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"Yes. By the way, how's that Miss Clara Flimsy you used to be so sweet on? Let me see, you're engaged to her, ain't you?"

"No, not now. I was, you know, but that's all over," replied Masherby.

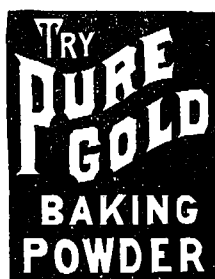
"All over, eh? Broken off, is it? Well, old fellow, I'm not sorry. There was something about Clara Flimsy that I never did like," went on the other. "She always seemed to me to be pretty bold-faced and brassy. I'll just bet, old man, that she was no better than she ought to be, and you're deuced lucky to have got rid of her. Then her feet! By Jove, those feet were a caution! Big as mud-scows, and her mouth, eh, Masherby? Ye gods! what a mouth! and her hair was as red as the scarlatina. I used to wonder at your taste to be spoony on such a decidedly plain creature as Clara Flimsy. However, it's all done with now, and I congratulate you, my boy. But tell me, how did you end it?"

"Oh, easily," replied Masherby,—"I married her."

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