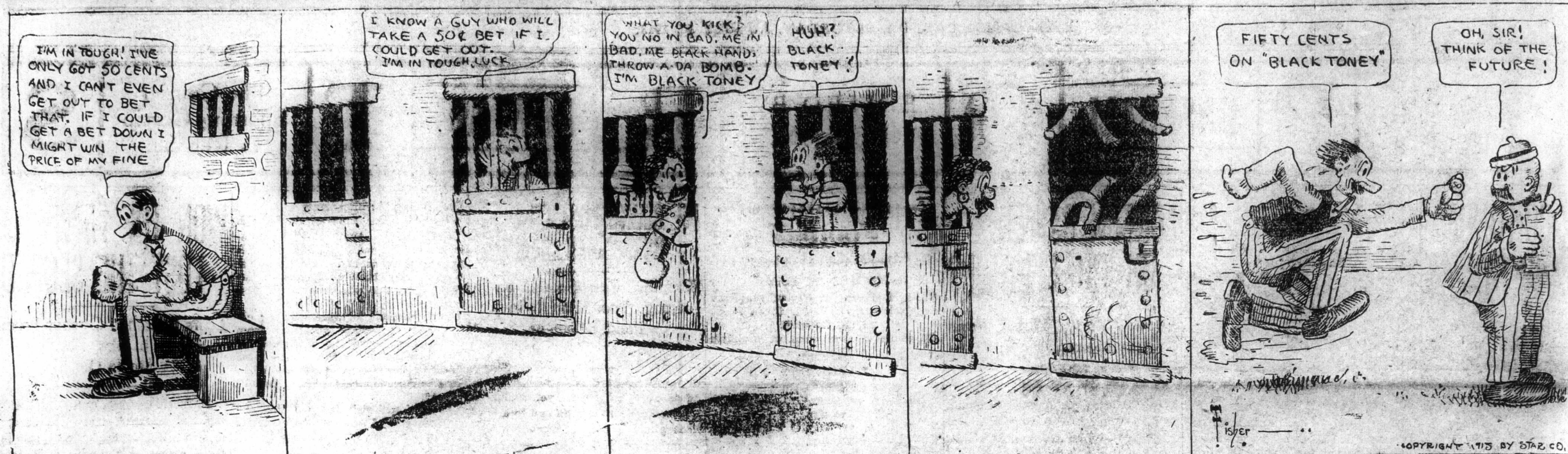


# Thaw Has Nothing on Mutt When It Comes to Breaking Out

By "Bud" Fisher



## HEART-BALM SUITS CAUSE OF ANXIETY

Settlement of Action for \$250,000 Against Lord Northampton is Questioned

LONDON, August 30.—All the world and his wife are still talking of the record damages of \$250,000 in the breach of promise case, in which Lord Northampton paid up without letting the case go to trial. The question which has incidentally brought to the front has an interest for men and women alike, for all who are parents, for all who are lovers, for all grades of human society in fact.

They are not new questions by any means, for they have brought tragedy to innumerable lives at one time or another, and will continue to do so. However far the state may proceed in taking over the responsibilities of parenthood—and the eugenists would have it assume the right of forbidding marriage at all in the case of the mentally or physically unfit—there will always be fathers, if not mothers, who believe themselves entitled to sanction or veto the matrimonial arrangements of their sons and daughters if they think it desirable to do so. Equally will there always be sons and daughters of sufficient independence of spirit to claim to do as they wish in so entirely personal and individual a matter as marriage.

Asked Who Make Best Peers. The question that many are asking is: Who make the best peers? And the topic of the Markham versus Northampton case has set everybody discussing with widely differing opinions, some going so far as to say that actions for breach of promise of marriage should be abolished altogether. Rev. F. D. Meyer, who is known in America as in England, for his strong views on the marriage and divorce question, was very outspoken in favor of the existing law.

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"In America now a young fellow can take a girl to a theater, a concert, or a picnic without being considered engaged.

**Simple Proposition.** "Actions for breach of promise of marriage ought no more to be abolished than actions for the breach of any other contract," said Mr. Freke Palmer, a well-known solicitor. "If a man becomes engaged to a girl and then breaks off because he has become attached to another he must pay. It is a simple proposition. The girl has suffered damage because her chances of marriage have been lessened through sticking to one man for several years. Then she suffers in feelings. A jilted girl is jilted at by her friends, and generally she is made to feel small.

"It is all very well to say that it is a sordid thing to bring beautiful sentiment down to a commonplace monetary transaction. But women must have some recompense, and the only recompense is money. The only way to punish men who break contracts is through their pockets. Defendants who have no money, unfortunately cannot be punished at all."

"A woman should suffer in silence," said Mrs. Harold Gorst, the well-known writer and author of "The Soul of Milly Green." "All actions for breach of promise should be abolished. But this is not the view of all women, many of whom argue that if a man breaks his promise he should pay because the woman has lost a chance of being supported. To one the idea is repulsive, and I cannot understand how any woman can cheapen her feelings by bringing such an action. It is a great confession of weakness. It is much better if a girl has been jilted that she should

laugh as if she did not care at all, yes, though she suffer in secret."

So said Miss Birdie Sutherland, who accepted \$25,000 damages against the Hon. Dudley Marjoribanks. Miss Sutherland retains her beauty and her statuesque figure is perhaps more commanding and more gracious now than when it was the wonder of the London stage.

"Money is no compensation in a breach of promise case for what woman loses," she said. "This is particularly true when the woman is an actress. Let me warn every woman whatever her situation. No damages ever invented are payment. The money is no use. It seems to do you no good. It almost marks itself as not your own money. Let any woman who finds herself in the position of bringing a breach of promise suit consider many times before she takes a step she will always regret.

"The young men and the old men of society think they can go further with an actress. They talk to her freely, they go about with her freely, they make havoc of her affections with a feeling of irresponsibility which is in itself an insult. Then when she grows tired, when they have compromised her by leading her to think she is engaged, when all the world has coupled their names together, they throw her aside. All this because she is an actress. Is she not also a woman? Why should men unscrupulously do to an actress what the rules of social honor do not permit them to do to their friends' sisters, what, in fact they dare not do? "One day a man forgets. Only a woman knows what a woman's memory is to a woman."

## Daneuse Rents Part of Theological School

London Baptists Consider Removing College "for Students' Sake."

LONDON, August 30.—The Baptists of London are in a quandary at the moment, considering whether a new college for the training of the future Baptist ministers should not be founded in a secluded corner of London for "The World, the Flesh and the Devil" in the person of Miss Maud Allan has invaded their present college in Regent Park.

The famous dancer has taken the west wing of the college buildings on a twenty-year lease and there she means to have her studio and practice the charming dances that have brought her fame and fortune.

## G. Bernard Shaw Now Attacking Doctors

Playwright Says British Medicine Is in a Bad Way.

LONDON, August 30.—"Medical practitioners in England have a vested interest in disease." This is one of the characteristic remarks made by George Bernard Shaw recently in an address before the newly-formed state medical association here. He also charged that conditions of private medical practice in England were worse than in any of the more intelligent nations of Europe.

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## OUR BRITISH LETTER

LONDON, Aug. 30.—A rifle range is the latest acquisition of the militant suffragettes. Its location is kept a close secret, but an official of the Women's Social and Political Union had admitted its existence and stated that the range was in use every day by members of the organization, who are rapidly becoming expert shots.

This week's issue of the Suffragette, the official organ of the W.S.P.U., contains an advertisement offering to teach women to shoot straight. The official who gave the information in regard to the rifle range said that the militants were preparing for the next repressive step for the government, which they fear will be the use of the recently enacted Mental Deficiency bill to confine the suffragette leaders in asylums where they will not be amenable to the usual court procedures. If any of the leaders are confined under the new act, the official in question declared, the resolution not to endanger human life would be rescinded and the skill acquired at the range would be brought into play.

Home Secretary Reginald McKenna, the "best hated" of the Cabinet Ministers because his department has been responsible for the forcible feeding of suffragettes and the enforcement of the Cat and Mouse act, is living in a house almost surrounded by the homes of militant agitators. Mrs. Emily K. Marshall, whose records of acts of violence is well known recently moved into a house adjacent to the town residence of Mr. McKenna and ever since the Home Secretary has had two stalwart policemen on guard over his windows. Mrs. Marshall does not deny that this precaution is altogether useless, for she declares that the Home Secretary's windows are a constant temptation to her.

Mrs. Marshall is the wife of the attorney for the Women's Social and Political Union, and the possessor of a long window smashing record. She now has as neighbors two other militants, who this week leased houses within a few steps of the McKenna home which is in Westminster, near the Houses of Parliament. This influx of militants into the neighborhood hitherto almost entirely given over to the homes of cabinet ministers and members of Parliament has caused some alarm among the politicians whose opposition to women's suffrage has brought them threats of vengeance. Mrs. Marshall has already served time for breaking windows in the homes of cabinet ministers, and she was arrested a few weeks ago for assaulting a Scotland yard detective. Mr. McKenna does not regard her as a desirable neighbor, nor does he care about her friends. She was asked for the names of her comrades who have taken the two houses so close to her own, but declined the information. She did, however, express the fervent hope that their presence would not add to the comfort of the Home Secretary.

The deference of the police to a title will sometimes save a woman from arrest, even if she is a militant suffragette, and this fact was no sooner observed by the leaders in the women's campaign than it was put to effective use.

During one of the recent battles at the London Pavilion, while the suffragette detail of Scotland Yard was going through its usual weekly exercise of arresting Mrs. Pankhurst, a number of her defenders were locked in a small room and placed under arrest. It happened that most of these women were subscription solicitors for the "Suffragette," and on account of their services to the official organ of the W. S. P. U. it was not desirable that they should go to jail.

The leader of the solicitors was a dignified and stately looking woman, and one of her companions secured her release by making use of this fact. While the women were being charged at the police station the stately solicitor was several times addressed as "Your Grace" by her companions. When her turn came to sign the prison register the inspector in charge of the police declared that a mistake had been made and that she had no complaint to make against her. Then a constable was detailed to escort the pseudo-duchess to a taxi.

## English Queen, Always a Great Stickler for Royalty's Rights, Insists Daughter be First Bridesmaid at the Duchess of Fife's Wedding

LONDON, Aug. 30.—The greatest interest had been taken in the announcement that Princess Mary would make her public appearance as a bridesmaid at the wedding of Prince Arthur of Connaught and the Duchess of Fife, but it is now doubtful if she will do so.

Her mother, Queen Mary, who is a great stickler for all the rights and prerogatives of the royal family, of which, of course, the bride and bridegroom are members, declares that if Princess Mary acts as bridesmaid she must be the first bridesmaid and head the procession.

The young Duchess of Fife desires her own younger sister, Princess Maud, to have that position, which under ordinary circumstances she is entitled as the bride's nearest relative. The young Duchess is supported in this by her mother, the princess royal, and by Queen Mother Alexandra, but Queen Mary has insisted that either her daughter must take precedence over the other bridesmaid, or she will not be at all.

There are probably few memoirs which publishers would print more keenly just now than the private letters and diaries of the late King Edward. Some of this interesting matter may even now be in the process of being dreamed up for during the visit of Queen Mother Alexandra to Balmoral a certain portion of King Edward's private correspondence is to be destroyed. These letters have been in charge of King George's bankers, King

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