

LOCAL NEWS.

Some few days ago two of the shabby-genteel class of Dudes were looking in at a well-known stationer's window wherein was a grand display of concentrated, unadorned beauty, when they became excited over the vision of Mrs. Langtry reclining on Mr. Culp's roundabout. Unable, however, to be content with the sight, and being naturally of enquiring dispositions, they determined to see more than is deemed sufficient for public view, and accordingly tore themselves from the approach to the haven of bliss, determined when night came they would have by the light of the moon a closer inspection of the flowers of loveliness than a promiscuous gaze afforded. One of them humming,

Meet by McConnell's alone,
And there I will shew you a deed,
Must be done by the moonlight alone,
And done quickly or 'twill not succeed.
Then meet by McConnell's alone.

Night came as usual, and although the resting-place of their fond desires was well covered by the electric light, and the fire hall with its gorgeous display of brass directly in front; overlooked too by a full detachment of police, with sergeants, corporals and detectives, all supposed to be wide awake, yet in the direct face of all this, the attraction of Mrs. Langtry and other beauties proved that there are no obstacles which cannot be overcome when beauty is the goal.

What's the use of electric light
If 'tisn't to keep the streets so bright,
That all sportive coves will be in a fright,
And give poor policemen their rest of a night.
'They can hear 'bout the cracks in the morning.

These agile friends played leap-frog in the public street, and the most ardent, when on his friend's shoulder, with his usual gentleness pushed open the fan-light, and with a few performances—a *la circus*—both were shortly revelling amid the galaxy of venuses.

But, alas! how true is it that anticipation often exceeds the reality; they were disappointed. The cards shewing such lovely faces and heaving bosoms on the one side were a hideous blank on the other, and vexation took the place of pleasure. Excitement was checked.

Annoyed at the result of their anxious endeavours, they wandered around the store, peeping here and prying there, until one pry more successful than others, revealed to their astonished sight a pile of bank bills—fives, tens and twenties (for this was no small shop where even one dollar bills are scarce), all issued by the Bank of Commerce—not a Federal among them.

'Twas morning, and as they had thus early got "the day's paper," they resolved to give up card-playing, and go into retreat where they could think over the night's adventure and meditate on police activity, and on the wickedness of the world generally.

The one who carried the paper was heard to exclaim as he sat on the post office steps, "Well, I'm blessed, if I was the feller's father as left his pile in that ere way, I should say he deserved a good cuff."

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