

Our Leading Lady

"Well, yes sir," said Downey, the property man, "I'm knowing to a bit of a story concerning our leading lady, and, as it's no secret, there can be no harm in my telling it. A lady every inch of her, sir, every inch, as I saw the very first night she joined our show."

"Well, as I was saying sir," continued Downey, "I took to her from the first, and any little errand or favor I could manage I was main pleased to do it. She had such a civil way of thinking one—a deal more takin' than some folks, although money is always welcome."

"Miss Leeland had been playing with us high upon six months, when she came to me one night after the performance. 'Downey,' she said, 'I have a favor to ask of you.' Anything you can ask, Miss, I shall be main pleased to do,' said I. Thank you, Downey, 'she said, 'I believe you would but its only to see me home to-night.' I noticed she seemed a bit confused as she spoke, but it didn't strike me what fur, until just as we were leaving the stage door, I see a swell awaiting kinder nonchallantly. 'So so,' she said to myself, 'is that your little game; but it won't do in this quarter my, fine friend, and I makes believe I didn't see nothing. She was fur paying me fur my trouble but, ses I, no Miss I'm proud of the honor, and if its agreeable I'll make bold to see you home every night, and if you'll excuse the liberty, you're a deal too handsome to be out alone.' At that she kinder smiles and colors up, a holding out her hand that friendly like, as she ses: 'Thank you, Downey, I shall be very glad of your company.' After that it got to be a regular thing fur me to see her home and, between you and me, that swell hated me like pisen."

Here the old property man indulged in a gruff chuckle, to continue with. "The notes that fellow writ must have used up no end of paper, and the flowers, bless you, there was a bowkay ev'ry night; not that she ever looked at it, or ticed it. After a bit this swell contrived somehow to get the run behind the scenes, and I could see as he led our leading lady a nice life, a pestering her with attention she didn't want, but he was that took up by himself that he couldn't get any woman especially an actress not coming to his terms in the end, yet I'm blessed if I don't think he had proposed marriage rather than have lost her; he was that hard hit. One afternoon Miss Leeland, she comes down to the theatre, and brings the 'un with her, which she never did afore."

"The little one!" I ejaculated in a puzzled tone.

"Yes, sir, her baby, as bright a child for its age as ever I see, Lor, sir, a baby more or less among us professionals doesn't count. We're not given to being too curious. But, just to relieve your feelings, sir (I presume I looked somewhat agast at this laxity of judgment) I can say as how Miss Leeland was all as was proper and a beautiful mother to her baby. The minute I see the youngster it struck me why she done it. A kinder as a check to the swell, don't you see sir? I think as how it did take him back fur a bit, when he see her holding of the baby."

"Why did she not complain to the management?" I here interrupted.

"Lor, sir, it wouldn't have been any use. He'd have thought she was playing off, although he isn't a bad sort as they go; but you'll not get a manager to cut up rough with a party as it is putting money in his pocket. You know the little court just outside the stage door? It was after the performance, and I had the baby in my arms. It quite took to me, it did, and so I couldn't resist carrying off a bit of the way home. I had a little 'un once, sir, which kinder makes me tender hearted over sich."

Here the old man rubbed the back of his hand sort of shame-faced across his eyes, as he continued in slightly husky tones:

"Well, just before we reached the stage door somebody called me. I turned back with the baby to see what was wanted, but Miss Leeland she kep' right along. Afterward, when I gets out into the court, what do I see but the swell a talking to Miss Leeland,

and just then he makes as if he'd take hold of her arm. Well, my temper was up in a minute, and I was just looking round for a safe place to put the baby, when a gentlern I'd never seen afore grab the swell by the arm flings him one side as if he'd been one of them property apples behind you, sir. Miss Leeland she turned that white, and the swell he picks himself up as mad as can be and demands to know by what right the stranger interferred. At that the gentlern quietly tucks Miss Leeland's arm under his and ses: 'By the right that every husband possesses to protect his wife; and if ever I catch you annoyin my wife again I'll break every bone in your contemptible body.' Such a look of right down happiness as there was in our leading lady's eyes at them words, but she didn't speak, even when the swell kinder slunk off, until she caught sight of the baby and me, then she just grabs the little 'un and puts her in the gentlern's arms, and I hear her say, 'Our child, Frank.'

He looked kinder surprised at first, then he just takes the two on 'em into his arms, and as I see they had all they could do to tend to each other, I slips quietly away.

"The next day she told me all about it. How he married her, a poor actress, some two years back, but wanted to keep the marriage secret for awhile, on account of his family being so set agin professionals; and she, being young and high-spirited, had kteked at not being acknowledged as his wife, and run off, just leaving a note to say as she would never live with him again until she could acknowledge her as his wife. Then she engaged with a manager who had known her before, who was in want of a walking lady to go with his company to America. And that's where the baby was born, a few months afterword. When the little 'un was about a year old, Miss Leeland, she couldn't stand the homesickness any longer, and after a bit got an engagement here at the Royalty.

"Such a nice gentlern as her husband is! He'd been hunting and avertising for her all the time, and had almost given up hopes of ever seeing her again, when he got word of a lady as answered her description: if not her name, as was playing here, which you know now, sir, turned out to be the very identical woman he was seeking. His parents sent for 'em. The baby, I take it, fetched the old folks. Anyway, they've call to be ashamed of their daughter-in-law, for she's a lady sir, every inch. Don't she bid me good-bye and thank me, as if I'd been a guardian angel or a tr, and he slipping of a £5 note into my hand? It tickled my feelings, it did, sir, and excuse me, but I'm getting kinder choked u with so much talking."

HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

When sponge-cake becomes dry it is nice to cut in thin slices and toast. To remove mildew, soak in butter-milk and spread on grass in the sun. If nutmegs are good, when protected with a pin, oil will instantly ooze out. If the oven is too hot when baking place a small dish of cold water in it.

To prevent mustard-plasters from blistering, mix with the white of an egg. For cleaning stone jars, glass cans and bottles, there is nothing better than lye.

RECIPES.

Fresh Tomatoes all Winter.—Wipe nice tomatoes dry, and pack a small stone jar two-thirds full; fill up with good lard and cover; for use, wash them in hot water.

Hickorynut Cake.—One half cup of butter, two cups of sugar, and four eggs, beaten separately; three cups of flour, one-half cup of sweet milk, two teaspoonfuls of baking powder, two cups of hickorynut meats minced, one teaspoonful extract of vanilla.

Apple Preserves.—Make a nice syrup of sugar and water, and put in it a small piece of ginger-root. Have some good apples peeled and cored.—Pippins are the best to use. When the syrup has scalded up three or four times, drop in the apples and let them remain until transparent.

Cream Cheese.—Take very thick cream and tie it up in a piece of thick calico which has just been wrung out of strong cold salt and water, and

hang it up to drip; two or three days will make it stiff enough to turn out. A little salt put into the cream when fresh will help it to keep sweet.

Parship Stew.—Three slices of salt pork, boil one hour and a half; scrape five large parsnips, cut in quarters lengthwise, add to the pork and let boil one hour, then add a few potatoes and let all boil together until the potatoes are soft; the fluid in the kettle should be about a cupful when ready to take off.

The vote in the State on Tuesday and its result conveys a lesson to the Democratic people that may be easily learned. All sorts of explanations may be indulged in as to what affect the more rigid changes in the Federal offices would have produced. But the one thought that is emphasized is that the Democratic party lacks organization and in the absence of that necessary element of success its machinery is insufficient.

The Democratic party of Pennsylvania is absolutely without organization and completely undisciplined. There is a State committee and an executive committee. There are county committees and in some places city ward and even precincts committees. But there is no harmony of action between them and no system of co-operation by which the efforts of one organization may be made to contribute to the work of the other, and there seems no inclination to establish a system of co-operation.

The leading Democrats of the State ought to devote themselves to the correction of this obvious fault in the management of the party. It is entirely clear to all who have given the subject thought that organization is essential to party success as discipline is to the correct operation of military maneuvers. For years the Democratic organization of this State has been going from bad to worse, until to-day it is simply a vast force of men held to a purpose by devotion to principle, but inefficient and powerless because of a lack of method.

Desperate Negro Ruffians.

MEYERSDALE Pa., Nov. 1.—The Negro ruffians who were discharged when work was suspended upon the South Pennsylvania road have committed numerous lawless acts in the Cumberland region. In the mountains near Sand Patch the negroes, who have a secret rendezvous somewhere in the vicinity of Fair Hope, attacked a number of farmers. The assailants were repulsed after a very hard fight. The ruffians country is very wild and lonely, and in this section, which is destitute of telegraphic communication, the ruffians have perpetrated the most heinous acts. George Griscom, a farmer, was assaulted upon the road and plundered of considerable money and valuable barns have been burned simply because the owners would not permit the blacks to sleep in them. One burly desperado entered a house a few miles from Hydman, presented a pistol at the head of the farmer's wife and demanded money. The woman screamed, which brought her two sons to her assistance. The negroes are arming to protect their lives and property.

A tramp sleeping in an engine room at Plymouth, Pa., was found dead. He had suffocated from the gas escaping from the engine.

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SHERIFF'S SALES.

By virtue of sundry writs of Fieri Facias, Levavi Facias and Venditioni Exponas, issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Centre County, Pa., and to me directed, will be exposed at Public Sale, at the Court House, in the Borough of Bellefonte, on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1885, at 11 1/2 o'clock P. M., the following property, to wit: No. 1. All that certain lot or piece of ground situate at the corner of Olive and Trout streets, containing in front or breadth on Olive street sixty feet, and in depth along Trout street two hundred feet, to a twenty feet wide alley, it being lower lot No. thirty-six (36) in town plot of Snow Shoe, it being the same lot No. 33 which was deeded to George D. Arno, by John G. Uzzle and wife by indenture dated the 9th day of January A. D. 1885, and recorded in the office for recording deeds in Centre County in Deed Book, V. O. 2 page 112, and which said John G. Arno and wife by deed dated April 1, 1881, and recorded in the office for recording deeds etc. in Centre County in deed book Y 2 page 87 granted and conveyed to Henry J. Walker, thereon erected a two story frame hotel building a large stable and other out buildings.

No. 2. All that certain lot or piece of ground situate in the town of Snow Shoe, County of Centre and State of Pa. bounded and described as follows to wit: On the north east side of Olive street and known and designated in the general plan or plat called 'Snow Shoe' and which said lot is set down as lot No. 37; being bounded on the north-west by lot No. 33, on the northeast by a twenty foot wide alley; on the south east by lot Number 38, and on the south-west by Olive street, containing in front or breadth on Olive street 60 feet and in length or depth 200 feet; said 20 feet wide alley. No buildings.

No. 3. All that certain tract of land situate in Boggs township Centre county, Pa. bounded and described as follows: wit: On the north by lands of Andrew Pitzer, on the east by lands of William Butler, and others on the south by lands of Elizabeth Foster and on the west by lands of James Craft containing One hundred and five (105) acres more or less thereon erected a two story frame dwelling house bank barn, wagon shed, corn crib, spring house and other out buildings.

Seized, taken in execution and to be sold as the property of Henry J. Walker.

No. 4. One frame dwelling house, situate in front of 18 feet 6 inches deep, two stories high, kitchen, 10x12 feet, one story high, one story high, with cellars, front by 27 feet deep, two story high, with cellars, front by 16 feet deep, one story high, one grand land 100 feet front by 36 feet 6 inches deep, and one story high, the kitchen contained in the fence surrounding the driving course and on the south side of the road, which said piece of the Borough of Philadelphia, in North township, Pa. Seized, taken in execution and to be sold as the property of the Philadelphia Park Association.

No. 5. All that certain message tramway and track situate in land situate in Centre County, Pa. bounded and described as follows: On the north by the estate of John C. Clark and lands of Wm. Stahl, on the south by land Eagle Creek and on the east by the estate of John C. Clark and others, containing 52 acres more or less thereon erected a two story frame dwelling house, log barn, corn crib, woodshed, grain house and other out buildings.

No. 6. Also all that certain parcel of land situate in said township bounded on the north by land of Simon Lingle, on the south by land of John Irwin, Jr., and on the west by land of J. G. Love et al., containing one hundred acres more or less being part of a tract conveyed in the warrant name of John Pitzer.

No. 7. Also all that certain parcel of land situate in said township bounded on the north by land of John Irwin, Jr., on the south by land of John Irwin, Jr., on the west by land of John Irwin, Jr., and on the east by land of John Irwin, Jr., containing seventy-five acres more or less being part of a tract surveyed in the warrant name of Simon Lingle.

No. 8. Also all the right, title and interest in and to all that certain piece or parcel of land situate in said township, bounded on the north by land of John Irwin, Jr., on the east by land of William Dillias; on the south by land formerly of Simon Lingle and on the west by land of John Irwin, Jr., containing thirty acres more or less, surveyed in the warrant name of Simon Lingle.

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No. 10. Also all that certain message tramway and track situate in Penn township, Centre Co., Pa. bounded and described as follows: On the north by public road; on the south by John Bowersox; on the west by Benjamin Kerstetter, containing one acre, thereon erected two houses one and a half story high, and other out buildings.

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W. MILES WALKER, Sheriff, Sheriff's Office, Bellefonte, Pa., Oct 28, 1885.

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