

A Slight Misunderstanding

Mr. Spoopendyke (a red-hot Imperialist)—“Well, it is splendid, the way this Imperial idea takes hold; at a big meeting in Australia the other day it was the prevailing theme in all the speeches, and—”

Mrs. S.—“My goodness, way over there! Well, no wonder, for it is perfectly splendid.”

Mr. S. (still reading)—“Yes, the enthusiasm was great, and Chamberlain recently said—”

Mrs. S.—“Chamberlain! The idea of his knowing about them.”

Mr. S.—“Eh, what?”

Mrs. S.—“Probably it's the saving on the fuel bills. Sometimes these big men are very stingy over domestic expenses.”

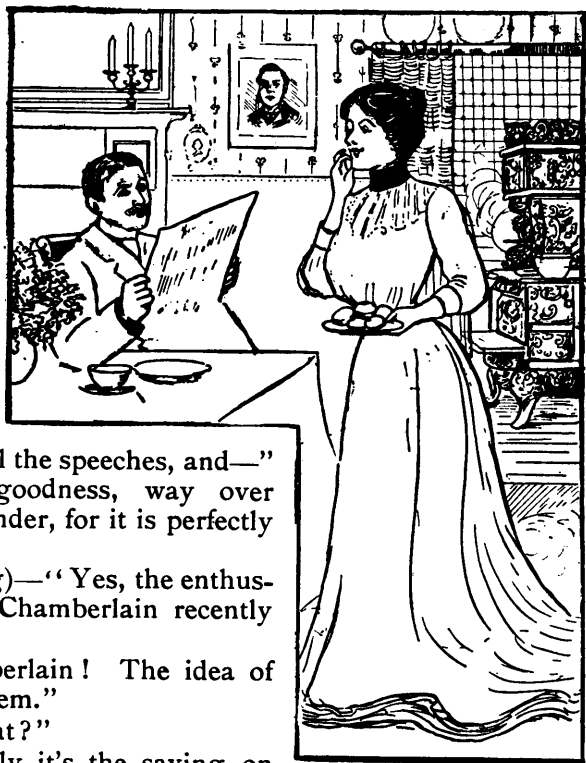
Mr. S.—“Why, what on earth—?”

Mrs. S.—“Well, you know we've saved nearly its cost in fuel already, and I never had such comfort in cooking and baking before, and Mrs. Parkin, next door, wouldn't be without hers for twice its cost.”

Mr. S.—“Maria, are you mad? What are you talking about?”

Mrs. S.—“Why, my new Imperial Oxford Range, of course; didn't you say they were 'taking hold' in Australia? I don't wonder at it, for there never was so perfect a range in all respects—everybody is getting them.”

(Collapse of Mr. S.—.)



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