

## BOWSER TRAMPS.

In Support of His Theories as Regards Physiognomy.

BUT HE RECEIVES A SETBACK.

And Despite the Sweetness and Well Modulated Inflection of His Voice, Is Forced to Sneak Home Unrewarded.

Mrs. Bowser Wins.

By M. QUAD.

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MRS. BOWSER was looking out of the window the other evening as she waited for Mr. Bowser to come, and as he reached the gate she saw that he was accented by a tramp. The conversation ended with the passing of a coin.

"So you gave that tramp money," she asked as he entered the house.

"I made a small gift to a man who has been unfortunate," he replied.

"But you are always warning me against encouraging this tramp evil," she protested.

"Yes, I have told you that the professional tramp should not be encouraged, but this is an altogether different case. It was not laziness or vice, but pure misfortune, that forced the man to ask for assistance. I could only spare a dollar, but I wish—"

"You gave him a dollar?" gasped Mrs. Bowser.

"I did, and there is no occasion for you to lose your breath over it. That's one of your troubles, one of the troubles with most women. You don't

know how to be able to tell the difference between a tramp who has been on the road for twenty years and a good man who has been brought low by misfortune within six months. After dinner I will discuss the matter further with you."

He Explains Physiognomy.

Mrs. Bowser hoped he wouldn't, as it was sure to end in a row, and she brought up such a variety of subjects at the dinner table that she thought she had driven the tramp question out of his head. In this she was mistaken, however. No sooner had they passed upstairs than he began:

"It is the easiest thing in the world, Mrs. Bowser, for one who understands physiognomy or has studied the infections of the human voice to detect the false from the true."

"I never knew that you had studied physiognomy," she somewhat tartly replied.

"Perhaps not. There are a great many things you don't know. You are probably not aware that I can tell by a man's infections when he is lying to me."

"Then how do so many deceive you?" "Who has deceived me?" she shouted as his self-complacent smile suddenly vanished. "That's your way exactly. When you find you can't hold up an argument you begin to pitch into me personally. I have never been deceived—never, and you know it. This man tonight, for instance, was telling me the solemn truth, and I'll bet a dollar to 10 cents on it."

Mrs. Bowser's Opinion.

"What did he say?" asked Mrs. Bowser as the cat came up from the dining room and looked from one to the other with a mild grin on her face.

"Never mind what he said. I am glad I did not turn him away. You would probably have ordered him off in a hurry and thus added cruelty to misfortune. You would have done it because you can't tell the true ring from the false. Why don't you pay some attention to physiognomy?"

"I do. I had been noticing the man, and my idea was that he was a loafer and a liar."

"Then you are an idiot!"

"He had just asked the cook for a bite to eat, and the infection of his voice betrayed him as a deceiver."

"By thunder, woman, you would aggravate a saint!" growled Mr. Bowser as he started the cat under the lounge and then began pacing to and fro. "It's a mighty good thing for the unfortunate that all people are not like you. You are as stout hearted as old Shylock himself. I presume you would turn me from your door if I came for bread."

"I shouldn't like your looks," frankly admitted Mrs. Bowser.

"Thank you!"

"Nor your infections of voice. Truly, I should say that you were a liar!"

"You would! You would! Woman, do you mean to insult me?"

"And I think most other folks would say the same."

"Oh, you do, eh? Well, now, let me

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## RURAL EGYPT.

One of its Quaintest Spectacles is a Native Wedding.

However modernized Cairo is or will become, a writer in the World Magazine, rural Egypt remains the same today as it has been for countless generations. One of the quaintest sights out in the country is a native wedding. I was fortunate in seeing two of them, one from a train and the other while waiting near the village of Heliopolis, which is the site of the ancient city of On, mentioned in the Bible.

The bride and bridegroom were completely screened from the public gaze by a canopy arrangement on the back of a camel. It looked like an immense ottoman adorned with a cover illuminated by gorgeous patterns. This camel was followed by the bride party, all women, seated on a long train of camels, each camel supporting two women.

The great, clumsy creatures (the camels, not the women) were almost enveloped in immense rugs, on the top of which apparently a feather bed had been deposited, and on this the women sat, giving vent every few moments to a prolonged shrill trill, which I gathered was intended for a festive song. Altogether the incongruity of the spectacle was exceedingly comical.

INGENIOUS PRISONERS.

They Won a Pardon For Their Daring Attempt to Escape.

Among the prisoners in the French convict settlement of New Caledonia were two marine engineers who not long ago received a pardon—strange as it may seem—for making a daring and ingenious attempt to escape.

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But so impressed was the French commandant by their marvelous energy, skill and patience that he managed after a year to obtain a pardon for them.—Pearson's Weekly.

He Receives a Shock.

Mr. Bowser went on. His theory about physiognomy and infections had received a shock, but he was not discouraged. He stopped halfway around the block and rang the basement bell of a house. The cook answered it after a minute, and he took pains that she should see his face full in the light and that his infections were all right as he said he hadn't had anything to eat for two days.

"You old fraud! I'll holler for master if you don't skip lively!" exclaimed the cook as he hoped for cold victuals.

"But, my dear woman, can't you see that I am no tramp?" he sweetly queried. "Can't you tell the difference?"

"No, nor I don't want to!" she shouted. "If you come here and yank this bell again, you'll want wings to get away!"

That was shock number two, but Mr. Bowser went six doors up the street and called another cook to the door and said:

"I am an unfortunate man and not a tramp, and may I kindly ask—"

"You can kindly take yourself off!" she interrupted.

"But I am hungry and have no place to lodge."

"Then go to some charity. I don't like your looks or your voice. Be off with you!"

Mr. Bowser had found three cold and cruel hearts—beats like Mrs. Bowser's, but he determined to try again. He rang a front door bell this time, and it was the owner of the house who appeared in answer and exclaimed:

"What! You cheeky old fraud, are you back again?"

"I am an unfortunate man," replied Mr. Bowser.

"I'll bet you are. But I'll get you a job in jail if you don't dust out of this! Away with you!"

"But, my dear sir, can't you tell the difference?"

He couldn't. He took Mr. Bowser by the collar and the hat and he called him a fraud, a liar and a jailbird. Five minutes later Mrs. Bowser heard the front door softly open, and she looked up to see Mr. Bowser squeeze himself into the hall and sneak softly upstairs. She waited a whole hour for him to come down, but he did not appear. Then she turned out the lights and went up to find him in bed and fast asleep.

Explaining What a Snob Really Is.

"Uncle Roy, what is a snob?"

"A snob, Eddie, is a person who inherits a great deal of money, goes abroad and buys himself a veneer of culture, returns home and poses as a connoisseur of something and goes around calling his poor relations 'parvenus.' Why do you ask such a question, Eddie?"

"Because I heard Donald's big brother talking about this afternoon and he said you were a snob?"—Kansas City Star.

Unfeeling.

"My husband is a brute," said the excited woman.

"Have you been scolding him?"

"Of course I have."

"Ah, I supposed he talked back and used harsh language."

"Worse than that! He yawned!"

Misled.

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Smash Up.

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ARTHUR H. SYDERE, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly. Toronto, 10th January, 1913.

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