Bellefonte, Pa., June 21, 1912.

THE ANTIQUE DESK.



MPOSSIBLE: I don't believe it, Marcia." sisted Dorothy.

"It's true." per-"Harold arrested! How terri-

"It wasn't his fault. Didn't you hear about the antique desk Mrs. Newell sent them for a wedding

present?" "Not a word," answered Marcia. "It was a beauty: all hand-carv-

ed mahogany. Their apartment was furnished in accordance with that desk and not Harold's income. Jessica noticed one of the panels was loose. 'Don't worry your pretty head about it,' Harold told her; 'We'll send it to Macken's furniture store and have it repaired.'

"Did Mrs. Newell know it was damaged when she bought it?" interrupted Marcia.

"No, not that; but worse. "They were giving their first dinner party. Jessica, who is always a human icicle, keeping cool, calm and collected under all circumstances, for once was flurried. She was sure the roast would not be done enough, or that it would be too well done; that the bouillon would be served too cold and that the iced tomatoes would not be chilled sufficiently, but everything went along fine until the last course, when two officers appeared upon the scene, with warrants to arrest Jessica's husband.'

"How awful! How embarrassing! I've been married ten years and my husband has never been arrested."

"You're luckier than Jessica. A few of the guests went along to give bail for him. Jessica was in hysterics, asking all at once: 'What would the neighbors think if they saw him leave with the officers? How could they keep a maid if the girl knew about his arrest? Would it be in all



the papers illustrated with his picture?' When Harold returned two hours later he assured her that he had treated all the officers and reporters, so there would be no danger of

"Why was he arrested?" "You see, that desk was an heirloom much valued by a family named Houghton. When the Houghtons were abroad last summer their house was

ransacked and among other articles taken was this desk. Detectives had searched far and near for it, but could find no trace. When it appeared at Mackens, one of the clerks, who is a friend of Mrs. Houghton's daughter Amy, recognized the desk and traced it to the Carletons, and issued the warrant of his own accord for the

"But how did Mrs. Newell come

across it?" "After she read the morning paper she immediately rushed over to Jessica's to confess the truth. Upon receiving her invitation she vowed and declared 'that her present would outshine all the others.' After searching the city for something unique and handsome, one day she accompanied a poor woman to a pawn shop to redeem some article for her. Her surprise was great at seeing such a valuable piece of furniture in that place. The proprietor hesitated and did not seem anxious to sell, but finally let her have it for \$75. She sent a private expressman for it, had it cleaned and polished, thinking none would be the wiser as to where she purchased

"Jessica immediately returned it to the rightful owner with a note of ex-

"Did Mrs. Newell send them any

thing else?" "I don't know; she sailed suddenly for Europe a few days later, but I don't think she will invest in any more antiques.

"Did you think the clerk received any reward?"

'Yes: his engagement has been an-Bounced to Miss Houghton.'

Ear Guards For Gunners.

Many people may have wondered how the men on the deck of a battleship can stand the awful shock produced by the discharge of heavy artillery. The gunners within the turret are not affected much, because the gun discharges outside. To save the ear drums from destruction ear protectors are employed. The protector consists of a celluloid piece shaped somewhat like an anchor with a ball at one end. which fits in the ear.-Scientific Ameri-

Still Cautious. "There is a rumor affoat that Old Goldrox is dead," said the editor. "Yes," replied the reporter. "I was

just down to the house." "Is it so?" "Well, his wife said that her husband would neither confirm nor deny the rumor."-Yonkers Statesman.

Nothing Doing. Miss Gaddie—Mr. Markley is engaged to Miss Summers, and I think we may look for a wedding soon. Miss Wise-Why? Miss Gaddie-She told me she believed in short engagements. Miss Wise-So she does-short and frequent. -Catholic Standard and Times.

They Jolted Him. The Girl-I'm shocked at the way father treated you. I've always worshiped papa, but it seems my idol has feet of clay. The Suitor-Clay! Concrete. more likely!--Boston Transcript. Supported by the Grocer.

"They put on a great deal of style Do you suppose they live within their "No; not even within sight of it."-Birmingham Age-Herald.

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Cause For a Rebate.

A colored undertaker was requested to embalm the body of a colored man. The wife of the deceased asked what the cost would be. He named his usual charge, to which she quickly replied. "I think that's too much."

"But it is the regular fee," pr the undertaker. "That may be," assented the widow, "but this ain't a regular corpse. My busband had a wooden leg."

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