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"Is there a man in all this audience," fiercely exclaimed a female lecturer, "that has ever done anything to lighten the burden resting on his wife's shoulders? What do you know of woman's work?"

"Is there a man here," she continued, folding her arms, and looking over her audience with superb scorn, "that has ever got up in the morning, leaving his tired, worn-out wife to enjoy her slumbers, gone quietly down stairs, made the fire, cooked his own breakfast, sewed the missing buttons on the children's clothes, darned the family stockings, scoured the pots and kettles, cleaned and filled the lamps, swept the kitchen, and done all this, if necessary, day after day uncomplainingly? If there is such a man in this audience, let him rise up! I should like to see him!"

And in the rear of the hall a mild-looking man in spectacles, in obedience to the summons, timidly arose. He was the husband of the eloquent speaker. It was the first time he had ever had a chance to assert himself.



HON. A. G. JONES.

HENRY PETTIT, who is a most excellent after-dinner speaker, told a little story against himself which I fancy I have heard before, but it is worth repeating.

Pettitt not long since met an old school-fellow that he had not seen for years, and told him that he was a journalist and critic. "By the way," said his old friend, "are you any relation to Henry Pettitt the dramatist?"

"I am he," replied Pettitt.

"Ah, but I mean the *great* Henry Pettitt who writes plays for Drury Lane."

"Yes," said Henry, modestly, "that's me."

"Well," said his friend, with disgust, "you always were a liar, Pettitt!"

A copy of Mr. James Payn's "Heir of the Ages" was sent to be rebound. It came back with "The Hair of the Aged," imprinted on its cover. Mr. Payn tells the story, so it must be true.

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