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First somebody told it, Then the room wouldn't hold it,

When the crowd came scross

Till it grew long and wide.

So the busy tongues rolled it

Till they got it outside;

From a very small lie, sir, It grew deep and high, sir,

Till it reached the sky, sir,

And frightened the moon;

For she hid her sweet face, sin

That had happened at noon

And while headlong they hurried

At the dreaded disgrace, sir,

This lie brought forth others, Dark sisters and brothers,

And fathers and mothers-

The people they flurried, . And troubled and worried,

And so evil boded, This monstrous lie goaded,

In smoke and in shame

And killed his good name

While from mud and from mire

OUR STORY.

A USEFUL LESSON.

behind which she had been reconnoitering,

and turned away with a groan. To live in

the latest and most cruel blow of fate.

him a pair of suspiciously red eyes.

rise; "but-b-ut she's not them!".

" No-o!" gulping down the sob that wou

up? Are you ill?" ...

ust stood and stared.

" I saw them.!"

what has she 'got' ?"

"I mean Mrs. Kinsley.

" You did, eh?

"Ye-yes!"

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diamond ear-rings: Will burst into a boyish laugh; then, B. SAVACE,

seeing that it was a very serious matter with his wife, sympathetically sobered up. "Come now Dora, be sensible like good little girl. You don't mean to say you'd cry for a pair of ear-rings ?". Mrs. Mayrell's pretty olive face bright-

ened not at all ut the pleasant raillery. " Much good it will do me!" she declared, sullenly, and intently regardful of the toe of her slipper. Will edged over to the sofa, sat down beside her, stole an arm around

" Well ?"

"You don't look half so pretty when ou're cross.'

GOOD ASSORTMENT OF STOVES Will began to ask himself if he hadn't. made a tremendous mistake about twelve months ago. Then he hanished the thought as disloyal. She was a little selfish, perhaps vain, at times discontented, but he loved her very dearly, and no other girl

would have suited him half so well. "Dora, pet," he said gravely, "you'd have diamonds if I could give them to you, indeed you would, dear. But you know I've got to figure pretty closely to make ends meet now that hard times are upon us. You know that?"

But when half an hour later he went back to the office, he left bellind him a still

very dejected little lady. He was not quite so gay as usual that

afternoon. He didn't joke so audaciously with the boys, nor break now and then into a lifting whistle. The man who had the desk next his observed the change.

"What's the racket, Mayrell?" Will started. "Oh, nothing!" and he laughed and shrugged his shoulders.

"That's a lie," returned Andrews, with calm directness, and the familiarity born of ong friendship. "Out with it!" Will turned on him. "You've helped me out of a good many

tight places, I admit, but you can't do it Andrews, a sandy-haired and chubbyfaced little Scotchman, cocked his head on

one side like an inquisitive sparrow. "Maybe not, but try me." Will laughed with an air of embarrass-

"It seems a foolish thing to worry so about," apologetically. "Well, as you must know, here's the case in a nut-shell. Dora wants diamond ear-rings, and I could quite as easily purchase for her the World's Fair with the Great Eastern thrown in. Now

Andrews rubbed his chin and nodded. "Yes. I know," drily. "I know women at least I know one woman, and I guess they are pretty much alike. I'm engaged."

" Ho !" cried Will. THE undersigned has for sale a splendid stock of First-Class Shingles. No. 1 Cedar, 31.75 per square. No. 1 Pine, 81.90 per square. No. 2 Cedar, \$1 per square. Also a large quantity of wood of all kinds, from \$1.25 a load up to \$4.00 a cord, prime abort. Staves and Heading to the trade at bottom prices. "Fact. Got to get rich first. Domesti happiness indefinitely postponed. Just bought the ring," fumbling in vest pocket. You may look at it and get an idea for THOS. C. MOORE. your wife's solitaires."

"Don't joke, Dan. I'm a little sore on The Acton Free Press. the subject of my poverty." " I am not joking," replied Dan; snappin a spring with his finger; "what do you

think of that?" and he handed him a little blue velvet case. Will's eyes widened. "Phew! how did you manage that

seventy-five a month? It's a beauty." Andrews chuckled.

" You like it?" " I should say so." " How would stones like that do for es

"Oh, let up, Dan. Where's the use talking about it? That's a carat. isn't it?" "Right you are. But you can get the

same if you wish." "Oh, some installment scheme, I sup-

Andrews restored the ring to its case ain

the case to his pocket. " Not exactly." And he forthwith proceeded to explain That night Mayrell said to his wife :

"I'll try and manage it, Dot."

"What? Not the ear-rings?" " Yes." "Oh, you darling!" And the very next day he brought them

Didn't they sparkle on their bed snowy velvet, though! And weren't they beauties! Actually larger than Mrs.

Kinsley's, too. "I'm glad you like them, Dora."

"Like them !" And her eyes were brighter than the gems. And for one whole month home was paradise of serenity for Will Mayrell. Bu There they were, to be sure! sparkling ike twin stars, as enveloped in seal she one day, going out in a hurry, Dora hastily tripped down the steps and turned her head | put in her ear-rings. She could not have a moment in passing by. Mrs. Mayrell fastened them securely, for on her return lropped the Holland window shade from she found herself minus one.

Of her grief, distraction, who could write? Straightway down town went she the basement "fat" was bad enough. To and advertised in all the dailies. But she have tapestry Brussels carpets when Mrs. did not give her real name and address. Kinsley had moduet was worse; but to have | She must not let Will know until it had only coral ear-rings now when the tenant been recovered. He would feel so badly of the floor above displayed diamonds was about it. No, no, she would conceal the fact of her loss from him till she could tell him of her repossession in the same breath She offered fifteen dollars reward, and came home fagged and heartsick. But day by Will's cheery voice rang out, "Dora dear!" And then in a minute-" Why, what's day passedhand never a word came there of the missing jewel. She staid at the house

For his wife of a year lifted her head altogether now. She had no heart for from the sofa-cushion and turned towards | shopping and calls. Her hope of ever recovering her preciou ear-ring grew fainter daily. She could no bear to look at the poor lonely one laid so

Poor, big, good-natured, mystified Will carefully away. Going out to the theatre with Will evening he said suddenly "Why, Dora, you haven't got your ear

rings in. Are you tired of them already "Oh, no," she exclaimed, with a feverish "And now," deliberately, "will you be laugh, "but I can't wait for them. Come. good enough to tell me who is 'she,' and I do hate to be late." Dora swallowed another invisible pill as And Will, having read the oft-repeate advertisements, and noticing the unadorne pink ears, had come to his own conclusion But he only smiled and was silent-except

for this one reference to divert suspicio like the wise fellow he was. And when two weeks had passed and doubt had began to settle into despair, little Mrs. Mayrell began to wonder if she could by any economical strain replace the lost trinket unknown to Will. She might have managed it if they had not been such very brilliant stones, and so large, too! They must be worth an enormous sum'! How Will had managed to get them in the first place rather puzzled

think of it, but then Will always did things on a grand scale when he made gifts at all. least. Several had valued them at thatnone less. She would take the one in her dressing-case down to Mackin, the chief jeweller, tell him of her loss, and learn from him the lowest sum at which it could be

and frightened her when she let herself

And this the very next day she did Mr. Mackin examined the ear-ring as she falteringly inquired what one exactly like it would be worth. "Two-fifty madam." Ah, even more than she thought !

"Two hundred and fifty! That is a great deal!" she murmured. He looked at her blankly. "Twodollars and fifty cents, madam. We don't keep such stones, but we can have your missing ear-ring replaced for that sum." And then observing her pallor and devin-

ing the truth, he kindly and politely turned his back on her Over the scene which followed at home urn low the lights, ring down the curtain

But raise it again for a moment It is two weeks since Mrs. Will Mayrell met her husband with a face which told

him his scheme had found him out. He comes in now and hands her a paper, pointing out a paragraph as he does so, and this is what she reads:

NEW YORK. George Kinsley, of Chicago, who arrived in this city yesterday, was to-day arrested for embezzlement as he was about to board the steamship Serviz. His books show a deficit of \$9,000, taken, as is credibly asserted, to gratify his wife's extravagant demands. He managed to avoid suspicion up to the day of leaving. He swallowed strychnine and died within the hour.

With a very white face Dora laid down the paper. Will took her in his arms. "Darling," he said, quitetly, "that was the required to sign them, only other course left open to me."

"You forgive me now, dear?" She was shaking from head to feet. She began to cry softly. "Not that, Will. You forgive me.

didn't know-I didn't think-" He kissed her tenderly. "Of course not, sweetheart. But we can do without diamonds better than without

honor or each other, can't we?" "Yes, yes P'she oried, and clung to him. But the tears had washed away the old selfishness and envy, and with her smile of love began a grander, fairer womanhood .-Chicago Tribane.

Who Cares. Who cares? is the oft-made expression I was going to kiss the dimples from ou of the thoughtless careless young man or meiden. Who cares? is often said without thought or consideration yet the very one who utters the "who cares" is often the subject who really cares the most. Care comes to all, and especially to those who have reached years of direction. "Who cures?" says the young man just entering a place of business, either as a junior clerk in some mercantile establishment or as messenger boy in some bank. He has position and says at once, "who cares. Little does he think that somebody who has a greater interest in his welfare than he has himself, "does care," and has such a care as he can only appreciate when he has the same care thrust upon himself after he becomes the father of another such as himself. 'Who cares?" says the girl of the present as she converses with those of her circle just as thoughtless and heedless as herself. Little does she think that a mother cares; nor does she ever think of the cares until she herself become a mother. Then with what regret she looks back and thinks how many, many times she has said to her good old mother in times of thoughtlessness, "Who cares?" We have all made use of the same expression : yet we all care. We care for ourselves; we care for the opinion others may have of us; we care for the result of our ambition in some certain direction; w care for the result of some certain enterprise we may have embarked in. In facwe care for everything connected with our existence. Then why should we use term "Who cares?" Everybody cares-

not only for themselves but their friends

and their future also. In short, why should

any one use the expression " Who cares

How to Take off a Hide. The hides of farm-slaughtered animal have a poor reputation, because of the care less way in which they are stripped. Call skips and sheep-pelts are reduced one-hal value by being cut and gashed, and improperly stretched. When a hide stripped off, it should be stretched at ouce and pegged out to dry, with the flesh side unward. If it is rolled up or thrown in heap and left to dry in that shape, it is mean looking that a buyer will offer only half its real value. A few hints in regard to taking off a hide may be useful. The throat should never be shit cross-wise, either in killing or in taking off a hide. The skin is slit from the chin down the brisket, off by taking hold of it firmly, and pulling | tone : t steadily. It is then spread out evenly on a floor, and salted with fine salt. If there is but one, it is best to take it out as soon as the salt has taken, and dry at once in a cool, shaded place. If there are more old man. than one, they are laid upon each other and salted quite freely, and afterwards they are horoughly dried. If the skins are to be

Bed Clothes Made of Paper.

ept on hand, they should be closely watch-

ed for moths or grubs .- American Agricul-

urist for August.

They must be worth three hundred at for several weeks been turning out counterpanes and pillow-cases of paper. No. 1 manilla paper is used, two large sheets being held together by a slender twine at intervals of three or four inches. The slender twine is gummed so as to hold the sheets firmly together where it lies. A hem is placed on the counterpane to keep it from tearing; the safety edge is composed of twine. Ornamental designs are stamped in the outer surfaces of the covers and cases, giving them a neat, attractive appearance When these counterpanes and pillow-cases become wrinkled from use, they can easily smoothed out with a hot flat-iron. The ounterpanes can be left on the bed when t is occupied, and in cold weather will be found a warm covering, paper preventing the escape of heat. The new paper bed clothing is seventy-five cents per set, and

will probably become very popular.

The Maid-Servant of the Future. The servant of the future will have everything her own way, unless something is done to check her mad career. In the year A. D. 2000 the family will probably esteem it a favor if the cook allows them eat with her. The hours of the cook ill be from eight o'clock in the morning ntil two o'clock in the afternoon. amilies where they have dinner at one clock, and from eleven in the morning ntil six in the afternoon, in families where he dinner-hour is at six. The cook will e allowed to set the hours for the meals. No cooking will be done on Sundays, and here will be three Sundays in every week. On Tuesday cold meat will be furnished the family for dinner. When the cook leaves she will be allowed to write out her own credentials, the employer being only

Sound Sense.

"Who is that new man who opened wood yard or something on Second street and bought a bill of goods of us last Saturday?" asked old Hyson; "I've lost his ard and forgotten his name," " I don't know," replied the office boy.

ask him. 'Run down to the corner and see what is on his sign; that'll give it." Presently the boy came back. "Lime and coal," he said. And Old Hyson calmly charged the bill

ip to Lyman Cole .- Brooklyn Eagle.

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STEALING DIMPLES Where they ripple and they dance every time she laughs or speaks; She said I shouldn't do it, but I held her

And kissed and kissed the rosy little face

with all my might. And then a pair of eyes twinkled very gravely out, And a pair of little lips gathered up a dole Vith little drooping corners-no wonder you will say,

fast and tight.

To see such bonny, bonny dimples stole thought I should have kept them for just a little while : But little teeth were soon peeping through a little smile.

And then a laugh like sunshine was over all her face. And every dimple I had stolen was back again in place.

A Fifty Dollar Kiss.

Edwin Booth was travelling on Boston and Albany road one day, having just closed an engagement in the New England metropolis. He heard an ex pensively dressed, handsome, middle-age woman back of him sigh and say to her companion : "I would give \$50 to kiss that man." Booth turned suddenly and looked demanded, fixing his fine dark eyes apon her and causing the blood to mount up to the very roots of her hair.

"Why, yes, of course I do," replied the woman confused, looking in a helpless sort of a way at the great tragedian and at the smiling passengers.

"Well, I accept the terms, madam," e laimed Booth solemnly.

and neighbors. They care for their present "And I stand by my proposition," sa the woman, recovering her self-possession and rising, she imprinted a sound kiss upo the actor's lips. Booth's face did not betray the slightest emotion. He received the kiss stolidly and did not return it. but waited until the impetuous woman found her purse and handed him the fifty-dollar bill. He took the money, thanked her, and turning to a feeble, shabbily dressed woman on the other side of the aisle, who was travelling with two children, placed the money in her hands, and, with a court bow, said: "This is for the children madame. Take it please," and withou another word he left the car. - Exchange.

He Asked a Blessing.

A clerk and his country father entered restaurant Saturday evening and took seats at a table where sat a telegraph oper in a straight line to the tail; it is then cut ator and a reporter. The old man bower around each hoof; the hind legs are slit his head and was about to say grace, when behind over the gambrel, but the front legs | a waiter sang out, " I have beefsteak, cod are slit up in front, over the knee. This fish balls and bullheads." Father and so leaves the skin in good shape for finishing gave their orders and the former again the leather. The head and legs are first bowed his head. The young man turned carefully skinned, and all cutting the skin the color of a bloodred beet, and touching is avoided: The skin is then easily drawn his arm, he exclaimed in a low nervou

"Father, it isn't customary to do that "It's customary with me to return

thanks to God wherever I am." said the For the third time he bowed his heaand the telegraph operator paused in the act of carving his beefsteak and bowed hi head, and the journalist pushed back th fishball and bowed his head, and ther wasn't a man who heard the short and simple prayer that didn't feel a profounde respect for the old farmer than if he had been the President of the United States.

Considerate Workmen

It will doubtless surprise many people find that workmen, when treated with proper consideration and liberality, are capable both of gratitude and generosity towerd their employers. In the Leven ship yard some time ago a ship was put down on speculation merely to keep the men together. Last week the riveters and caulkers, sensible of their employers kind ness, held a meeting, and resolved to asl the firm to reduce their wages 10 per cent. and to intimate that they were willing t do a fortnight's work on the steamer with out any wages at all. This is an unprece dented instance of good feeling between masters and men, and shows that after al artisans are much more easily led that driven. London Truth.

How Dumas Paid His Shoemaker

Alexander Dumas was frequently visited by a shoemaker, to whom he owed a sum of twenty louis. He invariably gave the man his breakfast, and a louis to pay his expenses and buy cakes for his children but never paid the bill. This went on for two years, during which time the tradesman received some two hundred louis, and as many breakfasts, without the original account being in any way diminished One day it occurred to Dumas to pay him The man rejected the money with tears. I am very poor, sick wife, large family to bring up. I implore you, M. Dums not to alter our present agreeable way

Pat's Wit.

Four friends-Sandy, Bill, Pat and Taff

-after travelling a considerable distance came to an eating house. The question arose, who was to pay expenses. After some arguing, they decided upon this course -viz, if either of them could not make a line to rhyme, he was to pay. Sandy said "On the first of September the Queen crossed the water," Bill said-"On the "Well," said the old man, "I hate to second of September there was a great slaughter." Taff said-"On the third of September the Queen had a daughter." After this clever bit they thought they had Pat, but he instantly broke forth- The fourth of September was the day after! So they shared the expenses between them.