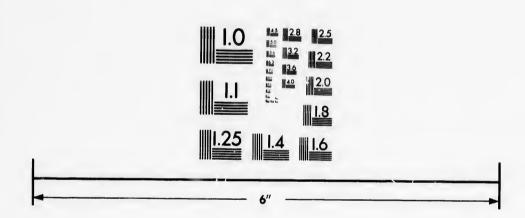


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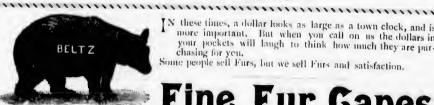
ACT III.-Morning, one week later.

Time-The Present.

Place-Harlem, New York.

Note .- "Our Flat" was produced under the direction of Mr. John Morris, who staged the original production at Strand Theatre, Loudon, England, where it is still being played. Mr. Morris made the voyage to America expressly to give this production his personal attention.

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A MYSTERY CLEARED UP.

"How is it that your boss' sweet wines cost so much more than the sour ones?" asked a gentleman of the liquor dealer's boy.

"Do you suppose the boss gets his sugar for nothing?" was the incautious reply.

HIS WAY OF PUTTING IT.

Van Ishe—So she refused you? Ten Brok (sadly)—Yes; in fact, she told me to go to—(whispers).

Van Ishe - Dear me! Why, I-

Ten Brok-That is, she told me to ask her father, and, as he's dead, I suppose that's what she meant.

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THOUGHT IT \"\S A SAVINGS BANK.

Mamma-What are you shaking the life out of that poor cat for.

Willie-I heard pa say that the kittie had \$20 in her last night. I was only trying to shake some of it out,

It's almost too good to be true, but the Philadelphia Record notes the marriages of a Mr. Tarr and Miss Feather; also of Mr. Downs and Miss Ups.

Buckwheat cakes that taste good for breakfast and make a man feel like committing murder the rest of the day have made their appearance. - Atchison Globe.

"My dear," said the elegant Mr. Smooth-emdown to his wife, "why this unprecedented delay in the preparation of the matutinal refreshment?'

"If you mean why breakfast ain't ready, it's because you was too lazy to git up and split the wood.

Mand - Is that her own complexion? Mabel-It ought to be. She paid for it.

One of the curious things about the gulf stream is that no whales are found in it.

White huckleberries are reported to be found in abundance at Gardner's Lake, Conn.

Winkers—Why do bicyclists ride with their noses so close to the ground? | Jinkers-Looking for tacks.

A nugget of gold weighing 100 ounces was recently found at Coolgardie, Australia.

Young Poet—I cannot make up my mind whether I had better read "Hamlet" once more or write something myself.

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She started quickly to recover it, but a sudden apprehension seized her and she stopped. Looking at the motorman, she said, doubtfully: "If Oi put me fut on the track will Oi hov a shoek?"

"No, madam" replied the motorman, gravely. "not unless you put your other foot on the trolley wire."

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END OF THE WAR.

The war was over. The victorious Japanese troops marehed proudly through the streets of Pekin. Li Hung Chang, "the Bismarck of the East," sat alone in his palace, wrapped in

Just simply wrapped in thought.

A BURGLARY.

Tom-Pills, the druggist, tells me that burglers entered his store the other night and stole \$15 worth of perfume. Too bad, wasn't it? Jerry—I should say so. Have they put the detectives on the seent?

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Lieutenant-But, Your Greenjacketness, they are still so far off that the ball will only go half way.

His Greenjacketness-Thenfiretwo eannons at the dogs.

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