Humorous Sketches.

FEEBLE MRS. JOHNSON.—The Detroit *Free Press* has the following in its police report:

'Have you any couphor?' she plaintively inquired as she stood before the desk.

She wasn't a feeble looking woman. No woman can look feeble until her weight has been reduced to less than 160 pounds.

'No, madam, we haven't,' replied his honor; 'we are just out of camphor.'

'My brain whirls so,' she sighed: 'and I feel so trembly and weak.'

'Can't be a fever coming on, can it?' 'I fear it is.'

'Let me see your tongue, Mrs. Johnson?'

She thrust out her tongue and he bent over the desk and surveyed it.

'Hem——hem——um. Your tongue doesn't betray your illness, madam.'

'But I feel faint.'

'Bijah may hold you up while this trial goes on or you can sit down. The charge is disturbing the peace. You came near biting your neighbor's ear off.'

'It's a lie!' she squeaked, her eyes snapping fire.

'Now, Mrs. Johnson, let me say to you that I shall insist upon lady like conduct on your part, and if I can't secure it I'll send you up without a trial.'

'Where's the neighbor?' she demanded.

'There is the man, and there is the ear,' he replied.

A small, red-headed man rose up and squeaked:

'You done it—you done it—you done it!'

'Do you say I bit your ear?'

'You did—you did—you did!'

'Oh! Mr. Judge!' she exclaimed, wringing her hands; 'I never bit a man's ear in my life!'

'It seems that you owed him money and wouldn't pay,' exclaimed the court, 'and when he called again yesterday you attacked him on the steps, pushed him down, and in the struggle which followed you bit his ear.'

'My head swims so!' she gasped.

'All of which wasn't right, and you know it,' continued the court. 'The laws of Michigan were made for small men with red hair as well as for other people, and I deem it my duty to fine you $10!'

'Did I ever!' she gasped.

'I guess you did.'

'But will you fine me $10 for nothing?'

'I will.'

She seemed about to faint, but changed her mind, pulled out a roll of money, and as she pitched an 'X' to the clerk she said:

'I'll see that red-headed man again!'

A SHREWD FARMER.—A city gentleman who had just purchased a farm in the country whistled to buy some cattle with which to stock it. He therefore attended an auction where some cows were to be sold. One of them, a remarkable fine animal, soon attraced his attention, and he bought her at a fair price. He was examining his purchase, when a farmer, who unfortunately had arrived too late to buy the cow himself as he had intended, drove up and thus accosted him:

'I say, friend, did you bid off that cow?'

'I did,' was the reply.

'Well, did you know that she had no front teeth in her upper jaw?'

'No,' replied the gentleman, indignantly. 'Is that so?'

'You can see for yourself.'

The gentleman examined the mouth of the cow, and finding no upper teeth, immediately went to the auctioneer and requested him to sell the cow again.

'What's the trouble?' asked the auctioneer.

'She hasn't any upper front teeth,' was the reply.

'Very well,' replied the auctioneer with a smile, 'I'll put her up once more.'

He did so, and the shrewd farmer who had given the information to the city gentleman bid her off at the same price.

A maiden once said, 'I'll not mate with a man who has not fortune grate.' So she pouted and waited, and scorned to be mated. She's a maiden yet—age, 48.—*New York Commercial Advertiser.* A madien once thought, 'I cannot be bought—I'll marry a man who is poor,' but the man he drank beer, died driving a 'keer,' and twelve orphans went out from her door. 'Tis better to wait and be aged 48 than to marry the average man; for there's trouble ahead for the maiden who'll wed the very first person she can.—*Louisville Courier-Journal.* A maiden once cried, 'Now, whatever betide, I'll marry a man who is wise,' but his wise views asserted, she pouted and flirted; each sickened full soon of the prize. *Scan. mag.* was the case; 'twase an 'awful disgrace,' said the judge, in decreeing divorce; and the woman's a fool who a general rule will adopt in deciding her course.—*St. Louis Republican.* But most of the girls (dash their frizzes and curls) make their minds up, quite early in life, to take any one who'll let himself be 'done,' the point is, to be some one's wife. And the poor silly chaps who are caught in their traps will find out, when it is too late, that a girl who was charming can be an alarmingly terrible, ill-tempered mate. Only this much is certain, the young man who marries will find that the fellow who will deserve all he gets—and get all he deserves, of its kind.—*Inter-Ocean.* Now the maidens all swear by their purchased back hair, they'll be blessed if they wed any scamp of a poet; especially one who at women pokes fun, and rhymes in prose form, so that no one wond know it.

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