

Brace up Old Man.

"Rather poor business for an old man like you," remarked His Honor, as Jasper White stood before him.

"That's a fact, Squar"—that's a fact."

"You must be nearly sixty years old?"

"I'm sixty-two, Squar."

"And you were brought in here so tipsy drunk that they could have tied your legs in a double-bow knot."

"That's a fact—solemn fact, Squar, I've made a fool of myself and I'm willing to own right up. I sit in the cell thar' this mornin' thinkin' it all over, an' says I to myself: 'Jasper White, you've went an gone an' made a tarmal fool of yourself, and if you are sent to State prison for life it will save you right."

"You don't live here?"

"No, Squar, I live up here in a back county and I'm down here on bizness. Fact is, one of my old mayburs lives here, and he had his eye on a second wife for me."

"What! at your age?"

"Wist like me, Squar. I see it now, but I didn't yesterday. I'm a sort of an old twain fool, I am."

"And did you marry?"

"No. I was kinder bracin' up with a little beer to go over and see the critter selected for me and I braced too much."

"Do you know what you want to do?"

"I reckon I might as well take pizeuz?"

"No, sir. You go for your satchel, then go for the depot. Then go for home—going to stay there—saved my life—never forget it—good-bye!"

"And you won't jug me?"

"No."

"Nor fine me?"

"No."

"Squar, you're a hull load of bricks!"

Say shake hands with me. Thar! You've saved my life, and be the big-heu if I don't send you down a car-load of apples and pop-corn then I'm a sinner. Good-bye—good-bye—I'm off—going straight home—going to stay there—saved my life—never forget it—good-bye!"

A Crushed Reed.

It was his vacation, and they were seated under the branches of a great apple tree, contented with each other's society and silently communing with nature. His arm had inadvertently found its way about her slender form, and her head had gradually found a resting place upon his manly padded shoulder. They were dreaming of the happy days to come, when together they should walk over the varied pathway of life, when she suddenly turned her melting eyes upon him and half whispered: "Shall you always be so contented with my society, Addy?" (His name was Adolphus, and she called him Addy for short.)

"Always, darling," he murmured, and the pressure about her form increased.

"You will never, never grow tired of me, but constantly remain by my side."

"Constantly Angry," he said. (Her name was Angelina.)

"Remember, Addy, dear, we are to be together for a lifetime. You are sure you will not weary of my presence?"

"Sure," he whispered, fervently, as he brushed a bug from her dress, "Angy. I will always be at your feet. Always close to your sweet form to guard and protect my treasure from the dangers and trials of this wicked, bad world," and he looked volumes of love into her blue eyes.

"You will never, never desert me for another woman; you will keep firm in your love, and remain faithful until death calls one or the other of us to a better world?" she asked, switching a large fly from her ear. "Nothing that folks might say will ever attempt to desert my side?"

The whole world might rise up against you, but it would find me still steadfast in my love. Oceans may separate us, we may be parted for years, but neither time nor space shall influence my devotion. I'm yours 'till death," he said, passionately, as he grabbed a large bottle that was slowly making its way up his leg. "Yes, yours 'till death my pearl, beyond—"

"Here, let up," she said, suddenly, edging away from him; "I don't know about that. You are altogether too constant. I never could stand so much devotion. I'm not one of those girls who enjoy having a man knocking around under foot all the time, and I'm afraid you won't do," and she left him a crushed reed, broken by the willfulness of woman.

Popular Tints in London Fashions.

Copper-color is just now in great demand as a fashionable tint. It is mixed with brown or black, and worn in walking-dresses. The copper-color is much less in quantity than the brown or black. The color itself is suitable only to a blonde with a good complexion, but can be made becoming even to a blonde by a skillful mingling with chocolate, brown or black. We have seen a velvet dress of rich shade, called cigar-brown, trimmed sparingly with a copper-color satin, the brown velvet bonnet being trimmed with copper-colored lace and feathers. A costume of black satin merveilleux was trimmed with copper-colored cord and beads of the same reddish-orange tint. A wreath of autumn leaves shaded from pale yellow through gradations of orange tinted with red, encircled the small black chip bonnet. Venetian red is another favorite color. Beautiful it itself, it needs extreme care to combine it with other colors.

For evening wear' old gold on amber is admirable for this purpose. Even young girls can now wear this combination, which at one time would have been considered suitable only for chaperons. Lemon and cream color also look well in connection with Venetian red, the purplish shade in which forbids the proximity of any very decided tint.

AGRICULTURAL.

FEELING HURRIED.—Probably nothing tires one so much as feeling hurried. When in the early morning the day's affairs press on one's attention beforehand, and there comes the wonder how in the world everything is to be accomplished, when every interruption is received impatiently, and the clock is watched in distress as its moments fit past, then the mind tires the body. We are wrong to drive ourselves with whip and spur in this way. Each of us is promised strength for the day, and we must not wear ourselves out by crowding two days' tasks into one. If only we can keep cool and calm, not allowing ourselves to be flustered, we shall less wearied when we have reached the eventide. The children have been fractious, the servants trying, the friend we love may fail to visit us, the letter we expect may not arrive, but if we can preserve our tranquility of soul and of demeanor, we shall get through everything creditably. Especially is this good advice for warm weather. Who feels the most heat? Who is most exhausted and prostrated by its severity? Why the person who flies from fan to ice-water, bemoaning herself, who changes her dress a half dozen times a day, who laments that it is so warm, and watches the thermometer with despairing certainty that it never was so hot before; who, in short, intensifies her own discomfort and adds to that of others by constant thinking of it. Women who stay in doors have the advantage of men in warm weather. It is wise to air a house thoroughly in the early morning, and keep it, as far as possible, closed and darkened through the middle of the day. Dispense with a great fire in the kitchen range, and let the cooking be moderate. Fruits, salads, and simple, easily-cooked cereals are the proper foods for summer. A gas-stove is an economy and a comfort. Find the coolest place to sit, go quietly about your work and make as little fuss as may be about its being warm. Let the children have frequent baths, and do not encumber them with heavy clothing. Common sense and an easy mind help one over most of life's rough places with little friction.

RENEWING GRASS LAND.—When grass gets run out, as the phrase goes, the best way to renew it unless it is very rocky or rough land, is to break it up, and, if it is not available or desirable for cultivation, to manure heavily and reseed. This month, after the hay is cut, is the best time for breaking up sod. It can then be manured, thoroughly harrowed and re-seeded with grass, or sown with rye, the last of the month. In sowing grass seed, only those kinds should be sown together that mature together. Herds-grass and red top go well together, but orchard grass, June grass and the other early varieties, should be sown by themselves. Twenty quarts of herds-grass and three pecks of red top make a very good seeding for an acre. If herds-grass is sown alone on very heavy land, it should be sown more thickly, so that it will not grow too rank and coarse. Orchard grass should be sown very thickly, or it will grow in clumps. From a bushel and a half to two bushels of seed to the acre gives a good result.

BREAST OF VENISON BRAISED.—Take a breast of venison; bone it from the side of the neck has been cut off, leaving the bones from the front of the breast four inches long; take the skin off the breast, taking care not to cut any of the fat off. Cut in slices carrot, turnip, celery, two sweet bay leaves and thyme, one dozen cloves and about a tablespoonful of corn peppers; put all in a braising pan. Fry the vegetables a nice brown; lay the venison on the vegetables with some common steak, not quite so much as will cover the venison, sprinkle some salt over it and braise it slowly for four hours, but will depend on the venison—it must be braised until tender, but not to let the tenderness out of it. When done, take the venison out, and strain the stock it has been braised in, and put the stock on to reduce quickly, taking care to have all the fat skimmed off the stock. Have ready some well finished brown sauce, in which two tablespoonsfuls of currant jelly and two glasses of port wine have been mixed; then put all in the reduced stock; mix well, and let it boil up; pour the sauce over the venison, and serve with French beans round. All venison that is braised ought to be fresh.

DOMESTIC.

PLAIN FOOD.—An appetizing repast does not necessarily depend upon expensive viands; but it does depend upon the thought and care and skill in the preparation of the cheapest dishes. I can imagine a young couple with a very limited income entertaining two or three friends most pleasantly, if only the hostess and cook—perhaps her maid-of-all-work would take counsel together and market wisely, and then devise and carry out a dainty menu consisting of soup, fish, meat and pastry. Excellent soup can be made from oxtail, and the tender meat eaten afterward with haricot beans and gravy—a toothsome dish. I think one reason of the coarse, unsatisfactory dinners we often see in middle-class houses is the false notion that "made dishes," as they are called, are expensive, and that the most economical food is "good plain roast and boiled." This is quite a mistake, and either arises from, or leads to, an amount of carelessness in our kitchens that is unknown in the humblest French establishment, where the first business of the day is to go to market to choose suitable materials for the day's consumption and not to shrink in responsibility by ordering a leg of mutton or a sirloin of beef, weighing about ten or twelve pounds, and which, of course, is expensive. A clever house-keeper soon finds out that the cheaper cuts of good meat make dishes as dainty and nice when properly treated, as the most expensive; but they won't cook themselves, or permit of being put down to the fire and then left till they are roasted. They must be delicately and carefully prepared; and cooking must be accepted as an art not unworthy the attention of every or any woman, whatever her position, if economy, and at the same time refinement, be regarded in her household.

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