

### A Look Ahead

Queen Alexandra, of gracious presence herself, attended last spring's annual Mansion House fete in London, and because of that auspicious fact there is a tale to tell, says a writer in Harper's Weekly.

One of the diminutive flower maidens was both pretty and plump, and when Her Majesty stopped for an instant to smile down upon her, what did she do but put up her wee mouth for a kiss, which she received.

"Molly!" gasped her astounded mother, after the distinguished visitor had passed on. "How could you?"

Molly gave good reason. "I fought," said she, "it 'ud be interestin' to tell my grandchillern."

### It Worked Well

The elder's wife was seriously ill, and the doctor advised rest and quiet. But the lady was very devoted to church work, and worried herself into hysteria because she could not attend services and hear her favorite pastor preach.

"She must not leave the house," warned the doctor, "but you can easily arrange to have her hear the service by telephone."

The elder grasped the suggestion, and made the necessary arrangements for transmitting the sermon into his wife's room.

At noon on the Sabbath, the doctor called and asked: "How did it work?"

"Fine," declared the elder, rubbing his hands gleefully. "Ten minutes after the sermon began she fell sound asleep."

### She Knew the Place

A writer in the Youth's Companion is responsible for this incident. An elderly matron was journeying to a point in Wisconsin. She occupied a seat near the middle of the car, and had fallen asleep. On the seat in front of her sat a little boy. The brakeman opened the door of the car and called out the name of the station the train was approaching. The elderly woman roused herself with a jerk:—

"Where are we, Bobbie?" she asked.

"I don't know, grandmother," answered the little boy.

"Didn't the brakeman say something just now?"

"No. He just stuck his head inside the door and sneezed."

"Help me with these things, Bobby!" she exclaimed, hurriedly. "This is Oshkosh. It's where we get off."

### An Enterprising Agent

The book agent had spent a discouraging morning, and when he had an opportunity to scan the face of Eli Hobbs at close range, he felt that there was small chance of making a sale. However, he had more than one method of suggestion.

"Sitting out here on the piazza afternoons with your wife, this would be the very book to read aloud," he said, ingratiatingly, to Mr. Hobbs, taking the other rocking-chair, and opening the large red-covered volume.

"I don't read, and I haven't any wife," replied Mr. Hobbs, dryly.

"Dear me," said the book agent, "Well, if your wife is dead, perhaps there are children. Now, children find this book—"

"There is no children," interrupted Mr. Hobbs. "There's nobody by myself and my cat."

"Well," said the book agent, "don't you ever want a good heavy book to throw at her, just to ease your feelings?"

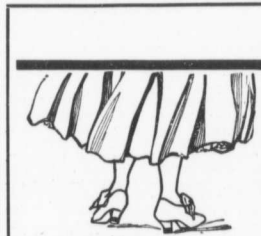
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