

Caught on the Run

"The judge listened intently to the man's story," says an exchange. "The man was the plaintiff, and had charged his wife with cruel and abusive treatment. He was a small man, and his wife—well, it was at least evident that the charge rested on a basis of possibility. "After the plaintiff had finished his testimony the judge decided to ask a question.

"Mr. Frouble," said he, "where did you meet your wife, who has treated you this way?"

"Well, judge," returned the man, somewhat meekly, "you see, it's this way. I never did meet her. She just kind of overtook me."

All the Same to Her

The mistress looked dejectedly at the latest domestic, just over, and willing to begin at only \$4 a week.

"What can you do?" she asked with a hope in her heart.

"Anything at all, sure!" was the encouraging response. The mistress glanced about the room. There was everything to be done.

"Could you fill the lamps?" she ventured.

"I can that!" and the lamp was seized in a stout embrace. Then, with the air of one wishing above all else to suit the possible whims of a new employer, she paused to ask:

"And is it gas or wather you do be liking it filled wid?"

One Thing at a Time

Several years ago, when the University of Chicago held its decennial celebration, John D. Rockefeller was its guest for several days. A bewildering succession of functions followed one another in such quick succession that each affair was from one to four hours late.

At the great banquet on the closing day Mr. Rockefeller told the following story:

"I have felt for the past twenty-four hours like the Boston business man who lived in the suburbs and came into his office every day. One winter afternoon he took the train for his home, but a terrific snowstorm was raging, and about halfway to his suburb the train was snowed in. All night the passengers were imprisoned, but early in the morning they managed to reach a nearby telegraph station, and the Boston man sent the following dispatch to his office:

"Will not be in the office to-day. Have not got home yesterday yet."

Another Language

"The late Bishop Potter once in his early days had occasion to officiate at a christening in a small fishing village on the Massachusetts coast," says a writer in the Massachusetts Weekly. "The a recent issue of Harper's Weekly. "The proud father, a young fisherman, awkwardly holding his first-born daughter, was visibly embarrassed under the scrutiny of the many eyes in the congregation, and his nervousness was not decreased by the sudden wailing of the infant as they stood at the font.

"When the time for the baptism of the babe arrived the bishop noticed that the father was holding the child so that its fat little legs pointed toward the font.

"Turn her this way," he whispered, but the father was too disconcerted to hear or understand.

"Turn her feet around," the bishop whispered again; but still there was no response. The situation was fast becoming critical, when an ancient mariner in the back of the church came to the rescue. Putting his weather-beaten hand to his mouth he roared across the room. 'Head her up to the wind, Jack!'"

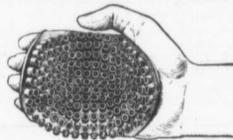
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