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I had been working hard all day, getting things fixed up for the Easter holidays, and every woman knows what a holiday means around the house, which is more work. I was very tired, but as I wanted to get on the soft side of Cyrus and try to coax him up to get Mary a new hat with Easter flowers on 1t, and perhaps a bonnet for myself—for I did need one very much, as I had worn the one I had supper. I made some biscuit and opened a bottle of fresh syrup, put on a clean table-cloth and napkins, got my silver-plated forks (which my sister had given me last Christmas), and had everything as pink and span as a five o'clock tea table. Pretty soon Cyrus came. He walked straight over the doormat and scrubbed his muddy boots doormat and scrubbed his muddy boots off on my nice cleaned floor, I was riled. Sakes! I was as mad as a girl

in the head right on the start. Ain't it funny how barriers will seemingly our way on the road to success. Why, that very afternoon Squire Hawkins had sent one of the children over to borrow our paper and had not brought it back, as he never does. Of course, I had to tell Cyrus where it was. He straightned up in the chair and said, Well I be-! Say, Ruthana, that paper only costs one dollar per year, not two cents a week, and I say the man who for that paltry sum will borrow his neighbor's paper, and steal his news fro n week to week, is meaner than the man who would always have a pile of white birch wood in his yard enough cheek to want to borrow your front door when he has visitors, or a baby to chew his baby's rubber ring until it gets soft." I said, Cyrus, I will run and get it while you are getting ready for supper; so I threw my apron over my head and ran over "Last January," she says, "my baby and got it in a minute. and got it in a minute.

as a rare genius and makes Mark read this will try it and be convinced Twain's budget of humor look like as I was." For sale by J P. Lamb, thirty cents in the First National & Son. The next thing to be belittled on the table was the syrup. He said

one of my nice hot biscuits and said, "You got too much saleratus in 'em, didn't you? that shows a lack of judgement, a common thing in all women. He said the buscuits looked as though they'd had an attack of the yellow jaundice, and that it was a good thing. jaundice, and that it was a good thing I did not have to ship any of them away, as they would have to be expressed, for they were too heavy to go by post. Then he commenced to blow about his mother's cooking, about her cakes, and her bread, and the way she cooked this and that, how much better it was than any other woman's that ever lived, and so on. When he got through I said. Well, Cyrus, I guess I will have to die to pleese you. He said, with a lot of indifference, "Well, it would be a vacation, wouldn't it?" Then I got mad, so mad that I forgot all about Mary's hat and my bonnet, so you may know I was pretty mad, so you may know I was pretty mad, but I just let them rip and went at him. Said I, Cyrus Cobb-Sykes, your mother always had something to cook with, your father was a grand man and

a good provider, and I am forced to admit that you do not take after him a bit in this line. Your mother always had a full flour berrel and pork barrel. She wasn't asked when she wanted anything such questions as these, "What did you do with the last I got?" "Is it all gone so quick?" Doos it take that much in so short at time?" Why, you must have wasted some of it," and so on. And your mother always had plenty of wood, and did not have to cut it herself either, Here he shoved back from the table, put on his glasses, picked up the paper, and started to read, saying, "I wonder what the news is?" I didn't say any more for fear I might be sorry for it, but I was loaded full of things to tell him. He read to him elf a while, then read aloud, in a kind of penitent tone, "Five thousand dollars for a dog," and said, "Ruthana, do you believe that a man would pay \$5,000 for a dog?" I said, men with plenty of money would not mind that amount for a dog. "Why," said he, "Ruthana dear, That is more than I am worth?' Well, said I, some dogs are worth more than others. He dropped the paper, and looked at me for about a minute, and said, "What a marvellous witty brain you possess! and went off up stairs to bed, and soon I heard him snoring, but I guess it is all up with Mary's hat and my Easter

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Another one of our long respected residents in the person of Mr. James would be at not being asked to a neighbor girl's party. But I didn't can be something and word, I picked up the things and missed by all as he has always lived hung them where they belonged, just as I had done hundreds of times be among us, and by his kind and generas I had done hundreds of times before, and flew around to get supper on the table. He never said a word about how tidy things looked, if they were clean or nice, or this or that were clean or nice, or this or that— part of his time during the last few were clean or nice, or this or that.

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