

His Solemn Initiation.

IT HAD A VALUE, AND THE CANDIDATE WAS ALIVE TO THE FACT.

"My friend," said the grand high punk-a-punk with sepulchral solemnity, "you now approach that portion of the ordeal of initiation into our noble order in which you will be required to take upon yourself a binding obligation. While this obligation will not conflict with any duty you owe to society, your family, your religion or your country, it is my duty to warn you that it commits you to the performance of what we regard as important and necessary works, and to the forsaking of certain things we regard as evils. Bearing this in mind, are you ready to proceed further in this solemn ceremony?"

"I am ready to take the obligation," replied the candidate in a clear, firm voice, "provided it does not deprive me of the privilege of manufacturing and selling the 'housekeeper's friend,' a little device of my own for seeding raisins, grating horse-radish, putting scallops around the edge of a pie, opening a tin can, lifting a pan of hot biscuits from the oven without burning yourself, and cleaning lamp chimneys. The usual price of this unique article, gentlemen, is 25 cents; but, in order to introduce it, I will sell it to members of this noble order at the ridiculously low figure of 15 cents, with a further discount to purchasers of six or more. Upon the removal of this hoodwink from my eyes, gentlemen, it will afford me much pleasure to read to you a lot of unsolicited testimonials to the merits of the 'housekeeper's friend' from parties who have used it and are thoroughly acquainted with its merits. Go ahead, mister, with the obligation."

He was subsequently tossed in a blanket and treated with great personal disrespect in other ways, but he had no regrets. He had got his work in.—*Chicago Tribune.*

Has a Married Man any Rights?

"I say," said a friend the other day, "you are an old hand at it. I have only just got married, and don't understand much about the business—but has a married man any rights left when he once assumes the hymeneal responsibilities?"

"Rights? Yes, lots. He's a right to pay all the bills, to—"

"Stop! I mean this. Let me give you an instance. Every box and drawer and portmanteau, and in fact every available receptacle of every description, is stuffed full of my wife's property, and when I want to put away a few cuffs and collars—"

"Hold hard! I know what you mean. Listen, young man! If your bedroom were 200 yards long, and lined from the floor to the ceiling with drawers, and you wanted a place to stow a couple of collars, you couldn't find a nook that wasn't full of hairpins, tufts of frizzes, pads, scent boxes, old gloves, powder, puffs, rings and things. So just accept the inevitable. Wrap your personal property in an old newspaper or some brown paper and hide the parcel under the bed."

He smiled loudly and ironically and passed on, a wiser if not a better man.—*Tit-Bits.*

The Pitman's Idea of Manhood.

A gentleman recently visited a pitman in Durham, England. After a little conversation the pitman invited his guest to take a drink with him, but the gentleman replied that he was a teetotaler.

"Well, ye'll have a pipe o' baccy wiv us?" said the hospitable pitman.

"No, thank you—smoking does not agree with me."

"Then hev a pinch o' snuff?"

"No, I do not like the habit."

"Ma sakes! Hev ye a dog?"

"No—unfortunately, I do not possess a dog."

"Mercy on us! Ye divvent drink, ye divvent smoke, ye divvent snuff, ye hev no greyhound—an' ye'll caall yersel' a man?"

Humility.

It is not every great man who carries his honors as meekly as the Mayor of Inverness, who rebuked an admiring crowd in the words: "Frens, I'm just a mortal man like yersels."

Sir Wilfrid Lawson tells the following story: "A woman was once pursuing her fugitive cow down a lane when she called out to some one in front, 'Man, turn my cow.' The man took no notice, and allowed the cow to pass. When she came up she said: 'Man, why did you not turn my cow?' He replied: 'Woman, I am not a man; I am a magistrate.'—*London Household Words.*

"Oh, I wanted to ask you about that society novel you were reading. Did he marry her after all?"

"No; he was one of the first to marry her."—*Detroit Journal.*

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