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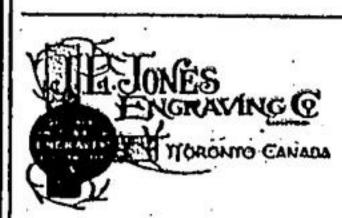
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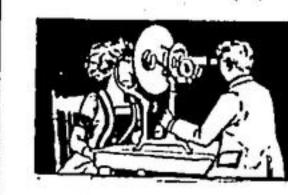
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laws" had decided to take the matter gently but firmly CRAND TRUNK BOLLYEN nto their own hands. "The occasion warrants it." declared Billy's mother, solemnly .. "That relirous

has done so much for Hilly, and is going to do so much more, that the vice president must be suitably entertained, and we must attend to it. Billy's wife is incapable Springs, Ark.; French Lick Springs, of serving a real dinner. I'll go up with Ind; Jacksonville and all Ptorida Points; my cook-" "And I'll contribute the maid." Billy's oldset sister interrupted. "She'll work well with your cook."

"And I'll contribute myself," sighed the youngest sister, who was sought for far and and near because of her rare conversational

The occasion that acomed to warrant their interference was a flying visit to Washington of the vice president of the O. & M. Railroad. The O. & M. had appeal ed to the government for a suitable man to consult on the subject of planting trees for future use as railway ties, and the Forest and Service had recommended Billy Keenan, one of its most enthusiastic members. After the business had been finished, Billy had invited the vice president to dinner, "to meet my wife." Billy considered any person who could not meet her the loser.

When Rilly's mother journeyed in her automobile to the quiet, coay little house where her son funished on living within his salary, she found his wife dround in a white lawn, covered with pink resabute that matched her chesks perfectly. The rosebul cheeks were shaded by a big white ed. hat adoresd with a plak silk sourf. The brins was wide, but it was tilted up so far in front that it did not interfere when Mrs. Billy klassel ber mother-in-law. Mrs. Billy loved her in-laws. She was inclined, in reskiants of the humble little street. That Tying to overlook.

With a cordiality that bubbled straight from her heart, Mrs. Billy led her motherin-law to the easiest chair in the tiny living room and skillfully removed her expensively simple hat. Her own hat she tound carelassly on the corner couch, whence alki unnoticed to the floor. Her motherin-law shuddared.

"What preparations have you made for dinner to-morrow night?" she asked A comical look of diamey overcast her

daughter-in-law's sunny face, and her dimplas faded. Then she laughed. Laughter came easily to Mrs. Hilly. "No preparations, mother. I'll plan in the morning for the vice president of the O. & M. He must take us as he flods us, but he claively. shall have enough to eat, nevertheless." Billy's mother cleared her throat and

opened her lips. But before she could speak, a rep on the back door school through the house. People were always running to Mrs. Billy's back door, and she to theirs. That was her greatest fault in the eyes of her husband's family. She had brought to her city home the friendly atmosphere of the country village, with the result that she had united the little retired broath to spere as she announced that street in a friendly bond. "If she would spend half the time in oul-

tivating our set that also wastes on her neighbors, -- those people that no on knows, -she might be popular." Mrs. Keenan thought, indiguantly. "It was Mrs. Brown after my egg beat

er." Mrs. Billy aunounced, when she returned from the back door. "She has per." broken bere."

mother asked, in a disapproving voice. There was just the bint of a flash in Mre. laugh, "I borrowed their flatiron handle yesterday !" Two hours later, Mrs. Billy was walking

and her eyes were bright. Billy did not notice that they had shed a few tears within the last two hours, nor did Mrs. Billy tell him. Instead, she was giving him a gay account of the dinner prepara. tions as imparted to her by Billy's mother. "Just think, Billy, what a good time I shall have at my own dinner table !" Bhe laughed so gally that Billy did not notice the quaver in her voice. "In the morning

Mrs. Billy resolved out and gave his hand quick, grateful aqueeze, but mule no other response. "Then," she went on, "at one c'clock mother pomes with the pook. Then, at five sharp, Belle nerives in her

most elegant dinner dress to talk-"

What makes you smile so brightly wh Interrupted, hotly. And why do you count up instead

"Hh ! Listen now and let me do the And what makes blugs fight just to got a talking." Mrs. Hilly said, with a brave when you arrive with the vice prosklent of the O. & M., and we sit down to do of What makes some barks so smooth and your mother's incomparable dinners . O What makes some grasses tender, an honoat blue even came into view, "your mother can order a dinner to perfection. What makes our Tabby give her pust You know she can, and you know and I could board with you !" know that all I can do le to-to-well just get together something to est."

> precisely in the manner set forth by Mrs. Billy until it was time for the five-thirty Billy, without stopping to gratify the climay. Then there was a hitch. Dilly's mother, is a pale gray silk and pearls, sat in the morris chair in the living room, and with her anow-white hair niled like

> a coronet above her foreboad looked like the portrait of some great duchess. The "apellbinder" as Billy irreverently call his slater Helle, was watching the street ; her stape of the back porch ; and there, a handsome face was distorted with a frown, moment later, Billy's mother found her the appearance of the reliway magnate. Billy apprared presently, but without the magnate. "This is a great kettle of

fish I" he crice, us, mapping his face, he strode in at the open front door. "He was matter. to be at the office at five o'clock, and come here with mo. He didn't turn up, and he fan't at the the hotel, and they don't know where he is." Despite the heat, Billy's mother sat up

violently. "That dinner will be spoiled," "and I lay awake helf the night she cried. to plan it !" "Hpoiled nothing?" said Billy. "He

won't est with us to night. He's going to Baltimore at seven-fifteen. That's the reason we put dinner at five-thirty. We'll wait till five-forty-five, and then we'll finish that dinner of yours, mother. I'm so revenous that within fifteen minutes after we sit down there won't be hide nor hair of anything laft."

When the hands of the clock soluted to five-forty-five, Billy went to the corner grocery store, -there was no telephone in his house, -and called up Belle's husband. "We have a dinter up here that beats the Dutch," he said to him, "and no guest to help us cat it ! If you can get up here in five minutes, we'll wait for you."

Billy was the only member of the family who did not own a car. Within five as this." minutes, Ralle's husband had arrived and a chagrined but increasingly animated party sat down to a delicious dinner. True ! Billy's prediction, they "cleaned it up hide and hair." They had just finished when the doorball rang sharply.

Billy's mother dropped her napkin, and threw up her hands in herror. worst has happened i" she declared, solemnly, as the borrowed maid hurried through the ball. If by that she meant the arrival of the

vice president of the O. & M., the ward

had certainly happened, for there be stood

had been delayed usevoidably.

tries in valo to talephone, and now he overwhelmed with confusion because the unmistakable slone of a dinner folkh Billy's mother and sister were paralyzed. wife had passed him with a whisper. The rossbude in her cheeke did not quite handkerobiele with fairylike initials match the resolute on her dress as she Cynthia knew perfectly well what each o looked at this large, hale and hearty man

who had invaded her living room ; but she he should not leave unfed. When Billy's mother and sister heard her say that, they turned back through the dining room and the kitchen, climbed the

back stairs, sat down on Mrs. Billy's bed, girl stood there; she was not warmly make of bim." and gased at each other. The older woman bagan to cry. "What shall we do?" she usked, help-

lossly. "There isn't a thing in the cunboard except breakfast food." "And nothing in the refrigerator except two potatose and some sour milk !"

Belle's teeth fairly chattered. "And that child is no manager. What shall we do 1" Balla ross. "Of course Billy must take him to the hotel to dinuer." the said, de-

"But, Belle, there's no time. He said he must go at saven fifteen, and it's-"

Balls advasced courageously to the bead of the front stairs, followed by her mother. There they were halted by the sight of Billy's wife returning to the living room. Bhe had been gone exectly seven minutes Her cheeks were like carnations, and har blue eyes danced and glinted. Her hair was attractively tumbled, and she had no dinner was ready. The in-laws above "I'm glad my wife lan't with me," de-

ed the hoatess into the dining rosm. "Bhe would think less about the failure of a rail- differences between their worlds had vanroad than the failure to be prompt to din-Bolle ant down limply on the top stair, Could she? But oh, could she be salfish

"Who are those-Browns?" Billy's and peoped down through the railing into the dining room. The guest had ble broad lack to her, the others did not see her. Billy's soft eyes. "The best kind of and, to judge from the laughter that mathered to decide on the details of the neighbors," she replied, adding with a presently arose, her "spellbinding" was not missed. In spitated and amazed whispers, she told her mother what dishes came and went by means of the borrowed listen - Thereas Holman came just after

> also nearly lost her balance. "And he's every penny to furnish their three rooms cating-oh, how he's eating !" Twice during the dinner the gaseb refer- stead of for me? I have so much! Dears, son, red with joy to the fact that his wife was please! not present to rebuke him for his greatro-

nomic schievements. The first time was But each one know what they would do. when the maid, after she had taken away the remnants of a dish of amoking hot olam broth, brought in a platter on which, ulosbrowned mountain trout. The accord Billy looked down quickly at the white. | time was when she conveyed the empty | it "

president to draw a long breath, gently pull down his waistoost, and demand of his hostons i

"Who told you that I have been longing to got my teeth into a good old-fashioned boiled dinner of cablage and fat perk and "We can do our own talking!" Billy bag pudding? Reminds me of the days of Mill and Main Streets, to Mossis. T. C. when I felt the plough handles dig into my Moore & Bon. Mr. Homstreet's Inherited ribs back on the farm before I'd ever seen's love of furming is so strong that he rellroad. Every time I came to the end of drawn back to the old homestead in Tra smile. "The next act occurs at five-thirty | the down furrow in the house lot, I'd stop falgar. and sniff and sniff, to find out what was Mr. John Holgate, an old realdent doing in the dinner line. And when I Acton, and who visited here in company could small pork and cabbage-well, thank with his wife some six weeks ago, disc Billy," she added, impulsively, and tipped you, yes, I can't resist another supply, and this week at his home in Toronto. her wide hat brim back until a neir of -dow your cook turn out such mutting was in his Stat year. He was one of the every day, Mrs. Keenan ? If she does, I most highly esteemed residents with whom wished you lived in New York, so that I Acton was ever honored. He was an up

The "acts" in the little drams becurred | well-filled vical resident of the O. & M. out of the front door; and then Mrs. ouricelty of her in-laws, who fairly tumbled down the stairs, saised her husband's arm. and exclaimed, "Come quick, Billy, and thank them !"

file reshed like a small whirlwind through hall and kitchen, and did not stop until she stood among her neighbors on the sitting in all the eplendor of pale gray silk. and laughing delightedly as they talked the dinner over. The nearest neighbor, on the left. a Kansas man'in his shirt sleeves, was recounting his experiences in the

"We had some hot soup left, and I ! fust not my ellow squared to begin on trout I caught year enlay up in the moun tains when Mrs. Keenan breezed in at the lack door. It was a sort of dinner your life' holdup, and we gave up the dinner -mighty glad to do it! We sent her lack to hegin on soup and fish, and then we did some lively stepping round the neighborhood to see what you folks hadn't eaten up yet."

Anxious exclamations arone from anxious housewives. The neighborhood did own cooking. "I have made lette muffine-the over-" "We were just tak ing the cap off the insersam freezer. one it wasn't malted-" "The cabbage seemed overdone, but If he liked It-"

"I must say, people," evolstuded Billy when he could be heard, "It was fine you to shovel your dinners In on Don't know what we should have dowithout you all."

Billy's mother spoke humbly to th neighbor nearest her: "I never thought people could be-as willing and generou The neighbor was not looking at th

glory of pale gray allk and pearls. was looking at Mrs. Billy, who, hair all a-tangle was hugging the fat baby from scross the alley, and laughing until her cheeks were scarlet flames. "It wasn't much for us to do for he

replied the neighbor, suphatically. - Com

THE LINEN "SHOWER"

As the merry crowd of girls went chatter ing down the street, Cyuthia looked after them with shinlar eyes. She know them. red-faced, large, and hungry-looking. He bless their hearts ! Bhe understood every one of the questions they had drepped with such a casual air late the bubbub of talk and laughter. They were planning a linen "shower" for her at Belly Avery'stowals with exquisite ham stitching hand but not so Mrs. Billy, nor Billy, after his cross-stitch and little French garlands. table-linen with beautiful monograms,

them was latending to do. She dropped down before the fire with limples showed, as she assured blue that ran on into the radient future-to the little bome that was to be filled in every nook and corner with the love of all her

dear, faithful friends. A noise at the door startled ber.

dressed, but her thin, dark face was

"The maid told me to come in." she

glad to see you !" Therese came forward shyly. wanted to tall you something. I wanted to tall you first of all, Miss Cynthia, he portion of your salf-respect. After giving were to me that time I lost my place."

With a face that bloomed like a rose. I've saved futo-our home."

"Tell me everything!" Cyathle cour

So while Therese told about the little three-room apartment, and how wonderfully she was going to stretch her few dollars in order to furnish it. Cynthia clared the vice president of the O. & M., Hatanad and exclaimed and agreed. When as he and Billy and Belle's husband follow- Therese rose to go, the two girls stood a moment with elinging hands. All the ished in their common joy. But after

> now-of all times? The next day Betty Avery received note that she read aloud to the girls. My Dears. I know all the beautiful

Thorses had gone Cynthia sat thinking.

things, you are planning for me. Bu you left. She is to be married ner whispered Belle, leaning over so far that wedding-gown, because she is saving O girls, won't you do it for Theress in-The girls looked at each other allently

> MODERN CONDITIONS "I'd like to get that son of mine to spade

"Well, why don't you direct him to

TWENTY YEARS AGO

Mr. A. I. Hemstreet has disposed of procery and prockery business at the corner

and Georgetown.

The present winter's blg storm arrived was very cold.

absence of Rev. H. J. McIntyre.

HAMMERING OUT A TALENT The old doctor had brought Mrs. Mo

the tedium of her convalescence with One call he devoted to telling the latest exploits of his boy, a bright and lively lad

ou going to make of that boy ?" "Madam," sald the doctor, "did you wer hear the stery of Old Uncle Ike and his bar of fron?

I'll tell it to you. "Unole Ike belonged on the McGae plantation before the war. His master, Robert McCies, was a fine old gentleman,

"Uncle Ike had often beard his muster boast that he was entirely without curiosity. One morning, when he had finished sharpening the tools, he dragged into the

> " 'I reckon I makes Mares Robert as mi 'bout dis,' he said, pounding lustily ; and after he had thumped a while on one aide he gave the Iron a turn and hammered away at the other side. He kept this up sour after hour, pounding and turning and

Robert seemed to make serends to come that way and watch his work, but the old " 'You old fraud,' he burst out, 'what

ever since ten o'clock this morning, and if don't look any more like anything than it did when you haven. What do you expect to make out of it? " Well. Marse Robert," said the

darky, slowly, 'I less poundin' seace ten twell sundown; den whateomever die chunk o' iron looks de mos' like, den dat's

Two days After the Exam. - Say, LOSING YOUR TEMPER think I got two questions all wrong. Three Days After the Exam .- Pass it In losing your temper, you do not lose !

recovered it again. But when you loss your temper, you are yourself. You are glad that certain people has been greatly magnified, and that hu-"Let me look at your" Cynthia cried, whose good opinion you value did not man nature ian't so bed after all." "Theresa Holman, you are engaged! Is happen to be a witness of your humilia-

> When you lose your temper, you are In losing your temper you lose the power of self-control. Every time you yield to the impulse of anger, it is easier to yield arein, more difficult to keep the mastervol

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

He who loves not his country can love othing. - Hyrou. Religion is the best armor in the world, but the worst closk .- Newton. In the love of a brave and faithful mar

Habit is a cable ; we weave a thread of t each day and it becomes so strong we cannot break it. -- Mann: To talk in public, to think in solitude, to

quiries, is the business of ascholar, -- John. It is a pleasure to think that we have

MAMMY'S LESSON ON MANNERS

W'en yo's twine upon a journey, An' yo' con amoe' upect, 'Case yo' trunk is goldin' so full up Dat it mighty hand to shot. Now yo' leab no room fo' manners ; Now yo' heab, chile, w'at I say ;

Treat 'em lak yo' do yo' ha'r-bresh, An' yo' toof-breels an' yo' comb. Ef yo' gwine he skeered to use 'om, Mout as well be let' at home. Show dom strangers dat yo 'custome Fo' to air dem elery day.

'Case all trabelin's onensy, Fix't de bestes' way yo' kin : An' if folks fergit dey manners, T'inge gite rough as piny-akin-no, w'en yo' goes on a journey, Dis de word yo' mammy say Pack yo' manners in yo' satchel,

The Herald tells a little incident in the

A very small boy was brought to Judge Mr. R. J. Edmiston preached acceptably Lindsey's Children's Court in Denver not "would run away from school, and told life teacher he did so in order to work at his Nothing the kind judge could do

Then, one day, the boy ran into the room in joy and, taking a crumpled paper from his pooket, gave it to the judge, say. lug : "I am going to school now every day, and mind everything you say, for I have finished the job I had." The judge found the paper was a receipt for fifty dollare, in full, for a monument for ble mother's grave, which he had paid with nickels and dimes, hard-serned. "I wanted her to have a monument too, just like the others had. Bhe's done a lot for me : that's all I could do for her."

Everyone who reads of the little chap and his "job" will scho the concluding words of the sketch: "What a boy! a triffe clutinate, perhaps, but a good Look for him when he shall become a man endeavor.

> A grimly humorous incident of the war is told in a letter written by a soldler to his mother to England : "There's one chap in our company that's got a rippin' cure for neuralets, but be lan't going to take out a patent because it's

A SITTER CURE

you can't always be sure of that. "He was lying in the trenches the other day, nearly mad with pale in his face. when a German shall burst close by. He wasn't hit, but the explosion knocked blos senseloss for a bit. 'My neuralgia's gone, says he when he came round. 'And so's six of your mates.' said I. His name's Palmer, and that's why we now call the Garman shells, 'Pelmer's nauralgla cura."

box office. The reasons for this unexpected Lahavfor gave rise to much discussion till at last one of the crowd, more observant than the other, pointed out the legend,

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He-That's why one dress suit lasts a

YENDAMY A "How's that black-an-tandog of yours ?"

BILVER-YONGUED "He is a man with a grip of steel, as

fron nerve, but a heart of gold." "At ! A regular man of mattle."-Hal. timore American.

its constitution weakened.

Relieves Asthma at Once. If you could

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right Christian man, a member of Immediately after dinner, his bost and Church of England, but taught a class i hosters bowed the cordial, delighted and the Methodist Bunday School in its early days. He removed to Milton about forty years ago, but later lived in Newmarket

> on Bunday, and kept the blast going until life of a small boy that strikes fire from Tuesday night. Railways and highways every heart that cherishes a mother's were seriously blooked and the weather image.

> on Bunday at Everton and Bilosm in the long ago. "He was a regged boy, but he

ton through a long illness, and, according to his wont, called now and then to chees

kindly chat and amusing stories. of twelve years. "Doctor," said the nationt, "what are

neighbor, and bitterly opposed to all in the front rank of character and human goods and meddling. There was no small weekness he was so hard upon as inquisi-

> forege a particularly large and shapeless place of iron, and began pounding it.

> pounding and turning interminably. "His master, in overseeing the affaire of the plantation, passed him time and again, but although he looked rather sharply at Ike, he made no remark. "Finally Uncle lie noticed that Marie

segro only nounded and turned the more victorously. At last the meater could stand it no longer. are you trying to do with that old chunk of fron? You've been mauling away at it

o'clock die mawein' and I spece to keep on "To the stalls," was written in large letters

was one of the things that the in-laws were greeted him cordially, and smiled until her sigh of sheer happiness. Her thoughts what I'v gwine to make outen hit." my hoy, madem," finished the doctor

Cynthia sprang up in cares welcome. great deal. Some people would be vastly "Theresa Holman ! Come straight in and better off if to strolling across some back les me make you a cup of tes. I am so lot, they dropped their temper and never

Therese modded. "We're going to be likely to lose a friend. A few people will One dress suit lesis you for years and married next month. I'm not going to patiently endure having a friend fly into a years, and a woman must have a new one have any trouseeast. I'd rather put what passion and berate them, but they are in for every party. the minority. Others will excuse one offense, but not repeated offenses. If you man for years and years, cannot control yourself in the matter of keeping your temper, you are found to lose one after another of friendships which

read and hear, to inquire and answer in

not followed the implous assumption of read the thousands of unsolicited letters another State that the Almighty is it's received by the makers from grateful users Lord and that the Almighty is loading itto you, too, would -realize the remarkable

conflict more vividly reveals the devillah chronic, are benefitted by this great famtrue synicism of the German mind than Why suffer or experiment with worthless trimmed hat. "Get the house in order? platter back to the kitchen, and brought "I don't know if I have a right to, with. the use of poisonous gases.—Dr. P. Eugens preparations when the genuine Kellogg's

up from Y Street with Billy. Her checks | maid. atill matched the resolude in her dress.

"Where on earth is it all coming from " month. Bhe is not even going to have

Anna's maid comes to got the-the bouse ly gamished, reposed three beautifully up the yard."

"keep pounding away at his schooling titl he's reasonably wall aducated, and then whatever he looks the most like, that I'll

likely to lose other things, among them a s reise in salary ?" cause I never can forget how good you way to a fit of anger, you feel ashamed of better ; that the danger from monopolise

might have brightened your whole life.

journalf. And that is the most serious of all the losses implied in losing the temper.

there is always a strain of maternal tenderiess. - George Ellot.

victory .- Lord Bryon

lee' yo' mack them in yo' satchel,

Fo to use along de way. W'at day in yo' aatohel fo', chile, Loas'n yo' use 'om on de way?

"Fo' to use along de way.

seemed to have any effect upon Tim. for attend solicel he would not, and work he would and did.

too risky and might kill the patient. Good luck's one of the ingredients, and

ROUTHE STORCIAS Here is a startling story of equine sage. city related by the London Tit-Bits. A horse was standing in the shafts of a carriage just outside a local theater. It had a weary took, as of one that desired repose. Buddanly it brightened up, and helore it could be stopped it made a dash for the

over the box office window.

that was a cinch. I crashed that easy there were a couple of little things I did-

n't get quite right.

Well, I should say not. I flunked it cold

"Daul " "Yos, swallowed a bunch of watch keys, and they wound him un."

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