

DOBLEY'S KILLING PACE

Revealed When His Wife Used Cook-Book Prescriptions.

"I DON'T know why it is, said Mr. Doble, as he pushed away his untasted breakfast, 'but I feel a presentiment that I am going to be ill.' 'You never looked better in your life,' said Mrs. Doble. 'Don't give in to any such idea. It's simply nervousness.' 'That's it,' said Doble. 'My nerves are running away with me. They are a tension which threatens a sudden collapse. I start at the least sound. I wake with the bells ringing in my ears and feel as though a vise were gripping my head. It's been that way now for three days.' 'It's those late suppers of yours,' said Mrs. Doble. 'You would require the digestion of an ostrich to consume such combinations as you have been addicted to of late.' 'Nonsense, Mrs. Doble; my symptoms have nothing about them which indicates that the trouble is a simple one, which might be removed by bicarbonate of soda and seltzer. It's located here, Mrs. Doble,' Doble tapped his brow mysteriously. 'Perhaps a headache?' suggested Mrs. Doble. 'No; it's the rush of modern life,' said Doble. 'It's the pace at which people must live nowadays. We're all in a race—trying to see which of us can push on fastest to the grave!'

morning? How is the singing in your ears?' 'Never a song,' said Doble. 'Nothing disturbs the quiet but the dull drip of the ice upon my collar. How long do I have to balance this berg on my head? By the way, Mrs. Doble, I feel sufficiently frapped now, for my own part. But I don't want to interfere with the original recipe. You are sure you have not gotten me mixed up with a dessert?' 'The ice must be renewed at frequent intervals,' said Mrs. Doble. 'It's the greatest thing in the world for the nerves. I have sent out to get an extra supply.' 'And the embalming process that is at present going on over my wish-bone?' asked Doble. 'Is there any special time at which it may be removed, or is it one of those perpetual blooms that become part of one's very existence? The freezing of the head and the boiling of the chest simultaneously is a great idea for taking the mind off business troubles. It is impossible for one to worry about the price of gas stock with these two restoratives in operation.' 'That's it,' said Mrs. Doble. 'It's the counter-irritant that cures. I'll venture to say that you have no symptoms of tired feeling at present. You said this morning that you couldn't put one foot before the other.' 'I feel now,' said Doble, 'that if I could shed these various glaciers and volcanoes that you have surrounded me with I could sprint around a cinder path in time to music. About this time, as a rule, I am going out to luncheon when I am downtown. What a terrible thing it would be to be condemned to stay at home doing nothing every day! It would drive me crazy in about 48 hours.' 'But, like all New Yorkers, you are fond of talking about the nervous strain caused by the rush we live in, the noise, the elevated cars and all that, when in reality you couldn't live in any other atmosphere or environment!'

It Wasn't Safe. Hennypeck (to the gang in the store)—Gentlemen, I have been married 14 years last grass, and during that time have not spoken a single cross word to my wife. Mrs. Hennypeck (poking her head in at the door)—Henry, why in the name of kippers do you bring that molasses home? I've been needing it these two hours. Just wait till I get you home, and— Hennypeck (flying out)—Yes, my dear, I'm coming!—Harlem Life.

No Chance for Him. 'Your success,' said the practical politician to the man who wanted to run for office, 'will depend a great deal on the ward in which you acquire a residence. With which nationality are you the stronger—the Irish or the Germans?' 'Why,' replied the candidate for office, 'I think I stand best with the Americans.' 'No chance for you, then,' replied the practical politician. 'They seldom vote.'—Chicago Post.

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