

But so as no tae be beaten i' me business, I sent a letter tae the meenister o' the next parish, sayin' that oor ain meenister wis awa', an' askin' him if he wad be sae obleegin' as tae come an' marry an elderly couple on Wednesday. An' then I gaed hame tae mak' preparations for the weddin', so as tae hae the hoose lookin' as weel's possible, ye ken.

Betty wis aye a tidy woman, but for sic a wark as she had noo among the dishes an' a'—I niver saw the lik' o't. Everything wis turned upside doon. She wad gang first at ae thing and then anither, until at last I couldna bide tae be i' the hoose, it seemed sae new-fangled.

At last the day cam', an' I closed the shop twa hours afore the time, so as tae hae time tae gie mysel a bit tosh up. It wis vera fortunate I did sae, for the meenister cam' gey early. It seems he had tae attend a meetin' o' the elders that evenin', and so we had to be mairit immediately, or no at a'. Betty wis sairly flechtit about it, as nane o' the guests had gotten here yet, but I explained 'at we couldna help it, as the business o' the kirk had tae be attended tae, an' aifter a wee, got her preswaded tae gang on wi' the ceremony. Maun, Wullie, I wish ye had seen Betty that nicht. I canna describe her—she had sae mony falderals an' veeriorums,—but she wis the best-dressed woman at the pairty, an' that's sayin' a gude deal, Wullie. I dinna think I iver lookit sae weel mysel' either as I did that night wi' me hauf-dress suit, o' the vera best braid-cloth, for which I paid eicht pund an' saxe-pence only last summer, an' which has niver been on mair than twice or thrice since. Ane aifter anither o' the guests wad say, as they were shakin' hauns wi' me, an' wishin' me much joy: "Weel, weel, Mr. Broon, ye look a dizzen year' younger than ye did;" or, "Dear me, Mr. Broon, I really think ye maun be renewin' yer age; I niver saw ye lookin' sae weel before."

But as sune as a' the guests had arrived, we a' sat doon tae the tables, an' yon *wis* a table, Wullie, if I do say't mysel'. For what wi' cookies, ginger-snaps, an' curran-buns, an' what wi' ae thing an' anither, it wis a table fit for a king, as Mr. McAllister said. Mair than that, min' ye, I had ordered the boy tae bring up twa pund o' oysters, an' a' that wis in addition tae

the ordinar' short-bread an' minced collops an' the like.

But I wis vera sorry aboot the bride's cake, tho'. That mornin' I gaed doon tae the baker's shop tae pick a gude ane. Nane o' them lookit sae fine, I thoct, as ane i' the window, and sae I tell't the laddie I wad tak' that ane, I thoct. Wullie, ye wad niver hae kent but yon wis really a cake—fower storey high, an' covered wi' carvey sweets as thick's I don't know what—but when we cam' tae cut it, we fand it wis made o' mud. It seems it wis what they ca' a dummy-cake, juist for an advertteesement, ye ken, an' it bein' the boy's first day i' the shop, he couldna be expectit tae ken ony better. The laddie an' me had a fine rippit ower the heid o't the ither day, afore I got me money frae him again. Betty wis vera vexed aboot it, but ye see it wis juist a mistake, an' couldna be helpit in ony way. I wis gled tae see it didna spoil the dancin' i' the least. We juist had a wheen gude auld-fashioned reels—nane o' yer new-fangled waltzes an' notions, and then a' gaed hame, declarin' that David M'Phee's weddin' wis naethin' compared wi' oors, an' wishin' us mony a year o' happiness thegither. Betty an' me hae been fixin' up the hoose wi' the presents iver since. But I winna say onything aboot them till ye see them, only that they're juist perfectly grand. We hae been thinkin' about haein' anither weddin' next year, since this ane wis sic a success; but, of coorse, we micht change oor minds afore that time, ye ken.

—SANDY.

PHOTO-TOPOGRAPHY ON THE ALASKAN BOUNDARY

The application of photography is confined mostly to pictorial effect. However, its usefulness has been applied in another direction also, and that is, for obtaining the necessary data for making topographical maps, especially of rough and mountainous regions.

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