But His Wife Worries Until He Starts In Again.

SHE KEEPS TRACK OF HIM.

And is Hounded by a Premonition of Coming Disaster, but the Clouds Are Dispelled When He Shows Up With the Usual Grouch.

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R. BOWSER'S ways are not always just as I could wish for, but I don't want to lose him.

He has his oddities, but he means

He's got an idea that if he shouts "Woman!" at me and waves his arms about he'll make me cuddle down.

He comes home with this scheme and that, and everything looks rosy to him until 1 bring figures to bear, but I am glad he is no pessimist.

I can generally catch on to his moods

almost at once, but there are times when he is unreadable and worries me-when he isn't Mr. Bowser at all. When he got up last Sunday morning he didn't yawn and stretch and grunt and growl. On the contrary, he was unusually silent, and, though his socks, collar, tie and collar buttons were scat-tered about the room as usual, he recovered them without once declaring that this was the worst run house in America. He usually growls about his Sunday breakfast, but on this occaaion he hadn't a word of fault to find. I made no suggestion about his accompanying me to church and was utterly nazed when he announced his intenion. I looked for a row when he ameto dress, but there was none. He



HE WASN'T EVEN THREATENED.

seldom or never puts on a fresh collar without" blasting the laundryman's eyes, but on this occasion he even spoke of the work being nicely done. He didn't find the church too cold or too hot, the singing too loud or too low, the sermon too short or too long. He seemed well pleased, and he did not make one single kick over the Sunday dinner. He read aloud to me in his pronuncation a few times, he did worried over the change in him.

had only left the house when the cook not lose his temper. I am somewhat packed up and followed. She said there were ghosts about. I telegraphe Mrs. B. Is Worried. for mother to come, but she answere Monday-No kick as Mr. Bowser got that it was impossible. I called on the up this morning. His collar button doctor again, but he said we could do had rolled under the bureau, and he nothing. I never put in a worse day in got down on his hands and knees and my life, and I was really ill when Mr. hunted it up without a swear word; Bowser's step was heard at last. My heart bounded as I heard him dragging. found no fault with breakfast, although I thought the oatmeal was his feet. I thrilled as he banged the overdone; left the house in what seemdoor open. I jumped up with a laugh ed a happy frame of mind, and when as he flung down his hat in the hall. he returned to dinner he brought no realized that he was Mr. Bowser again new fad with him. He sat down and He stood there in the hall glaring read a book nearly all the evening, and around, and as I stepped into view he when I showed him the gas bill that had been handed in during the day he "Woman, by the horn spoon, I wan remarked that it was very moderate to know whether this is a poorhous for the time of year. I looked at him or a cooper shop!"

mazement, but he smiled in return. was politicians called to ask him to ine for mayor, but he quietly refused, and would not even go to the nearest He was no longer some one else, but smoon to talk matters over. He comthe real, genuine Bowser, and I sang plimented me on the way I manage a song of glad thanksgiving as he conthe house and inquired if my pin money was sufficient to carry me along. I tinued: wonder if anything is going to happen! line, Mrs. Bowser, and I suggest that Tuesday-No kicks in the morning; my lawyer see your lawyer and have

no kicks at breakfast. The coffee was surely a little off, but Mr. Bowser said nothing about firing the cook through the window. He wore his old hat away by mistake, but he did not come home and blow me up about it. I was rather expecting to see him bring home a fire escape, a burglar alarm or a new idea in medicine chests, but he brought me a box of candy instead. The cook has observed his singular change and is getting nervous over it. She says she had an uncle who made just such a sudden change and died within a week. No kicks during the evening. We played euchre, and I beat him eight games out of ten, but he did not call me a scoundrel and cheat. Indeed, he frankly acknowledged that I was too much for him. A faker called at a late hour to try to sell Mr. Bowsen a snide watch, but he wasn't even threatened. I have almost a mind to

consult the family doctor about it. A Premonition. Wednesday.-Still no kicks as he got out of bed. As he came down to breakfast I saw the cat look at him in a strange way, and the cook was really flustrated. No kicks over breakfast. As he went away he said he would

bring home tickets for the theater, and

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felt a premonition of coming disaster all day, and when a street boy threw Hefty Green says it is a credit to die a stone and broke a window I got ready to face the inevitable. There was no inevitable, however. When Mr. Bows-Miss Helen Cheever has been clerk

he left me dumb with asonishment. I

er came home he said that such acci-

dents were liable to happen at any

time, and that I mustn't worry over it. In going to the theater we had to stand

up in the car and were elbowed and

ostled and the conductor beat us out of 15 cents in making change, but Mr.

Bowser made no kick. He was much

interested in the play, and when he re-

turned home he said he didn't know

when he had spent such a pleasant evening. I was delighted, of course, but

yet I felt a chill at my heart. Some-

thing awful is surely going to happen.

Mr. Bowser was awake and deliberate

y hid his socks in order to hear that

old familiar kick from him, but it

didn't come. He kept looking until he

found them, and laughingly remarked

that the rats must have been frisking

with them. I charged the cook to

overdo his breakfast egg, but he did

not seem to notice it. I scattered five

or six clothespins in the front hall, ex-

pecting him to break out about reck-

less extravagance and the poorhouse

but he smiled blandly as he walked

over them. I called to see the family

doctor during the afternoon, but he could not clear up the mystery. He

had known such sudden changes to

mean death within a few days, and he

advised me to be watchful. When Mr.

Bowser came home from the office I

had a poor dinner for him, and I also

informed him that the coal was out

and a water pipe leaking, but the soft,

sweet smile never left his face. During

the evening be said that be had made

a fool of himself a hundred times over

since our marriage, but that he had

solemnly determined to keep clear of

all fads in the future. The cook called

me downstairs and wanted to know if

Mr. Bowser wasn't going to carry on

any more, and when I said it was

doubtful she gave me a week's notice.

Things had become too lonesome for

A Dream of Tragedy. Friday.-Same peaceful getting out

of bed and eating breakfast, I insist-

ed that he couldn't be well, but he re-

plied that his health was never better.

He had hardly left the house before I

telephoned his symptoms to mother

and asked her opinion. She replied

that he would probably try suicide

within a week, and that I had better

lock up all the poison in the house

When he came home at night I was

lying on the lounge and pretending to

have a terrible headache. Instead of

saying that it served me right for over-

eating or going around barefoot and

then whistling and stamping around to

add to my suffering, he sat down and

told me how sorry he was and did all he could to alleviate the pain. I had to

get up and eat dinner with him and

pretend to be cured. We had a lit-

tle spelling school during the evening.

and, though I spelled him down a doz-

en times, he only smiled over it. I told

him the cook had broken two plates

that day, but he replied that all crock-

ery was made to be broken. I asked

for a new hat and he gave me the

money without a word about the poor-

house. I tried to get him to go to

the club, but he said he preferred his

own home. The cook went upstairs

very much afraid, and I went to bed to

Saturday.-Still no more morning

kicks-no breakfast kicks. Mr. Bowser

Mr. B. Redivivus.

wept. He had returned to himself.

"You have driven me to the dead

a divorce arraged for us as quietly as

"Oh, I'm so glad to hear you say

"You are, are you? Then you are

"Then-then it's like old times to

"Please do. Find fault with the

that!" I replied as I bugged him the

possible "

ready for a divorce?"

"Bluffing? I'll show you!"

"You waste it to spite me."

"You-you burn it all day."

me off to get a look at me.

"And now call mother names."

"Look here, woman! What the devil

does this mean?" he asked as he held

"Why-why you have been so quiet

for a week that I thought-thought

you would have to go to what they

"Oh, Lord!" he answered, and after

hearty laugh he kissed me right be

fore the cook and the cat. I am a

hear you bluffing."

"And the coal."

"And the gas bill."

"Durn her hide!" "And now-now."

call the bughouse"

Bowser again.

"Hang her!"

Then I fell upon his shoulder and

dream of tragedies.

Thursday Morning.-I got up before

n the postoffice at Sioux City. Ia., for thirty-four years. Mrs. John C. Bessler of Decatur, Ill.,

ints the government to make laws forbidding the manufacture of filmsy, worthless or deleterious garments. Miss Susan D. Huntington is the principal of the International Institute For Girls in Madrid, where Alice Gor-

don Gulick Memorial hall has just been opened. Miss Huntington is a Wellesley graduate. Mrs. Albert Sigel of Philadelphia has turned over to the Tabor Home For Children in that city \$500 obtained from the sale of fancy goods and

household articles, every one of which

she has made herself in her spare time during the past year. Mrs. Caroline M. Severance, first, president of the New England Women's club, the pioneer woman's club of this country, cast her first vote for a president of the United States at the recent election. She was a coadjutor of Mrs. Julia Ward Howe in the early days of the suffrage movement. She is now ninety-three years old and has lived for a number of years at Los Angeles, Cal.

Flippant Flings.

West Virginia has declared the open grate to be dangerous because of the danger of falling into the fire. But why not reform father?—Philadelphia

Professor Scott of the Northweste university advises women to use psychology in buying hats. Most women use their husbands' pocketbooks.-Milwaukee Sentinel.

Some one has suggested that the overnment take in hand the matter of regulating women's dresses. What is the use when women are trying to regulate the government?-Memphis Commercial Appeal.

Frills of Fashions.

A new winter hat is called the Meph stopheles-probably because of the sort of remarks incited by the bill.-Philadelphia Ledger.

In winter the female of the muskrat species puts on a coat of fur. The female of the human species buys some ow shoes and some openwork hose.-Louisville Courier-Journal.

It is stated that broad heeled shoes will again be the fashion for ladies. No one will regret the departure of the high heels, which make a lovely woman look like a hen on a hot skillet. New Orleans Picayune.

Aerial Flights.

derground than in the air.-Washing ton Post. Ljuba Galantschikow, the British woman who has made a record for high flying, has a name that would al-

Soon there will be more aviators un

most reach from the altitude attained to the earth.-Boston Record. Germany is to build an aerial war fleet of twenty Zeppelin airships. It view of the disasters to dirigibles of this type opinions may differ as to

fense or a menace.-New York World. Foreign Affairs.

whether the fleet will constitute a de-

As a change of climate is almost always beneficial, it may be that moving to Asia Minor would improve the health of the "sick man of Europe."-Rochester Post-Express.

It is explained that the kaiser's or der forbidding German diplomats to marry wives of other nationalities is intended to prevent a leakage of diplomatic secrets. Have the conditions so changed in Germany since De Blowitz said: "In Paris the fish talk. In Berlin the parrots are dumb?"-New York World.

Town Topics. :470

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New York is crusading against church bells. The unfamiliar ring no doubt frightens the natives.-Omaha

The grade crossing auto combination is proving almost as dangerous to life as the unloaded gun.—Cincinnati En-

Boston frames a humiliating indict ment against Philadelphia. She calls her trolleys "prepayment cars."-Philadelphia Ledger.

Automobile Runs.

Berlin chauffeurs are forbidden to smoke while on duty. St. Petersburg will have an interna-

tional auto show in April. Auto wireless telephones have proved successful for a distance of thirty-

A novel meter for electric automo biles registers the amount of electricity that is put into and taken from the storage batteries.

Train and Track.

A locomotive that originally was built in 1847 has been reconstructed and given light work to do by an Eng-

In the latest style of Prussian sleephig cars two small staterooms can be converted into one large room with four beds by removing a partition. An aerial railway forty miles long, with fifteen or sixteen towers to every mile of cable, has been begun to con happy woman. Mr. Bowser is is Mr. | nect Manizales and Mariquita, Colom-

THE DEATH PACT.

Did Rubinstein Keep His Word His Former Pupil?

Writing her memories of Anton Ru-binstein in Harper's Magazine, a former pupil tells a strange story of the great planist's death.

One wild and blustery pight I found myself at dinner alone with Rubin-stein, the weather being terrific even for St. Petersburg. The winds were nowling round the house, and Rubinstein, who liked to ask questions, in quired of me what they represented to my mind. I replied. The moaning of lost souls." From this a theological discussion followed.

There may be a future,' he said. 'There is a future,' I cried-'a great and beautiful future. If I die first I shall come to you and prove this.' "He turned to me with great solem-

'Good, Liloscha; that is a bargain, and I will come to you.' "Six years later in Paris I woke one night with a cry of agony and despair ringing in my ears, such as I hope may never be duplicated in my lifetime. Rubinstein's face was close to mine, a countenance distorted by ev-

St. Petersburg frequently at Rubin-stein's dinner table—told me that Ru-binstein died with a cry of agony im-possible of description. I knew then that even in death Rubinstein had kept, as he always did, his word."

HE WAS GAME.

An Experience of Bob Taylor When He Started Out to Lecture.

"When the late Senator Bob Taylor first went upon the lecture platform he was in bad financial fix, but if a crowd of his down in Taylor, Tex., had known it we would not have played such a mean game on him," said Colonel Albert W. Carpenter of the Lone Star State.

"Little did we know at the time of of a man who made balf a million dollars and died penniless.

"What we did was to dragoon the orator after the delivery of his speech into joining an absurd sort of secret society. As a part of the ridiculou initiation he was sworn to set up a dinner to all present immediately on the adjournment of the lodge. There was a good big crowd of us, and the eating and drinking came to just about \$100, or exactly what Bob Taylor had netted by his talk. Subsequently he confessed to a friend that after paying the score he had barely enough cash to enable him to pay railroad fare out of ROOMS.... TEMPLE BUILDING

"A year later he came back to our burg, and the whole community turned out to hear him. Never did a man get a more flattering ovation in a small village. The profits of his lecture this time were \$800. Before leaving us somebody reminded him of his previ- STORAGE, ACCESSORIES AND laughingly inquired what motive had animated us in thus despoiling him. We just wanted to see, governor, if you were game, spoke up one of the townsmen, and in recounting the affair later Bob Taylor always added, 'You can bet your life I was glad that I had proved game."—Los Angeles Times.

The "Toothache" Signal In Chile. Drink is the curse of Chile. "For some time after our arrival," writes Mrs. Hugh Fraser in "Further Reminiscences," "Hugh and I used to be puzzled at the prevalence of toothache in the town (Santiago). Every day one would see men in the streets, frock coated and tophatted, their faces almost hidden by a handkerchief tied around their jaws-not one or two or occasionally, but half a dozen at a time and on every day of the week. Later we found out that it was a signal and meant: 'I was drinking last night. Do not speak to me."

Making Room For All.

An Irish conductor on the Payne avenue line was trying to make room for more passengers in his car during the rush hour the other night. As reported by a more or less truthful witness, this is what he said:

"Will thim in front plaze move up so that thim behind c'n take th' places ov thim in front an' lave room f'r thim that's neither in front nor behind?"-Cleveland Plain Dealer,

"Do you believe appendicitis can be ured without an operation?" "My case was."

"How'd you do it?" "A friend who had suffered told me what his operation cost him, and as soon as he had finished all my symptoms had departed."-Houston Post

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