

tions in their attire, she left some final directions with her nephew, a youth of fourteen, who was callously indifferent to weddings and the like, and we all set forth.

The hall was rapidly filling. We found seats about halfway up, and soon Mrs. Simolski was greeting friends upon all sides and introducing me to all within earshot as "the lady what puts it in the paper."

"The rabbi comes by Saskatoon," said one, Mrs. Nilsky, leaning over from behind. "He ain't here yet on account the train's late."

"Gott soll hutent!" exclaimed Mrs. Simolski, devoutly. "I hope Ray don't get nervous!"

and the six-piece orchestra began to tune up. The hall had now become fairly congested, except for the one narrow aisle up the centre, along which a strip of dark red carpet had been laid. In the crowd were Jews from every walk of life, with a fair sprinkling of some other European nationalities. Push-cart men rubbed shoulders with prosperous goldsmiths, and their wives smiled brightly at each other and mentally criticized each other's raiment in a spirit of friendly democracy, while babies wailed or crowded gleefully, and a small rowdy element hurled orange peel over the heads of the audience, from the rear benches.

"I'm glad there ain't no beer to-night," observed Mrs. Nilsky, who was eating

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"I hear a train whistling now," observed Olga.  
"So do I," Miriam chimed in. "My! Ain't it a sad whistle! Maybe there's a corpse on board."  
"Your daughter, Goldie," remarked our neighbor, Mrs. Nilsky, again, leaning forward with a bob. "I suppose she soon gets married too, ain't it?"  
Mrs. Simolski finished cuffing the ears of Dimitri, who had thrown a bag of peanut shells across the aisle. Then she turned about with a sigh: "Troubles I got it enough, Mrs. Nilsky, not? Without I should have a wedding on my hands too!"  
The minutes sped on and excitement grew tense. Heads were twisted about

cough lozenges noisily. "When Sadie Solitzer and Jake Berowitz was married such a rough house I never saw—"  
"Nu Mrs. Nilsky, nobody asks you should get full already," retorted Mrs. Simolski severely. "At a wedding everybody feels good but it don't need there should be a call for the police!"  
"Sh!" cried the little girls. "Here she comes!"

There was a stir at the entrance. The orchestra swung into Mendelssohn's Wedding March and slowly the young bride, in a beautiful white satin gown with regulation veil and orange blossoms advanced up the aisle on the arm of a bearded old gentleman, who was evidently her father. Four pretty Jew-

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