HOW HE AND MR. BOB TOMKINS FALL IN LOVE WITH THE SAME "GAL". THE DUEL AND RESULT.

By Orpheus C. Kerr.

Between the interesting ages of ten and eighteen, I went to school at the village academy, working through the English branches and the Accidence, with a lively sense of a preponderance of birch in the former, and occasional class-sickness in the latter.

Those were my happiest days, my boy; and as I look back to them now, for a moment all my flippancy leaves me, and I forget that I am an American and a politician. Those dear old days! those short, unreal days! Only long in being long

ceased to ring in my ears, that I commenced to be a young man. I knew that I was becoming a young man, my boy; for it was then that I began to regard the unmarried women of America with sheepish bashfulness, and stumble awkwardly as I entered my father's pew in church. Then it was that the sound of a young female giggle threw me nto a cold perspiration, and a looking-glass deluded me into gesticulalating in solitude before it, and extemporising speeches I was to make when called upon to justify the report of fame by admiring populaces.

Do you remember the asinine fine in your own life, my boy; do you

Of the few.women of America who let's marvel out of bad company beone-Ellen-whom I really loved, I that he crooked one of his smashin' invite to the funeral.' think; for of all the girls, the men-machines; and Sal was jest hookin' tion of her name alone gave me that peculiar feeling in which instinctive impulse blends undefinably and perpetually with a sense of reverent respect, or rather, with a sense of some unworthiness of self. Eller died before I had known her a year. I thought afterwards, like any other youngster, that I loved half-a-dozen different girls : but, even in maturer years, second love is a poor imitation. Say what you will about second love, my boy, in the breast of him truly a man, it is but an imperium in Jest as I made this feelin' remark, imperio-a flower on the grave of the varmint began to scratch earth

America in our village, my boy, about and I crooked my elbow to Sal, and little; and I might, perhaps, have She layed up to me like a pig to a been teased into matrimony, like rough post, and we peregrinated many another unfortunate, but for along for some distance, until we met one night in one of the village her ef it hurt her much when the stores. He was a Yankee chap, with sung, an' she was sayin' 'not partimuch south-western experience, my kiler, when all of a suddint somethin' boy; and when he heard the lads knocked Fourth-o'-July fireworks out

ody'd think that creation and let us hear from you by next the way you younkers talk of woman. bound for glory, but pooty soon I Darn the she-critters !" says he, shutting his jack-knife with a clash; "I'd over, and seen Bob a-squeezin' Sal's rayther be as lonesome as a borryed hand. All right, my prooshian blue, pup, than see a piece of caliker as thinks I, there'll be a 'pothecary's big as a paneake. What's wimmin bill for some family in this here disbut a tarnation bundle of gammon triet; but I won't say who's to pay and petticoats? Powerful! Be you it at present. I jest waited to see married folks, stranger?"

the feller try to put his nose into "Not yet," says I. "Don't never be, then," says he. my feet, add sez I, 'This here pas-"My name's Smith - one of the ture wants a little dushing down to Smiths down to Salsbury, that's make it fruitful, and it's my impresguaranteed to put away as much sion that I can do it.' Sal see that provender and carry as big a turkey I was bound to make somebody smell as ever set on critters down in that agony, so she jist ripped away from destrict. And whilst my name's from Bob, and marvelled for the Smith, there'll never be a younker house, screaming 'fire' like a scrumpto call me " daddy," ef a gal was to tions fire-department, Bob looked have Jerusalem, tantrums after me. after her for a minnit, and then he Your'n a stranger, and ain't married turned to me, and sez he, 'I hope folks, but I don't mind tellin' ye your folks have got some crape tu about a golfired rumpus I got into down in Salsbury, when I took to a job fur our wirtuous sexton,' I kingal that stuck out all around like a der smiled outer one eye, and sez I haystack, an' was a screamer at choir-meetin' and such like. Her drop a tear fur the early decease of name was Sal Green-one of the an individual who never would hev Greens down in Pegtown; and the been born if it hadn't been for your first time I took a notion to her was parients.' This riled Bob up awful, down to the old shingle meeting- and he came right at me, like a mad house, when Sam Spooner had a bull at a red shawl. I felt somethin' buryin'. When the parson gets out drop on the bridge of my nose, and a hymn, she straightened up like a and let out a string of screams that of a tail, and then I piled in like a set all the babies to yelping as the' mad buffalo with the cholic. It was big pins was goin' right through give and take for about five minutes. their insides. Geewhillikins! how and I tell you Bob played away on the critter did squawk and squeal, and turn up her eyes like a sick duck flu some, and I was sorry I hadn't in a shower. I was jest fool enough said good-bye to the folks before I to think it pooty. And when my left them. But I gave Bob some dad says, says he, 'Jed, you're took happy evidences of youthful Chrisall of a heap with that pooty creetur,' tianity around his goggles; and I felt as ef chills an' fever was givin' pooty soon he looked as ef ho'd been shine but vanishing in shade.

me partikiler agony. Says 1, 'She's brought up to the charcoal busines a armful for the Printze of Wales; We was making pooty good time and of that Bob Tomkins don't stop round the lot, when all of a suddint makin' eyes at her over there, I'll Sal came running up with her father give him sech a lacing that he won't comb his hair for six weeks.'

"The old man put a chaw into his meat-safe, and shut one eye, and sez there'll be some preachin' from the he, 'Jed, you're a fool ef you don't hook that gal's dress fur her before next harvestin'. She's a mighty of my hair, and sez he, 'Smith's so scrumptious creetur, and just about hit me the first whack.' I jest proripe for the altar. Jest tell her there's more Smith's wanted, an'

I, "If you'll jest show me a good she'll leave the Greens 'thout a buryin'-place, I'll 'take pleasure in snicker.' makin' a funeral for the Tomkinses "I rayther liked the idee; but I The old man looked kinder queeriou told the old man his punkin-pie was at Sally, and she comme all squash, because it wouldn't do to snicker; and sez she, 'What are you let on too soon. When the folks two fellers rumpussin' about?' was startin' from the church, I went looked lovin' at her, and sez I, 'It's up to Sal; and sez I, 'Miss, I s'pose to see who shall hev the pootiest gal you wouldn't mind lettin' me see you of all the Greens.' When I said to hum.' She blushed like a biled this, the old man bust into a larf like -Bona - Bonum" of the master had lobster, and sez she, 'I don't know a wild hyenner; and the old woman your folks.' I felt sorter streaked; she put her hands across her stum but I gev my collar a hitch, and sez mik, and began to larf like mad and I, 'I'm Mister Smith-one of the Sal, she snickered right out in my Smiths of this deestrict, an' always countenance, and sez she, 'Why, I'm

willin' for a female in distress.' Then engaged to Sam Slocum!' she made a curtesy, an' was goin' to "Stranger, there's no use of talk say somethin', when Bob Tomkins in'. My hair riz right up like a steps up, and sez he, 'There's agoin' blackin'-brush, and Bob's eyes came to be another buryin' in this settle- out like peas out of a yaller pod. ment, of some folks don't mind their There was speechless silence for two own chores an' quit foolin' with other minnits, and then says Bob, 'There's folkses company!' This riled me a couple of golfired fools somewheres rite up, ane sez I, 'There's a feller in this country, and it's a pity their in this deestrict that hain't had a dads ever seen their mothers." I see spell of layin' on his back for some he felt powerful mean, so I walked time; but he's in immediate danger up to him, and sez I, 'Suppose we of ketchin' the disease bad.' Bob go and look for the New Jerusalem? took a squint at the width of my He jest hooked to my elbow, and remember it? I know that you do, chest, and then he turned to Sal, without sayin' another word, we tramy boy, for I can feel your blush on who was shakin' like a cabbage leaf velled for home.

head ain't cut vet : but I calkilate

it'll be took out of the quarry ef he

comes smellin' round my heels agin.

hum, because there's goin' to be a

When Sal and I is married; we'll

see a hull nest of sky-rockets all at

onet; but I only keeled for the shake

my nose like a Trojan. The blood

" Sence that, I hain't held no com ih a summer gale, and sez he, 'Sal, munion with petticoats; and ef I looked upon me with favor, there was fore it spoils our morials.' With ever get married, you shall hev an

and mother, and sez the old feller,

Ef you two members of the Church

don't stop your religious exercises

"With that, Bob took his paw out

menaded up to the old man, and se

book of John.'

As I went home that night, my on, when I put the weight of about boy, after hearing the story of that one hundred pounds under his ear, rude unlettered man, I made up my and sez I, Jest lay there, Bob Tom- mind to have nothing to do with the kins, until your parients comes out uncertain women of America, until to look fur yur body.' He went down my position should be such that they as ef he'd been took with a sudden would not dare "fool" me. desire to examine the roots of the women of America, my boy, are grass; and Sal screamed out that I'd equally apt at making a fool of a murdered the rantankerous critter. man in his own estimation, and a Sez I. 'The tombstun that's fur his man of a fool in their own.

> Yours, for celibacy, ORPHEUS C. KERR.

> > To Clean Paint.

There is a very simple method to as ef he had a mind to see how it clean paint that has become dirty. would feel to be on is pins agin; and, if our housewives should adopt it, it would save them a great deal whom the chaps teased me not a thought it was about time to marvel. of trouble. Provide a plate with some of the best whitening to be had, and have ready some clean warm water and a piece of flannel, which the example of a Salsbury chap I were pretty nigh hum. I was askin' dip into the water and squeeze nearly dry; then take as much whiting as will adhere to its apply to the painted surface, when a little rubbing will instantly remove any dirt or grease. teasing me about a woman, he hoisted of my eyes, and I went to grass with After which wash the part well with his heels upon the counter, and says my heels up. It was Bob Tomkins; clean water, rubbing it dry with a and sez he, 'Lay there, Mr. Smith, soft chamois.' Paint thus cleaned looks as well as when first laid on. For a minnit I thought I was without any injury to the most delicate colors. It is far better than come to my oats, and then I rolled using soap; and does not require more than half the time and labor .-Scientific Am.

NAMING A COUNTY .- A member o the Mississippi Legislature at one of its late sessions, introduced a bill to change the name of a certain county in the State to Cass County. On Sal's face, and then I stretched to of the opposition moved as an amend ment, that the letter C be stricker out of the proposed name. This mo tion created some laughter at the ex cense of the member offering .-Nothing daunted, however, he aros and said, "Mr. Speaker, this is the first instance that has come to my knowledge in which a member ha had the assurance, upon the floor of any Legislature, to propose to nan a county after himself.

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