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Appropos of the woman with the ability to plan a big coup and who then loses it and her head at the last moment an auctioneer in New York tells an interesting story. The woman was an American who had been living abroad with her husband for many years. Upon his death she returned, bringing with her a large collection of valuable paintings which had been his property and which she hoped to sell. She made arrangements with the auctioneer to handle them for her, and he was delighted with the cleverness with which she had obtained vouchers for each one. It showed enterprise and thoroughness seldom found in men or women and made it certain that the pictures, which were really good ones, would bring good prices.

To every one living who had been in any way connected with the pictures, owned them or handled them the woman had gone for a written guarantee, and, in addition to the names obtained in this way, she had been to the American consul, and he in his turn had guaranteed their signatures. They were all sworn to and duly witnessed, and the auctioneer congratulated the woman.

That was all right until Uncle Sam stepped in. The custom house authorities, though unable to obtain possession of the guarantees, appreciated the pictures, estimated them to be worth their full value as understood by the owner and put duties upon them entirely beyond the woman's power to pay. She was greatly distressed at first, then annoyed and finally furiously angry at what she considered an imposition. The auctioneer endeavored to console her.

"They will be sold for little or nothing at the custom house sale," he said, "and the best thing to do is to buy them in. They will go for \$10 or \$15 apiece, and we will have the sale after all. I will buy them in for you, and we will both make a 'pot of money' out of them."

But by that time the woman was too angry to listen to advice. She considered that she had been badly treated. If the custom house wished to keep her pictures from her, very well, they might have them. She tore up the guarantees, the pictures were sold for next to nothing and scattered no one knows where now and the woman lost a small fortune.—New York Times.

**Found Out.**

She—You're just like all the rest of the men. Here we've been married only a year, and you never kiss me unless I ask you to. He—You're like all the rest of the women. You never think to ask me to kiss you unless you want money.—Illustrated Bits.

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When people say to you when you are in trouble, "What can I do for you?" be equally considerate and say, "Nothing."

People are hard to please. If a man gets mad easily he is called "touchy," and if it takes a good deal to make him mad he is called "wooden."

It is a shame when the baby wakes up once in the night and the father is awake for ten minutes that he should lose "his whole night's rest." Isn't it, now?—Atchison Globe.

**The Way the Thread Is Taken From the Imprisoned Insect.**

The American consul at Tamatave, Madagascar, sends an interesting report on the manufacture of silk from spiders' web.

The first difficulty in securing the thread direct from the Madagascar spider ("halabe," big spider, the natives call her) was met with in devising a suitable holder to secure the living spider while winding off the web. This was originally performed by confining the spiders in empty match boxes with their abdomens protruding, thus making so many living reels. The extraction of the web does not apparently inconvenience the insects, although care has to be taken not to injure them. From that stage has been evolved a frame of twenty-four small guillotines, in each of which a spider is secured in such a manner that on one side protrudes the abdomen, while on the other the head, thorax and legs are free. The precaution of keeping the legs out of the way is necessary, because the spiders, when their secretion is spun off in this fashion, are liable to break off the web with their legs.

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An Edinburgh minister rolled a thousand feet down the steep of Ben Nevis and lived to tell the tale. Admiral Sir Novell Salmon was clean shot through at Lucknow and returned as dead, but came up smiling soon afterward. Similar was Lord Wolseley's experience in the Crimea; but, though pretty well riddled with shot and shell and deprived of the sight of an eye, he was able soon after to enjoy a laugh over his own obituary. Not long ago there was a girl up on trial in a London police court who had twice attempted to commit suicide, but two trains had passed over her and left her unscathed.

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