



A SENTENCE THAT CUTS MORE WAYS THAN ONE.

SUSAN AND WILLIAM ;
OR,
"TRUTH WILL PREVAIL"

When William left the service he'd, besides a wooden limb,
A vast experience of the world and memories dear to him,
He'd also numerous virtues, and the greatest were, I think,
An aptitude for swearing and a tendency to drink.
Quite frequently, I grieve to state, he came home late at
night
As drunk as ever he could be beneath the moon's pale
light ;
And if his Susan waited up instead of going to bed,
Unscrewed that timber member and would beat her
beauteous head.
Now Susan didn't like it, she objected very much—
In fact she quite began to dread her sainted William's
touch ;
Her loving soul yearned for revenge for those inhuman
knocks,
She thought she'd burn the treasures in her husband's
private box.
When William went to drink at night, as every night he
did,
She carefully unlocked the box and lifted up the lid ;
But think of Susan's horror—just conceive her great
surprise,
When proofs of William's wicked games arose before her
eyes.
She found within that sinful box such varying locks of
hair,
And tiny shoes from China's shore that men could never
wear.
Gold rings and such like little things that sweeten lover's
lives,
And twenty-five certificates of William's former wives !
When William was upon the sea he spent an hour a day,
Arranging his belongings in a most methodic way ;
Each article he labelled in a manner neat and clear,
So Susan gained an insight in her husband's past career.
And then she vow'd she'd leave him, she would leave his
hearth and home,
With her raiment in a bundle thro' the wide world she
would roam ;
Just once more would she see him and would tell him
what she knew,
And would say, " Oh ! William, William, do you call this
being true !"
With anguish in her bosom and the poker in her hand,
Waiting wistfully for William did our gentle Susan stand ;
Then she hears his step approaching—as he opens wide
the door
Susan swings aloft the poker and she smites him to the
floor.
Then she points at all his treasures with a wild sarcastic
shout,
And William cannot understand what all the row's about ;
She talks of broken promises, of broken heads and hearts,
Strikes William and an attitude, and tragically departs.
MORAL.
Ye married men take warning now and never trust to locks,
Nor hide your gay frivolities however strong the box ;
But always burn them ere you wed,—such things are
never shown,—
If locks of hair are found around perchance you'll lose
your own.

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