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**MAGGIE AND JIGGS AT THE GATES OF HEAVEN**

Fate of a Modern Pair As Outlined by the Revival of a Good Old Poem.

Perhaps many will remember when the following poem was going the rounds of the press, though in slightly different form. The present version deals with the modern pair, "Maggie and Jiggs." An old friend of The Advance who encountered it in an eastern local newspaper kindly left it with The Advance. It is published herewith for the entertainment of readers in general and as a warning to all of the "Maggie" disposition—St. Peter stood guard at the Golden Gate,

With a solemn mien and an air sedate,  
 When up on the top of the golden stair,  
 Maggie and Jiggs ascending there,  
 Applied for admission; they came and stood,  
 Before St. Peter, so great and good;  
 In hope the city of peace to win,  
 And asked St. Peter to let them in.  
 Maggie was tall and dark and thin,  
 With a scraggly beardler on her chin.

While Jiggs was short and thick and stout,  
 And his stomach was built so it rounded out,  
 His face was pleasant and all the while,  
 He wore a kindly gentle smile,  
 The choir in the distance the echoes woke,  
 And Jiggs kept still while Maggie spoke,  
 "O thou who guardest the gate," said she,  
 "We two come hither beseeching thee,  
 To let us enter the heavenly land,  
 Our harps to play with the angel band.  
 Of me, St. Peter, there is no doubt,  
 There's nothing from heaven to bar me out.  
 I've been to meetings three times a week,  
 And always I'd rise up and speak,  
 I've told the sinners about the day,  
 When they'd repent of their evil way.  
 I've told my neighbours—I've told them all,  
 'Bout Adam and Eve and the Primal Fall.  
 I've shown them what they'd have to do,  
 If they'd pass in with the chosen  
 I've marked the path of duty clear,  
 Laid out the plans of their whole career;  
 I've talked and talked to them loud and long,  
 For my voice is good and my lungs are strong,  
 So, good St. Peter, you'll clearly see  
 The gate of heaven is open for me.  
 But Jiggs, here I regret to say,  
 Hasn't walked in exactly the narrow way,  
 He smokes and swears, and grave faults he's got,  
 So I don't know whether he'll pass or not  
 He never could pray with an earnest vim,  
 Or go to revival or join our hymn,  
 While I the sins of my neighbours bore.  
 He gaddled around with Dinty Moore.  
 He made a practice of staying out late,  
 Which is a sin all women hate,  
 But at last when he did come home,  
 The rolling pin went straight through his dome.  
 I know him, St. Peter, know him well,  
 To escape from me he would go to hell;  
 But, St. Peter, I need him here,  
 And hope you can see your way clear,  
 On earth I bore a heavy cross,  
 Give me in heaven still Jiggs to boss,  
 I've brought my rolling pin, plates and jars,  
 To keep him from dodging among the stars.  
 "But say, St. Peter, is seems to me,  
 This gate isn't kept as it ought to be,  
 You ought to stand right by the opening there,  
 And never sit down in that easy chair.  
 And say, St. Peter, my sight is dimmed,  
 But I don't like the way your whiskers are trimmed;  
 They're cut too wide, with an outward toss,  
 They'd look better narrow and straight across."  
 St. Peter sat quiet and stroked his staff,  
 And in spite of his office, he had to laugh:  
 "Who's tending this gate, Maggie, you or I?"  
 Then he rose to his stature tall,  
 And he pressed the button upon the wall,  
 And said to the imp who answered the bell,  
 "Escort this female around to hell!"  
 Slowly Jiggs turned his habit bent,

To follow wherever Maggie went,  
 And St. Peter standing on duty there,  
 Saw that the top of his head was bare:  
 He called the old man back and said:  
 "Jiggs, how long hast thou been wed?"  
 "Thirty years," (with a heavy sigh),  
 And then he thoughtfully added  
 "Why?"  
 St. Peter was silent with head bowed down,  
 He raised his hand and scratched his crown;  
 Then seeming a different thought to take,  
 Slowly to himself he spake,  
 "Thirty years with that woman there!  
 No wonder the man hasn't any hair!  
 Swearing is wicked, smoking's not good;  
 He smoked and swore, I should think he would.  
 Thirty years with a tongue so sharp—  
 Ho! Angel Gabriel! Give him a harp!  
 A jeweled harp with a golden string,  
 Good Sir, pass in where the angels sing."  
 And Gabriel gave him a seat alone,  
 One with a cushion up near the throne,  
 "Call up some angels to play their best,  
 Poor Jiggs has certainly earned a rest.  
 See that on the finest ambrosia he feeds,  
 He's had about all the hell he needs.  
 It isn't hardly the thing to do—  
 To roast him on earth and in future too."  
 And Jiggs looked down from his high level,  
 Thought of Maggie, and felt sorry for the devil.

THANKS, DOC.

A farmer rushed up to the home of a doctor in the village late one night and asked him to come at once to a distant farmhouse. The doctor hitched up his horse and they drove furiously to the farmer's home. Upon their arrival the farmer asked: "How much is your fee, Doctor?" "Three dollars," said the physician in surprise. "Here you are," handing over the money; "the blamed liveryman wanted five dollars to drive me home."  
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