.

U. S. Troops for Alaska.

Buffalo, May 19.—A special despatch from Washington says: "To preserve peace and order in Alaska, and to prevent a conflict between American and Canadian miners which may injure the good relations existing between the United States and Great Britain, orders have been issued by Secretary Alger under which the United States will send immediately to that territory. These orders have been given with the approval of the State Department, which has also authorized the proper notification to Great Britain to convince that government that the United States is not in any way hostile to the Canadian people. They are also due to the failure of Secretary Hay and Julius F. P. Roosevelt to arrange a modus vivendi which the settlement of the boundary line would have prevented the condition of affairs now reported along the boundary line."

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The Girl With the Red Cape.

"Steady with the ladder, man, steady. Confound it, you've done it now." There was a crash, and the young man who sat on the top of the rickety step-ladder, fixing pictures, was precipitated almost onto the head of his friend, to whom had been assigned the duty of bracing the somewhat precarious support.

"With many groans the fallen man rose and hobbled to an easy chair, in which he seated himself hugging his foot."

"Are you hurt, John?" enquired the friend with some anxiety.

"I can't put my foot to the ground, anyhow," replied the other. "I say my ankle is sprained, thanks to your clumsiness, and the worst of it is that I've sprained my head. I must meet my cousin Mary at the train, and see her safely to the house. It is her first visit to the city, and the train arrives in half an hour."

He looked at Dick Challenger half proudly, half angrily. "I don't see anything for it," he said, "but for you to take my place and convey her to Hanley place."

"But I don't know the young lady," Dick replied, hesitatingly.

"If you come to that, I don't know her myself," said the other. "All I know is that she is rather tall and dark, and will wear a red cape. Now you know as much as I do, and there is no reason why you shouldn't meet her, tell her I am laid up, and escort her to my aunt's."

After a certain amount of hesitation on the part of Dick Challenger, who was given to be shy with ladies, and in instance on the part of John Somerville, the matter was arranged, and Dick started for the station to assume his friend's place. By the time

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The young lady smiled and looked pleased. "He has had plenty of time to get used to that idea," she said, laughing.

"Oh, I don't know," replied Dick. "Two weeks is not such a very long time, you know."

"The smile faded from the girl's face." "Two weeks!" she cried. "Why, he has been engaged nearly two years. I don't understand it."

Dick laughed. "I suppose you must be thinking of that other little affair," he said, "but really that never amounted to anything. This time it is for keeps. He met her in several hours ago," declared papa. "When I was awakened by that fearful racket, I saw in the half light of the room a man's form and heard a voice swear as though his owner were rather astonished. I jumped out of bed, grabbed up my cane and chased the fellow across the room. I reached him just as he reached the window, and was just in time to give him one good crack on the skull as he went through the window head first. Just as you children came in I heard him scramble up and go off at a round pace, still swearing 'right.'"

"So it was a burglar!" cried Leza, half-frightened. "I just saw that it was a man going in your room and supposed of course it was you. And we thought it would surprise you to hear our burglar song."

"Well, I had a surprise all right!" said papa, rather grimly.

"Let's go into the dining room," proposed Dick. And away trooped the four children, Poese being brought up behind as Leza's mamma's sheltering angel.

"O papa!" came the cry a moment later. And when papa and mamma and Poese reached the dining room they found the children standing in an excited group around the dining table, on which was spread a large course cloth. And piled on this cloth were mamma's spoons, the knives and forks and even the silver teapot.

Jack picked up the teapot. "Hello, the thing rattles," he said, opening it and peeping cautiously inside, and then he emptied out on the table the silver salt cups and napkin rings.

"Well, Leza, I guess we have you and your racket to thank for saving mamma's silver," said papa heartily.

"I don't believe the burglar will come here again," remarked Jack, with a laugh. And as a matter of fact they didn't. And that was the last of the burglary for that year as well.

"Come, children," and mamma turned away, but Jack said, "Three cheers for 'Sairy-Jane-Marlar-Ann'!"

And they gave them with a will, Poese adding a shrill "tiger" on her own account.

—*Mac Myster Cook in Elm. Ag.*