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John Fairjohn, the postmaster, had opened the bag and counted the letters. There was at the most but few, and none was larger than the others and had a red seal, and then he found that he had left his glasses on the newspapers in the back room, and without his glasses he could not read a line, and so, of course looked up the store. There, sitting by the stove, were two persons in the store, Farmer Roper and Squire McKibben, whose ancestors had given name to the place.

[illegible]

Only Roper and I, said the squire, and Roper's son. But he didn't come [illegible]

[illegible]

Is there a letter for me this time, Mr. Fairjohn? she said again; and this time the postmaster looked up.

No, there ain't; and you're a fool for taking such a walk to ask, said he with rough kindness. Wouldn't I have sent it if it had come, Mrs. Lester?

Well, you see I felt in a hurry to get it, and she—You can't blame me for being in a hurry, it's so long!

That's true, said the postmaster. Well, better luck next time.

But why don't you wait? Mr. McKibben will take you over when he goes. He passes your corner.

Yes, wait, Mrs. Lester, cried Mr. McKibben. I'll take you and welcome.

But she had answered: —

Thank you, I don't mind walking alone, and was gone.

Keeps it up, don't she? asked the postmaster.

It's a shame, said Mr. McKibben. How many years is it now since Lester went off?

Ten, said the postmaster. I know it was the day I came here. She was as pretty a woman as you'd want to see then, wasn't she?

Well, yes, said Mr. McKibben.

Sailed in the Sphynx, said the postmaster. And we all know that the Sphynx went down in that voyage, all hands along with her. The rest of the women put on widow's weeds, them that lost husbands—four in this town itself. They took what the Almighty sent and didn't rebel. She set up that her husband wasn't dead and would come back. She's kept it up ever since; comes for this letter regular, and he was drowned along with all the rest of them ten years ago. She must be thirty. Well, she's changed a good deal in that time.

Yes, and the other man that loved her—son Job will ever her yet. He's offered himself twice. He stands ready to offer himself any day—ready to be a father to her and a good husband to her. He's better off than he. His mother's father left him all he had. He's crazy as Job—crazy I call it. Plenty of pretty girls and healthy smart widows, and he sees no one but that pale, thin little thing that's just gone out into the night; and she—why, of course she's lost her senses, or she'd have him. Works like a slave to keep herself and child, lives in a rickety shanty, waiting for a drowned man to come back. Why, every one knows that Charlie Lester was drowned in the Sphynx. There wasn't a soul saved, not one. It was in the papers. Now, [illegible]

[illegible]

Married? Yes, they were to be married. [illegible]

[illegible]

Sailed with a little wish, and Job, I don't want to shock you, but you don't know what it would be to me to have you. And then I'd [illegible]

[illegible]

I never lied to you, she said. You know that.

He grew whiter still.

If you'd a man would lend his soul for such a love as mine, he said. Did you think those were idle words.

Then he plunged his hand into his bosom,

[illegible]

I've made you happy, and now [illegible]

And the next instant a letter [illegible]

[illegible]

Gus was Lester.

And so Jennie's letter had come at last.

And as John Fairjohn looked into her face he saw how angels looked in Paradise.

And Job. Job was found drowned the next morning. Jennie never knew it perhaps, for she and her child were on their way to New York to meet the Ellen Star when it made port.

A Law Made to the Protection of One Man.—Yesterday noon a man about sixty-five years of age came up stairs into the local room of this paper, and inquired:

"Is this where the legislature is?"

"No, sir," replied the reporter, "the legislature is in session at Lansing."

"Way off there, eh?" continued the man as he sat down, [illegible]

"Yes, trains run twice a day. Pretty good crowd out there by this time."

"I don't care about the crowd," said the old man, "I want a law—a new law?"

"Eh?"

"Yes sir, I want a new law to protect me."

"What's the matter? How do you want to be protected?"

"My name's Horner," replied the man, as he slowly unbuttoned his coat, "my name is Horner and I've an old fool. What! Don't think I did three months ago? Want to. I married a girl nineteen years old, and had a pair at that! Yes, want and deeded her a farm and gave her one hundred dollars cash, and married her!"

"And do you have happy?"

"Happy? Young man, let me show you something—here, look at that!"

And he unrolled a piece of brown paper and displayed a handful of gray hairs, some of which were blood stained.

"Pulled right out of my scalp only three days ago!" [illegible]

He pulled up his pants and exhibited a black and blue spot just above the shin.

"Struck there with a flat-iron!" he explained; "meant to hit me in the chest and kill me at once; but I dodged. And see here!"

He opened his coat and vest, and to the reporter the fact that he had no shirt on, [illegible]

"Tore off to me two weeks ago!" he whispered, "and she burned my other one. I've been around this way for a fortnight, almost dying by inches."

"Well, she listed as a regular widow," said the reporter.

"Young man, if I was true here and tell you how that woman conducts herself, you'd have to hold yer hair down!" [illegible]

"A crackerdodger, perhaps."

"What's that, boy? Say what she called me an Appollo!"

"Possible?"

"Yes, she did! Think of that, youth, as old a man, my age, who has always paid his debts and been honest, being stir'd down with that!"

[illegible]

"It's awful!"—the awfullest kind of it," replied Horner. "I've got to stand it, but I want a law to forbid any man over sixty from marrying a girl who isn't over twenty."

"That might be a wise law."

"I can't go to Lansing," he went on, "but you can help me. Put it in 'your' paper and stir up an excitement about it. Will you do this?"

"Look at me leg! look me all over, see how I've suffered! see how but my head—!"

"I'll help you all I can."

"Do! Write to 'em five times a day! The gettin' him to meet her, and he proposed and sweat and sweat and jawed; but if I know you're gettin' a law through, I'll go to the grave feelin' good!"

And he put on his mittens, took up his cane, and was gone.—Detroit Free Press

A Kentucky Bridal Tour.—There came one day to a little eastbound train in Kentucky a young rural couple who had just been found by the "silken bonds." Their destination was the depot, and the bridegroom was evidently quite impatient for the train. [illegible]

[illegible]

"Been gettin' married lately?"

"Yes," said he, me and Sallie had a little sloshin'."

"Was that her you put on the train?"

"Yes," with a sigh.

"A likely lookin' gal," said one.

"Anybody ask that she has to go away?"

"No," but here he grew confidential.—"You see me and Sallie had heard the ever ... lady when they got married took a bridal tour. So I told Sallie I hadn't got money enough for both of us to go, but she shouldn't be knocked out of hers. So I just brought her down here, bought her ticket and sent her on a visit to some of her folks, and thought I might get some work hereabouts till she got back."

That afternoon found him busily at work, and when in a day or two after Sallie came back, he welcomed her cordially and affectionately, and hand in hand they started down the dusty road to their new home and duties.

An Illinois editor bought his ink by the keg, partly because he could get it cheaper, but his wife went to fill the inkstand one morning and found it wasn't ink, by a jugful.

[illegible]

I've made you happy, and now [illegible]

If I ever [illegible] the unhappy wife, [illegible]

[illegible]

The Cardiff Bonnets of Miss Poll Morris [illegible]

[illegible]

SUNDAY SCHOOL MATTER.

Answers.—The following is the answer to the question of last week:

[illegible]

Questions.—In what part of the Bible may the following be found? [illegible]

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Little Annie was very much attached to her pastor, and paid great attention to his preaching. One Sunday morning his subject was "Elijah's Faith," and how the rain came in answer to his prayer. There had been a great drouth in that region and the pastor exhorted the congregation to pray for rain. When starting to the afternoon service she was observed taking her little umbrella. Her father said, "What are you taking your umbrella for?" She quietly said, "Because the minister said we must pray for rain." The father smiled at the child's simplicity, as the sun was shining brightly. But she was to have her way. During the service a brisk shower came across the sunshine, and no one had an umbrella except little Sallie—not even the pastor.

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The State of New Jersey is one of the most prominent Halls of American Statehood, and has been the theatre of events which will be hailed with delight of the Statesmen in the country. Thus, ever before the opposition of the American Church, the Common School has labored, and have the old pressure put on and bought the "Year of Jubilee," the sole one State will cease to be known to the Sisters of Old Church. Here was the Ecclesiastical Council convened, which decided that Bishop Orsini was a fit and proper person to be ordained Bishop of Newark—Council held in Jersey City, New Jersey has never Bishops or their very other Priests; the Priests and Prelates well supplied with Southern Churches and Southern Sympathy.

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