

BILL MASON'S BRIDE.

(Scene—A railway station.)
"Half-past ten o'clock—yes, and a dark night too.
Tom, take a look at the switch lights—bring a stick when you are through on time."
Well, yes, I guess so—she left the last station all right. She'll come round the curve a jumping—Bill Mason comes down to-night.

Expression Among Poultry.
No inhabitant of a yard seem possessed of such a variety of expression and so copious a language as common poultry. Take a chicken of four or five days old and hold it up to a window where there are flies and it will immediately seize its prey with little twitterings of complacency; but if you tender it a wasp or a bee at once its note becomes harsh and expressive of disapprobation and a sense of danger.

"A Darned Fool."
This is by no means the worst story we have read of the brave old Admiral Napier. When Sir Charles Napier was in command of the channel squadron before the Russian war he one day anchored with the fleet off Queenstown. He, with his officers, were invited during their stay to be the constant guests of the Earl of P., and the castle was lively for a while with blue and gold uniforms.

"What Ailed Him."
One of our dry goods clerks called round to see his girl the other evening. She observed that he appeared very restless, and as he had been paying her pretty shabby attention she snuffed a proposal. She determined to assist the young man.

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Thoughts For Saturday Night.
Assurance and intrepidity, under the white banner of seeming modesty, clear the way to merit that would otherwise be discouraged by difficulties.

He Conquers Who Thinks he Can't.
"Where there's a will there's a way." That is a truism which is but half understood. It is sad that a contest once arose between the ugliest and the handsomest man in England for the hand of a lady of worth and beauty.

There is nothing more to be esteemed than a manly firmness and decision of character. I like a person who knows his mind and sticks to it, who sees at once what is to be done in given circumstances and does it.

Hints for Married People.
Married couples should study each other's weak points for the same reason that sailors look out for holes in the ice—in order to keep clear of them.

Lo Premier Pe.—Adam.
Why are Swedish gloves like naked babies? Because they are undressed kids.

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