

WOMAN ON THE PHONOGRAPH.—A Nob Hill man retired early last evening, weary with the heat and tired out from a protracted siege of pedro, and vainly endeavored to woo the drowsy god, sustained and soothed by the uninterrupted flow of small talk from his wakeful spouse. Her conversation was not exactly in the line of a curtain lecture, as she was not in an inharmonious mood, but was rather seeking information on the world's work. Her last question to her nodding lord was in reference to Edison and his inventions.

"How about the phonograph, dear?" she queried; "you never have explained it to me. How does it work?"

He roused himself and answered: "It's a little machine that the husband leaves on the table while he is down town, and on his return he turns a crank, and it informs him of everything that has been said on the premises during his absence."

She meditated a moment, then broke out: "The fool men are always getting up some pesky invention, and if you bring one of those things in this house I'll leave."

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