William, she says, after William & cirled snugly up under the blankets for the night, did you lock the front

Yes, says William, briefly. You're sure you did ?

Yes, sure. And you slipped the bolt too? Yes.

You know you forgot it once, and it gave me such a turn when I found it out the next morning. I didn't get over it for a week. We haven't much anybodyd' want to steal, I know but I don't want the little we have taken, for I-

I tell you I attended to the doors. Well, I hope so, for goodness sake. You attended to the basement doors? Yes, I tell you.

Because if you hadn't you or I one or the other, would have to get up and attend to it now. I read to-lay

I don't care what you read.

It said that a man down on P: street forgot to-I don't care if he did.

And in the night a burgular walked right in and-

I don't believe it. I've a notion to get up and see if you have locked that door. You're

How many times have I got to tell you that I did lock it?

Well, you thought you locked it that time you left it unlocked. Will you be quiet?

I don't care William, you know yourself how careless you are, and-See here, Mary Jane, this has got to end right here.

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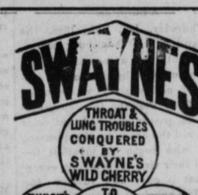
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