

Bijah's Advice to Young Housekeepers.

[Detroit Free Press.] A little woman with a tear trembling on the end of her nose had been walking up and down the hall for ten minutes, and as the last visitor departed she entered the parlor where Bijah superintends the operations of justice, sank into the rocking-chair, and timidly asked,—"Mr. Joy, can I trust you?"

"Madam, you can!" he promptly replied. "I don't like to hear a man praise himself, but I believe I can go to any grocery in Detroit and get trusted for one dozen clothes-pins without having to leave any security whatever. I now have in my possession thirty-five cents worth of clothes-pins by a street-car driver to buy him some tinted note paper, and if I embezzle one cent of it I hope to be bald-headed all my days! Yes, madam, you can trust me."

"I was married about three years ago," began the woman, after considerable hesitation. "Don't doubt it in the least, madam, and I suppose it was a case of love!"

"It seemed so. My husband seemed to think everything of me, and I know I almost worshipped him. We were very, very happy until a year ago."

"Yes, I suppose so, madam. As Milton says—'He called me his birdie—his angel, I thought him the dearest on earth; And we'll dance all night till broad daylight, And—and—so forth.'"

"A few months ago," she softly continued, "he began finding fault because I did not use more big words in talking, and he said that my grammar was perfectly awful. Not a day passes that he does not upbraid me, and sometimes I even wish I were dead."

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