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 wishes of the other.
Mr. Anson, Senior, spent six months in
California, Stopping in Chicago, he acoidentally learned of the existence of a dias
tant relative of his deceased wifforb-a gitl tant relative of his deceased wife's-a girl
whose parenta hisd not long bofore died, aving the daughter dopendent on her
own exertions for support. Mr. Anson
ought her out, finding in Clara Mightmay sought her out, finding in Clara Mightmay
a pretty intelligent girl of eighteen. Ho
was charmed with her, and at once offered was charmed
her a home.
"By making your home, with us you
will add to it a social attraction, relieve it of being a bachelor's hall, and we'll be as

## The outlook was certainly alluring to

 the lonely orphan, and slie accepted theofler, returning to New. Yoric with Mr.

## Theren

## d, refurninhed, and soon became the

 cadquarters of a brilliant social elique. and Mv. Anson was proud of his prettyprotege. protege.
As the return of Robert Anson was now
daily to be expected, it may be woll to for
daily to be expected, it may be well to fol
low him on his trans-Atlantio voyage had barely embarked at Liverpool before his eyes fell upon the form of a decidedly handsome and dashing woman. $\mathbf{A}$ widow.
Not much past thirty, and at the zenith of her much past thirty, and at sho was a ravely bewildering creature. A Mrs, Morrow, , heo proved to
be, and she was alone and unprotected on her voyage, which had been mado to visit
some distant relatives in England. The steamer consumed nine days in its passage.
On the first Robert managed to gain a speaking acquaintance. On the second he
had improved it so far as to be had improved it so far as to be on easy deck by moonlight on the fourth and fifth and before the seventh their billing and
cooing had attracted the attention of the passengers. On the eighth Robort pro--
posed and was accepted, and on the ninth they reached New York. Mrs. Morrow owned a little houso in
Brooklyn, and had a modest income from property lef by her busband. To he home Robert saw her anfely conveyed and
then sought his own. The changes there astonished him, for his father had kept it
all as an agreeable surprise. "Robert," said Mr. Anson, comed him," "do you recognize the dingy
"Soarcely, father," was the reply "everything is new, bright, and cheerfal.
What does it mean " What does it mean?
"A woman."
" No , no ; but hush there comes the
ause of it all. Clura, this is my son
Possibly the widow, had the seen the impression that Chara produced on her
lover, would have felt less secure in he conquest. For Clara had improved in spirits since her residence with Mr. Anson, and the was even prettier than when sho first came there.
That night over a social bottle of wine hie father explained to his son the manner happineas she had brought to their home. "And I have formod a plian la reforence
to her," maid Mr. Ansoil, "You shail marry her."
"Imposes

## "Imposable !

Thus brought to the point, Robort con Hussed his engagement to. Mrat. Morrow.
"How old is shop" akked Mr. Anson.
"Thint" "Thirty."
People will laugh at yon. Claw is absuru People will laugh at yon. Olam is young
pretty, and I know she will love you." pretty, and I know she will
"But I love the widow."

## "Nonsense"

"There, my boy don't take offence.
only mean you have mistaken admiration
for love. That you really love a woman four years your senior, and a widow at that is absurd. You think you do, but
you don't. Not another word shall be said on the subject for one month. And at the end of the time, if yon persint in marrying
Mrs. Morrow, 1 shall marry Claza myelf? "I ugroe," replied Robert.
The month passed quickly, and at ith
close the situation waus about this: Robert close the situation was about this: Robert
was fenced between love for Clara and hif duty for the widow ; Clara was deeply in
love with Robert ; Mra. Morrow wis troublove with Robert; Mra. Morrow was troub-
led by a cortain falling off In her lover' lod by a cortain faling ofr in her lover's
ardor ; and Mr. Ansoi, who had vieadily
refised to nee the widow, hoped for the refused to see the
beit for his plan.
The father and
beit for his plan.
The hither and son mer after supper.
"Well, Robert" naid the former, "t
month in up. What have you deetded
upon doling? "Wo have always made "Certainly,"
"And I will
And I will not hide anything from you now. I love Clara, and believe she loves me ; but I am engaged to Mrs. Morrow
and caunot honorably broak the and can
ment."
"Tha

That leaves the mat
What will you do?

## "By ftir means ${ }^{\text {ot }}$

## By fhir means?" "By her own free con

"By her own froe consent."
And so the interview closed.
And the following day Mr. Anson sought
On upon learning who he was, welcomed hin
cordially. She the was and cordially. She asked hifm to be seated on
the sofa, which she also gracefully sank
upon. Mr. Anson liad made up His mind apon. Mr. Anson liad made up his mind
to bo brief and business-like ; but the gor geous widow quite upset him beforo he
even broached the subject of his son's engagement, They came to speak of him
naturally at last, however, and the wid-

> er saw his opportunity.

You lovo my son?" he began,
What a question Mr. Anson," plied, nhowing her perfect teeth
witching smile ; "am I not going
"I hope not."

## " hiope not. "aptivated him. captim.

ptivated him.
"I beg your pardon." he added, creat-
fallen. "I mean that I came to talk the matter over with you. Do you think the
match is altogether a good one on "I see," and her cyes dropped appropri
ately "you object because I am compar
"Indeed I do not. The financial aspect
of the affair has pever been considered by
The widow here pierced him with a look
me gratitude.
gratitude
"It was
It
stammered.
"In social position?" suggested the

## "No-no- "Ah!

"Ah ! I soe-you mean in ago o"
"Xes," he repliced sheepishly " you have
divined the reason, and I will be perfeotly
frinked the reason, and I will be perfeotly
fou. My son is dear to me tank win you. My son is dear to me,
and it has been the dream of my life to
see him happily married to dome beautiful see him happily ma
and loving woman
Here the widow tarned her glorious eyen full upon Mr. Ansob, and managed to show
her arm, which happened to bo encased in a loose aleove. It was a particular round
smooth arm, and as whito as poesible.
"I beg your pardon," hastily continue Mr. Anson, "I know that you
beautifal and lovable, but-"
"But I am too old-1 am thirty. Not
so very old vither, although I do feel older than Robert. My love for him has been largoly of the guardian sort-I have petted
and admired him as a mother might. And "But not exactly as he should a wife. He loves another woman-not a handsomer
or a better one, my dear madama-but or or a better one, my dear madamo-but oue
younger and better suited to be his wile."
The widow burst into tears-prosumably, at least, as she buried her oyes in her
handkerchief, and her bosom rose and fell tumultubusily. The widower's courage
guite forsook him at this, to him, unes peoted crisis. A pretty woman in tears is a melting object, and the effect upon the widower was all that Mrs. Morrow could
have desired. She sank down on the sof th her grief, very closo to him. He wanted to console her, so he took
was white, soft, and warm.
"Please don't ery", he said : "I have
"There, don't wity men" in a trembling bat musical voice; "I can bear it. I have only Robert/s welfure and happhess at heart-if he
ought to be contented."

## "Then you releaso him?

"Certainly,"
"And losea fortune-you are a noble "Woman"
and unloved. I will try to be happy in
the consciousness of hating the consoiousaess of having sacrificed my-
self for your son."
"He will appreciato your sacrifice," and
eyos. Mere Mrs. Morrow wept afreah, and her
head sapk upon the widower's, shoulder Her form shook convulaively, and he put
his arm around her walst to nupport her his arm around her walst to nupport her.
"My dear madame," he sald, "I cannot And it
you."
"Rot
"Robert," she nobbed, "I ahall never soo. him again. I have nothing lef to deWithout those, I alouild indeed be unhap
Mr. Anson drew her closes to him-ac
and prensed a kiss on her forehend.
"Yoi have both,"" he salld, "and no
"Then I mm contont. Let Robert mn
ry the girl of his choioe. I only claim the
privilege of retaining an interest in his welfare, and a corner in your esteem." widow adieu at the door step, to call again soon. And he kept his promise so well that the noxt evening found him there that the
again.
"Vict
ale hear
"Vietory "" murmured the widow, as
ahe heard him enter the hall; "he will ho heard him enter the hall; "he will
propose to me bofore ho leaves to-night.
Robert is tery Pe Robert is a dory prolly follow, but he is
consistent. The fallaer he handeome, Infatuated, with mod, atresty, anil the money
is all his. I profor tho fatbor" She proved mellable in her prediotion. had offored her hifs hand, beart, and for-
The result was a doable wedding, and Mr. Anson wis a dovoted all concernod. Mrs. Morrow made a faithful sand, and onato wife; whlle both parentally watched er the younger couple. Although so fevor asaspeeted it, and never had causo
fogret.

Didn't Like Beans."
Pobably no branch of business
affords suoh a field to the ludiorous of nature as that of the theatrical profession, two a since by a friend who is oonnected with the above profeesion is too grood to be lost and the fact of its being an actual occurrenco will give it a keener relish.
About a year ago, a troupe was started through the principal towns in the season In the oompany was the leader of the rchestra (Jake Tannerbaum,) a family of xtraction, who liked his beer and cheese, hat had a mortal horror of the yankee dish, pork and beans, Among the places they ing" town of Taunton, where the herth dish is to be found on Sunday. The boys of the troupe, aware of Jake's peouis expense, resolved to have a littlo fun at oxpense, and accordingly "put up a
him. The landlord was lot into he secret, the waiter feed, and the fan he wis politely asked by the waiter "Will you have a fow beans for break"No," was the
"Oh," said the waiter, "you must eat With a look of extrome disgunst Jake eplied: "I tole you I vont eat peans; vot's de madder, are you curays? Gif me some
dienk and fried perdaders." "Vend fried perdaden."
"Very well," said the writer, "but you
will have to wait till it is cooked ;" and nait he did for about fifteen minutes, when, ins temper gotting the best of him, he lert
the table to see the landlord, and state his grievances. No sooner was he out of the
dinigg-room than the door was locked, and Jake, not finding the landlord, was comelled to go without his breakfust. Resolved not to bo cheated out of his meal, he gor beer saloon, where he could get his fa-
vorite Bologna and beer ; but, alas : for poor Jake, the Sundiy law was in force,
and nothing was to be had ; so be bad nd nothing was to be had; so he had to
wait till noon to satisfy his appetite, which wait till noon to satisfy his appetite, which
was never poor. Well, the dinner bell sounded, and up went our hero, who, as
sofore, was met by our fuithful waiter, who bofore, was met by our fhithftal walter, who
again approached him, and smiling, said: gain approached him, and smuing, said:
"Well, Mrr. T., will you have a few beans
commence with ?" This was too much
This was too much, and the answer, not forth: "No, py tam,
ront eat peans."
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"But you must have a fow beans," per-
inted the waiter. "Mine Got in himmel, who der-11 is
oing to eat dis dímer, you or me - dat's going to eat dis dinner, you
vat I 'm drying to find oud." you can't spealk civilly, I sball not wait
upon you." apon you.
Up jumped the irate Dutchmum to again
nid the landlord, which ho didd find the landlord, which ho did, and rela-
ed his grievances, but was partially pacied his grievances, but whs partially paci-
fied on boing told that tho waiter should bo promptly diacharged, and told him to go ap stairs and got hiss dinner, while he, in he meantime, was going to take a short
ide. Back went Jake, only to find that the boys had again locked the door, and the d out, to make a more thorough nearch for omething to east, but with no better result hann before. Ashamed to come back too ime, when he again roturved to the hotel and seating himsolf in a corner, not a civil word could anybody got outof him. Shorty, supper was announoed, and Jake was one of the first at the table.
Prompt to hie cue, the waiter again went
for him ; but, before he could ank him hite

