
only human nature.

Ht: a very singular thing, ssid Mr.
Farry Leigh, -that no woman can listen
to a word io praiso of another wistout
losing hier temper." "Can't she? ? asked Mrs. Rosa Leigh,
"ith the si- of ose deairing information.
"Well, you Ahould know, "her husband moaningly roturned.
Indeed! Why. pray"
"You would tire a cise in point "Byall menns," " when I spokse of that
"Tinis morniizz,
prety Mrs Brown-"
"She issit pretty," promptly inter.
 perfectly well that Esther Brown is the
homeliest woman in Enst Hill."
Oh, well IIl start again. Because
I said that -rs I said that Mrs, Brown was well dreased,
amiable, and a model housewife, you
became furious-you must admit it." "Nonsense! Dia't exaggerate the case;
I simply objected to your making ridicu-
lous masertions. She is nono of these
things; sho dresses vilely, is little better than a ahrew, and as for her housekoep.
ing - well, you should peep into the cor
nena!

 you must laudilthor womenen, don't the hoos
he moot ordinary one of my accuain
 "You know Fanny well enough." really a very charming girl,", declared
Harry.
Is she not?" Rose "Is she not?" Rosa enthusiastically or-
claimed.
"And so pretty!"
"Oh, do you think so? Well, opinions differ as to that: but every ono admith
elie is as good as gold." "And as brilliant, judging from he
talk",
"Oh, yes, dear Fanny says very brigh things, -omenetimes." Mrs. Leigh returned
rather doubtfuly.
-I seemme to me I never saw moro short pause.
Why, Harry! Fanny's eyes are her
wonk point Shiendnits it herraif!" criod
Rosa, fushing.
 Mrs. Leigh
"Don't be
"Don't be sarcastic, dear." she said in
a tone o geatlo reproof. "You can't ex-
pect a woman who speatre pect a woman who speaka so well in pub
lic to bo ororburdened with noodety.
Fanny has lota of other good qualitie make up for that lack. good qualities to
But Hanry was laughing more heartily
than beforo. abh, Rosio, What a little fraud you
are! ho oxclaimed, "Don't you seo
Tre caught you again? Y overything you again? Your trieud ist what 1 say she is, it
seems. "Well," said Rosn, pouting, "I don't
think it's nice for a man to praise other
women in the presence of anyway! It seemsas if he mado nice
Cortable tortable comparisons. You would
like it if 1 were to gush over Jine
Brown in "Nonesone! I shouldn't mind it at all. Men are above
Harry, lotily.
Really!
Reand air. "Nosa laughed a little at his
monthelese, $\mathrm{I} m$ disposed
try jou some der ${ }^{\text {cin }}$ Do. FIl wager a dollar to a kiss that TII come out all right,"
"Doue!" cried Mrs, Leigh.
"Harry, dear, I wish you'd take me to
the Star Theatre to-night," said Rosa, in haer prectest maneer.
"Why, what's the particular attraction
there ? "Young Hanssum as Cliaude Melnote."
"Thank you-that's enough for me," he angwered brusquely,
"Oh, Harry! Ho's perfectly splendia aun just dying to see him again." (Fiks
"For heaven's sake, don't talk like matinee girl, Rosa! What women nee in
that foilow passes my comprelension. "What don't they nee, you oughitt osay
Hot handsome."
"Handemen follow wishme: Come, I like that!
thair and a stoop hand


 conls that mouthing Shas of Fectiter, shien 1. could play Claude Melnotte better my
belf." "And he paints, too," persisted Rosa,
"
 singing? R-aily, Rosa, you're losing
Fhiat litte taste you ever had!" Leigh
cavagely excloimed "At lesst you will armit that he dresses
weh."
said Stra Leigh, demurely. "They ay he sots the fashion."
"They say! Hown I hato that term
They say everything but their prayers, zowadays", "
"That reminde me that hesays his, "as.
scrted Rosa. "Aud ho goes to elhureb
 Tar your imarination will carry you,
madant" cried madam's husbaud, with
n wiml
 swered, "except that he's considerod a
wit." ho! Hat ha! Well, really! I must
Ho! hat
tell that at the club! Hansum a wit! Why everyono knows his vaiot teaches


 A silvery laugh followed him, "Harry!
Harryd dear: nal Roands pretty face
peeped from the parlor door. "Weil?" he growled, sottened in apito
of himseif at the sight of it.
"Hamint you beter teare me that dol.
lar, dear? Then I can go to the matinee, har, dear?, "hen I can go to the matinee,
Her kewes wero brimming with merri-
 That nigit Mr, and Mrs. Leigi attended Colore of the Gorman Pisk.
Two well dreased women stood among
the throng at the rillon counter in one of the largo dry grods stores a fow days
agoo, and haning at lenzth otatined the
services of a clerk out of them said "I want to buy some narrow ribbons
for favors, but I mast have the colors of
the Germau flan wnd sirasity

 other young lady at this counter may
know.
"The other young lady" said she
thought the colors were black and yel-
low. an an old customer whis was sititing remarked on the
third atool down the countr. third otol down the waunter.

- Possibly the flo


Fixghested the colerk, "Ca-s-h! Asik Mr.
That function here." That functionary having arrived tho
matter was duly referred to him. "There aro three colors," he declared,
"Black, red and yellow."
"Are you and Are you sure?" askel the two shop-
pers earnestly. "We cannot make a mis-
take.
"I terposed almost sure that is wrong," woman near by, who
had overheard the controversy. "My
husband is husband io a German, and I I never heard
of yellow in the German flag.." "Possibly it migit bo buf,"
"I conceded
"I uorwalker. to teach schou in remarked a tall womman with a cat-sking
muf, and $I$ and and
The colora in the Getto this question. The colors in the German flag are red,
white and yellow.,
This seened authoritative, but some. how the various contestants didn't ap-
pear satisfled. "There's Schwartz, the floorwalker in statel Fetshugh; he's a German him.
self; he'll kour. Cash, , and ask Mr.
Schwartz to writo the colors of the Ger. man fagg on this card" "
The Indinnas achool teacher did not
look pleased, but the matter having gone to the court of arpeals ahe reatec hore
case, and the cash girl was bick in a
minute with the card. On it wero writh minute with the card. On it wero writ.
ten the words, "black. redand white."
" That settles it. Thank you so much," said the wo teminine shoppers, grate-
fully, ,ooking apprehensively nt the lis-
tening throng. -How much is this nar. row ribon, please?"
Twenty
enwo cents a piece of ten
 that be?"
"Seonen cents," murmured the clerk,
staggered for a moment by the magnistaggered for a moment by the magni-
tude of the order after the trouble in obtaining it.
The other young lady" and the Indi-
ann school teacher tittered audibly, but there was noe sign of at smile on the clerk't
face as slie drawled,
 his experiences, says that one of the
strange effecto of diving is the invariable tom of the seas ; and as this usually passes it may tee supposed to be due to the pres it may be supposed to be due to the pres-
sure of air inside the dress, affecting the lungs, and through them the brain.
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those in the boat above that he gives signal to be pulled up, "with the inten.
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