



Mamma—Don't you know the bible says we should love our neighbors? Little—I know, ma, but this is an awful neighborhood.



Cholly—So your sister says I'm a man after her own heart? Willie—Sure she does, but she says you'll never get it.

Messie—Ha! ha! I know who got a lickin'! Johnnie—I knowed it first!

ALL SONG.

What shall I sing when all is sung, And every tale is told, And in the world is nothing young That was not long since old? Why should I fret unwilling ears With old things sung anew, While voices from the old dead years Still go on singing too? A dead man singing of his maid Makes all my rhymes in vain; Yet his poor lips may fade and fade And mine shall kiss again. Why should I strive through many moons To make my music true? Only the dead men know the tunes The live world dances to. —Richard Le Gallienne.

Lewis Peabody's Reverses.

With a heavy heart Lewis Peabody left his counting room at half-past three. It was a period of commercial disaster, and for three months he had succeeded only by a desperate effort in keeping his head above water. But to-day the crisis has come. Two heavy notes have come in which he had been unable to lift, and his business friends had been unable to help him. The result was, he had gone by the board. There were other considerations which made the blow fall more heavily upon him. He was no longer a young man. He had passed the age of forty-five and had a wife and four children dependent upon him. He could scarcely expect any help from them, since they had been educated to extravagant tastes, and scarcely a day passed that he was not importuned for money to gratify some new whim. In fact, aside from this, he knew very little of them. Like most business men, his mind had been so engrossed by his business that he only met his family at meals, and not always then. The tendency in substance is to change the position of the husband and father to the treasurer of the family, to whom all look for the means of gratifying their tastes. Yet it is not to be supposed that there was no tie of affection between Mr. Peabody and his family. On the contrary, being a very good-natured man, affections through circumstances had stood in the way of that full and entire sympathy that should have existed. "I tremble to think how Mable and the children will take it," he said to himself, despondently. "They have never learned to economize. I don't know what will become of us, I am sure." Mr. Peabody had himself to blame in part for this state of things. He had never made a confidant of his wife in business matters, and the most she knew of it was that her husband most all of the time gave her plenty of money. She believed he was rich, and never thought of a time that it would be necessary to economize. When Mr. Peabody entered the house and glanced at the costly furniture and many evidences of wealth about him he could not help heaving a sigh when he thought all this must be given up, and henceforth they must live in a style much more humble. This he did not so much regret for his own sake. Indeed he spent so small a portion of his time at home that it would not make much difference to his comfort, but again the thought rose in his mind of his family. Entering the parlor he saw his wife at work upon some embroidery. "I'm glad you come home, Lewis," she said gaily, "for I have a favor to ask you."



"WHEN DO WE MOVE, LEWIS?"

income, and I suppose that I ought to have been more careful about my expenses. "And you have been anticipating this for the last three months?" "Yes, Mable." "And you never told me anything of it." "It was now the man's turn to look surprised. The thought of telling his wife of his business affairs had never occurred to him. "What good would it have done?" he inquired. "It would have troubled you." "And have I not a right as your wife to share your cares and anxieties? I hope you regard me as something more than one who is to preside at your table and is entitled to a support." "If I had thought you would have cared to know, Mable, I certainly would have told you," said her husband. "In that case I could have seen that our expenses were reduced. We could have dismissed some of our servants. "Would I? Of course I should. Lewis, I believe a wife ought to be a helpmate and not a burden to her husband, and if I have been the latter hitherto it is because knowing nothing of your affairs I sought there was no need of interesting myself. When do we move, Lewis?" "Move?" "Of course if you have failed we can't live in this style. How much rent do you pay for this house?" "Eight hundred dollars a year. We can't afford more than a quarter of

that now. I think it would be cheaper to go out of the city, don't you?" "I should not like to board, as that would take away the home feeling. I believe we can keep house if we only think so, and it will be more or less expensive." "What! Mable, would you consent to live in a small house out of town, after living here?" "Yes, Lewis, I should enjoy it. To tell the truth, I believe I shall be happier for the activity which would then be required of me. "Here it is different. I have not felt the pressure of necessity, and half the time been out shopping merely for the excitement of it." A few days afterwards Mr. Peabody's creditors had a meeting and allowed him to retain furniture and salary, fifteen hundred dollars a year. "Sir," said Mr. Peabody, "I thank you for your offer, and I shall accept it with pleasure." "Do you think we can live on fifteen hundred a year?" he asked his wife. "Do I think so? It is about his hope. I had been making arrangements to live on two-thirds that sum." "I suppose we will have to sell the furniture and— "Sell it?" "Yes, it will be unadvised to our present circumstances. Besides, it will give us a reserve fund which will be of advantage to us." In a few days there was an auction of all Mr. Peabody's furniture. All their fashionable friends were present, more, it is to be feared, from curiosity than anything else, and were surprised to find Mrs. Peabody not in tears, as they had expected. They could scarcely believe the evidences of their senses, but felt confident that when the change was made she would become low-spirited and despondent. But they were mistaken. A month afterwards a family was settled in a neat, but inexpensive cottage, ten miles from the city, which had a cheerful, home-like air, such as their city mansion had never possessed. And on Sunday morning as Mrs. Peabody and her 16-year-old daughter walked along the meadow path to the village church the latter said: "We used to ride to church in our fashionable carriages and were flattered by our fashionable friends, but I think this is ever so much better, don't you, mamma?" Her mother was truly grateful that Ellen had not been spoiled by the life of luxury. Mrs. Peabody became quite a notable housekeeper, and the children, no longer indulged in costly things, became healthier, happier and more self-reliant than before. And though their former friends, the least valuable of them, only think of them to wonder how poor Peabody is getting along.—Waterbury Magazine.

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IT HAPPENED IN HARTFORD. The minister said last Sunday it is very wrong to swear. And the Judge in court on Monday Ruled the minister was there With both feet and a strangle hold On the law that Cotton Mather told The man he paid the dollar fine, Then whispered to the clerk: "I'd like to have the minister— I'd like to have the Judge— I'd like to hear the two of them, Esaculate 'Oh, fudge!' If they ever tried to button With their fingers grimed with dirt A sixteen inch collar, On a sixteen collar shirt." W. R. S.—In the New York Sun.

SYNONYMS. "Say," asked Cokely, who was busy writing, "do you know any expression that means the same as 'talking shop'?" "Well," replied Jokely, "there's 'conversational emporium' and 'hair-cutting parlor.'"—Philadelphia Ledger.

A GROSS LABEL. Gaddie—I saw you at the tailor's yesterday, looking at trousers. Dudeley—O! gracious, don't you go spreading a lie like that! Gaddie—But I did see you. Dudeley—You did not. You may have seen me looking at "trousers." "Trousers" are ready-made.—Philadelphia Press.

NOT THE ETERNAL. "Dresses and hats! dresses and hats!" we exclaimed, in an effort to be wittily philosophical. "It is the eternal feminine." "No," corrected our exact friend. "It is the eternal feminine." Judge.

NOT SO SILLY. Bess—He was so silly to propose! He might have known I'd refuse him. Jess—Probably he did.—Cleveland Leader.

ONE OF THE TWO. Rufon Warts (laboriously trying to read fragment of newspaper)— "What is a 'calumny'?" Goodman Gonrong—"It's either a graduate of a college or it's the stuff they put in these bakin' powders. Wot about it?"—Chicago Tribune.

HER ACCOMPLISHMENT. Mrs. Helphunter—A young, strong girl like you from South Carolina ought to be able to do something about a house even if you can not bake, wash, iron or dust furniture. Can't you do anything? "Um-um, Missy yee, kin cook yo' a gorjus possum dinnaah. Ya-a-aa, tiddy."—Pack.

OH YES, FOGS. Visitor—Do you have many fogs here? Old Salt—Fogs? Bless me, I was lookin' over this 'ere rafting once, lost me balance and fell over, and the fog was so thick it kept me up, and I 'ad to cut me way down to the ground with me knife!—Half Holiday.

WITH WOMEN. She: "The question of clothes is a hard one to answer, isn't it?" He: "Yes. A little figure cuts a big figure, sometimes."—Detroit Free Press.

DIFFERENT PLANT. Friend—Do you raise egg-plant in your garden? Amateur gardener—No, my egg-plant is in the henhouse, out behind the barn.—Somerville Journal.

MAKING PROGRESS. "Have the detectives got any clew yet?" inquired the reporter. "I don't know," said the woman whose house had been robbed. "My husband says they have got a hypothesis. That's about the same thing, isn't it?"—Chicago Tribune.

PRUDENT. New Nurse—"But why don't you want to take your bath, Johnny?" Little Johnny—"Cause somebody said the good die young and I don't want to take chances on being drowned. See?"—Chicago News.

THE NEW CHOIR. "How is the new choir?" "Well, if you must know, I was sorry when the minister stopped preaching."

A FAMILIAR BREED. "Who was Diogenes?" "He was the man who lived in the tub." "And kept the other boarders humping for a chance to take a bath?"—Louisville Courier-Journal.

POINT OF RESEMBLANCE. Stella—Does her auto match her gown? Bells—Yes, they are neither of them paid for.—New York Sun.

TRUMPET OF RATIOCINATION. Sherlock Holmes was boasting. "I have discovered," he bragged, "that all wives hide their surprises 'in the top breast drawer.'" Considering he was a bachelor this was clearly doing pretty well.—New York Sun.

BACKWARD. Friend—In the bible, you're working for getting to be a good housekeeper? Cook—Yes, she hasn't learned to keep out of the kitchen yet.

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TO DIG UP HERCULANEUM.

In This Ancient City Ever to Be Revisited by the Explorer? Will Herculaneum be excavated? It was in A. D. 79 that the great eruption of Vesuvius buried Pompeii and Herculaneum in ashes. To-day Pompeii has been largely restored to the eyes of men, but Herculaneum only in a very small part. And yet it is certain that greater revelations and riches are locked up beneath the foundations of the two modern towns that have risen on the site of Herculaneum than have been obtained by the excavation of Pompeii. In a recent letter to the London Times Prof. Charles Waldstein has explained his position in the controversy between the Italian government concern-

lance under Italian laws and under the direction of Italian archaeologists. He had made considerable progress in awakening interest in the enterprise in Europe and the United States when, in 1905, the Italian government began the attempt to home demands that Italy take nobody into partnership in so significant and doubtless profitable an undertaking. Prof. Waldstein now says: "Should the Italian nation object to international work and excavate Herculaneum themselves I shall not regret the efforts I have made for the wider plan." He urges the following reasons why the excavation should be made as soon as possible: The exceptional character of what is likely to be found, the increased difficulties and expense involved in every year of further delay, and the advantages to the present and coming generations which the results will yield.

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