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**REALIZES LIFE IS UNCERTAIN.**

Something Happened to the Man Who Followed Precedent.

"No, I'm not going to commit suicide because I have a broken nose," said the man with the strips of court plaster across his nasal organ; "but I'll tell you what I am going to do after this. I'm not going to believe there's anything in luck any more, and that things in this life are as uncertain as going out to milk a cow in the dark. You may find the cow, or you may find yourself alongside of a mule."

"Something must have happened?" was queried.

"Yes, something has; and maybe I'll feel better to get it off my mind. Six months ago a friend of mine was in Boston. He was walking along the street behind a lady when he noticed that one of her shoes was untied. He overtook her, and, raising his hat, informed her of the fact. She not only thanked him in the sweetest manner, but took his address, and what do you suppose followed?"

"She sent him a Teddy-bear."

"No, she didn't; she sent him a check for \$20,000, and he's just gone into the shoe business."

"Well?"

"Well, I was in New York last week, and I found myself following a lady on the street. I am just as good-looking and courteous and chivalric as my friend. A gust of wind took the lady's hat off, and all her false hair with it. I overtook her, raised my hat and expressed my sympathy that she was bald-headed. She took her property from my hands, and then hauled off with the umbrella she carried and broke my nose. No smiles, no sweetness, no check for \$20,000 or any other old amount. I was entitled to it just as much as my friend, and really more than he was, and yet he's hustling in the shoe trade, while I am hanging around the country with a broken nose, and the doctors say I will never be handsome again."

**About the Same—Nit.**

Harry Kellar, the retired magician, was talking about stage magic.

"It is not," he said, "so good as it used to be. The younger magicians do not study and practice as we of the previous generation did. Hence, nowadays stage magic appears rather tame."

"But the young magicians don't think so. They are like an elderly fat man whom I saw at my tailor's the other day."

"Let me see, sir," said the tailor, "you haven't been in for two or three years. Perhaps I had better remeasure you."

"All right," said the fat man. "You'll find no change in my figure, though."

"The tailor got to work with his tape. The measurements were called out and jotted down. The fat man said at the end:

"Well, the measurements are about the same as they used to be, eh?"

"Yes, sir, about the same," was the reply. "Chest a trifle lower down, that's all, sir."

**Few One-Armed Women.**

"Did anybody ever see a one-armed woman?" asked the gray-headed man. "I never did. Almost every day I meet one-armed men, but I have yet to encounter a woman with that pitifully empty sleeve. Are there no women who have suffered that mutilation? If not, why not, and if so, where are they? Yesterday I heard it argued that there was no cause for a woman to lose an arm. Women do not go to the wars, they are not engaged in occupations that are likely to carry away a part of their body. But that reasoning is not sound. Many women work in mills and factories, and they are as liable to accidents in the street and public conveyances as men. Frequently they figure in these accidents, but although men in the same situation would lose an arm, women never do. What is the cause of their immunity?"

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