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THE LION TAMER
I am sorry, Joe," said the wife and mother, as her husband entered, "that you have consented to advertise in the Herald for to-day."

"Why Mary?" and he looked most earnestly at her. "Because the ordinary performance is hazardous enough?"

"And that it is not the case?" "I don't know that it is," she replied, having the utmost confidence in her husband's ability; "but somehow I don't altogether fancy having Joe taken into the cage."

"You know my reason for consenting and that never would have been given had your consent not been first obtained."

"Certainly, and that was very good of you, Joe."

"That it was promised on account of my salary being raised."

"Yes," said Joe, "but—'with a smile'—'hadn't prided something to raise with it?' That is the way the professional. Each one always trying to outdo the other—running risks on that account they will not otherwise attempt."

"Well, Mary, I only gave the promise to do so once, but even now I will give it up if you say the word. I would rather pay for all the managers and be called a coward by all the rabble in the world, than cause your heart to beat with fear, or to bring tears into your eyes."

"No, no, Joe. Don't think I have raised the matter, and pride in you. No, I'm not a coward. You know I am a cowardly nervous. But you will be careful not to run any unnecessary risks?"

THE MELANCHOLY MAN
He was a melancholy, low-spirited kind of a man, with no style about him, but he bowed politely to the lady of the house who answered his ring at the door, and smiled almost sweetly at the archaic woman who was tugging at her dress.

"Dear me, I sell you a bottle of the 'Magical Instantaneous Freckle Eliminator!'" he asked, producing a bottle from a little black box with leather handles, which he held with him.

"Don't want any."

"It's a splendid article, madam—'warranted, or money cheerfully refunded.' You had better try a bottle of it."

"I don't want any I say."

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