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"What dat, Bings?" cooed the dim pled cherub, patting the bald spot that spread like a small shining desert in an oasis of thick blond hair on Bings well shaped head.

Whitlock grinned,
"Mamma's pet mustn't be naughty," said the pretty widow, turning her brown eyes apologetically on Bings. "Come to mamma, dearle. Mr. Bings

isn't used to babies."

But the dimpled cherub, otherwise Baby Moffatt, who had purposely and after many backslidings climbed upon the rustic seat occupied by Bings, for whom she had evinced a decided partiality from the start, only snuggled the closer to the secretly delighted Bings and cooed, "Baby 'ove Bings," then as a happy afterthought, "Mam-ma 'ove Bings," at which frank and wholly unexpected revelation of her small daughter the pretty widow's face rivaled Bings'.

Whitlock guffawed. "Now's your chance, Bings," he urged, with malicious levity at his rival's discomfiture But Bings, with a hasty adieu, fied

leaving the cherub disconsolate.

Bings metaphorically kicked himself all the way home for not taking advantage of the best opportunity he had eyer had, even if it was before the Get Away With Cash and Cheques sneering Whitlock, and for his cow-Winnipeg, April 16.—Three daring ardly desertion of the pretty widow to Whitlock's caustic raillery.

crooks known to the Dominion police have been committed in Winnipeg during the past week.

The first robbery was when Ernest Ansley was relieved of \$500 which he had drawn from the Bank of Hamilton.

The true robberies robberies robberies robberies robberies robberies was a blissful vision, but Bings felt Bings paused at his own gate and had drawn from the Bank of Hamilton.

The other two robberies took place in the Imperial Bank, one of the victims being Ald. Sanderson, who was touched for \$50, and a lady who lost being the sanderson of the victims being Ald. Sanderson, who was touched for \$50, and a lady who lost being the sanderson of the victims being Ald. Sanderson, who was touched for \$50, and a lady who lost being the victims of the v

All three robberies were of the most ful—in fact, Bings was a whole swarm All three robberies were of the most daring character. Ald. Sanderson had his money taken out of his bank book which he laid down for a second.

Five boys, aged from 14 to 17, skipped last week, with the cash box of the law firm of Howell, Hudson & Marlatt, containing \$1,100 in cheques and cash.

The deed was done at noon hour, the bargain fiend. No woman could scent a bargain sale farther off than could The deed was done at noon hour, the lads apparently being in league with the office boy. One of the boys was captured Saturday and the police found about \$250 hidden in a back yard. The other boys went to Minneapolis, and the Billy Bings. Incidentally Billy was the climax to Bings' woes. But no persuasion on his part could convince his friends of the absurdity of calling a

six footer Billy.

Bings' bachelorhood was a condition of neither birth nor achievement—it was thrust upon him. During his evo-lution into that state there had been any one of a dozen maids and widows that Bings would have been only too happy to have endowed with half his worldly goods but for his excessive bashfulness. Never yet had he been able to screw his courage up to the point of proposal, though he had made almost superhuman efforts in that dians and in their ability to cure. In order to tall doubt, and prove to patients that he can really called incurable cases, no matter how many resuments have failed to cure them, Dr. Gold control of the rection.

This seemed a pity, for Bings was undeniably cut out for a Benedict. thought all women angels and all babies cherubs.

As he started uptown on the momentous morning after his precipitate flight Bings had a particular cherub in mind—a pretty, brown eyed, dimpled cherub that he would have given half most such as headaste, loss of memory, mental de-reasion, strangs sensations, irritability, sleeplessuess, eakness, trembling, heart papitation, coid limbs, system experiments, and the papitation of the papital system experiments and property and blood ison, prostatic trouble, early decay, akin diseases, adder and kidney troubles are cured to stay cured, as prices are very read advice, no matter whether as more examples and no proprietory medicines to ill. He is strictly opposed to all simulants which imporarily relieve, but after a short time leave the statem is specially propaged to all simulants which examines it is specially propaged to all simulants which examines it is specially propaged to all simulants which examines it is specially propaged to all simulants which examines it is specially propaged to all simulants which examines it is specially propaged to all simulants which examines it is specially propaged to all simulants which examines the propaged to all simulants which examines the propaged to all simulants which the blood, strengthening the nerves and general system eradicates all traces of disease, and makes men sound of healthy and able to meet their fellow men with a seling that they are strong and manly and fit to cope he was worth to possess and the other half to possess the cherub's pretty, brown eyed mother. But so far every glance from Mrs. Jessie Moffatt's roguish eves had produced the unfortunate effect of instantaneous paralysis of poor Bings' tongue, so that he could only stand dumb or blush and stam-

mer like any silly schoolboy. This was not the first time by any means that Bings metaphorical feat. It had been at least a semiweekly occurrence for several months past. Each time Bings vowed that the next time he would not act the fool. But he did. He had reached the point where the inevitable mental feat was copiously punctuated with a vigorous ejaculation that would have shocked the pretty widow had she heard it.

Bings felt his helplessness bitterly. So absorbed was he in this thought as he picked his way along the shady street that he failed to observe the widow a block or so ahead of him. A deep gloom enveloped Bings' soul that bright June morning.
"Confound it?" he muttered. "If

something doesn't happen soon I'll"-"Going, going—gone!"
Bings pricked up his ears and has tened his steps. An auction, and he not to know it? Turning a corner, he

came full upon a familiar scene just as a table was knocked down to the highest bidder. Bings' eyes gloated over the unusual display of household goods spread before him.

"Fifty cents!" bid a voice in the crowd as the auctioneer held up an article. It was Whitlock's voice. Bings' wrath flamed up, and before he had time to think he was bidding furiously against his rival. Fast in the grip of "bargain fever" and whetted on by Whitlock, Bings rapidly became possessor of various articles that were of as much use to him at that period of his existence as a celestial harp und a pair of wings. Had Bings intercepted the exchange of winks between Whit-lock and the auctioneer he might have been more cautious. As it was, the barricade around Bings grew and grew. "Going, going - gone!" shouted the uctioneer. "Dirt cheap at that, Mr. auctioneer. "Dirt cheap at that, Mr. Bings. Here, Sam, wheel this peram-

bulator around to Mr. Bings."

Perambulator! Heavens! Had he bought a perambulator? Bings wiped his perspiring brow and glared defiantly around.
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feminine voice at his elbow. "What do you want with a perambulator?" Bings' exasperated gaze encountered that of Mrs. Marston, a merry faced woman. By her side stood the pretty widow with the coveted cherub cling-

ing to her hand. Bings turned flery red and caught wildly at his hat, or where he supposed it to be, only to find that he was fanning himself with it. Making an embarrassed bow, he began to mop his

perspiring face violently. "Here's yer p'ramb'lat'r," said Sam laconically, pausing in front of Bings. Bings turned fascinated eyes on the thing, which seemed to him to have increased in size during its progress from the auctioneer's stand.

"And a haby's high chair." announced craned forward and inspected Bings'

There was a general craning of necks. "And a little red rocker," exclaimed another.

"A doll-and a doll carriage." "A child's cot."
"Footstool, workbasket, sewing chair

and sewing machine," enumerated. Whitlock, pushing nearer. "Great Jupiter, Bings! What does this mean?" with mock severity.

Poor Bings thanked his stars that none of them knew of that cradle in the attic, the result of a former aberration. He gazed help his tormentors, then at his barricade. What on earth had induced him to bid

in all that stuff? He had made himself so ridiculous in her eyes he'd not stand a ghost of a show now. The only thing left for him to do was to make his escape as best he could.

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faces. He grew desperate. Just as he was contemplating a dash for liberty along the line of the least resistance the miracle that he had been so skeptical about happened. A fractious horse, a woman's scream

a scene of confusion, and when Bings came to he found his arms around the pretty widow, who was clasping the pretty cherub to her breast and sobbing hysterically on his shoulder: "Oh, -dear, dear Billy! Save me, save

At these inspiring words Bings' courage rose to the occasion, his bashfulness slipping from him the ness slipping from him like a cloak. Before the astonished eyes of the whole staring crowd he bent and kissed the pretty widow and the dimpled cherub. "There, there, sweetheart," he said soothingly, "the danger is past." Then,

turning to the gaping crowd, Bings lied magnificently.
"I was just going to explain," said he, "when that confounded horse interfered, that I bought these things for my wife and child. The fact is"—

"Mr. Bings!" protested a shocked but smothered voice. "Mrs. Moffatt and I expect to be married just a week from today, and I take this occasion to invite"—

"Billy Bings! How dare you?"
—"the whole crowd to attend. The fact is"-the sight of Whitlock's amazed and wholly skeptical countenance stimulated Bings to greater invention -"we would have announced our engagement sooner but for certain unforeseen circumstances that er caused us to-er-await a more propitious time. But"-

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