Who was it taught my wife to bake A lost of bread or fancy cake

And appetizing dishes make? My mother-in-law. Who gave us counsel when we went

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And saved to me a nurse's bill.

My mother-in-law. Who then my little ones prepared Each more for school, who for them cared,

And all their little sorrows shared? My mother-in-law. Who was it, when their prayers were said,

So-snugly tucked them into bed And, till they slept, beside them stayed? My mother-in-law. Who of my clothing then took care?

Who overlooked my underwear And kept each garment in repair? My mother-in-law. Who comes the first to soothe my woes?

Who loves my friends and butes my foes? Who buys my children lots of clothes? My mother in law. Who off to me ber aid has lent. To buy the coal and pay the rent?

Who'd gladly sie me president? My mother-in-law. A loving grandmather is she A generous friend she's been to me

Forever honored let her be, My mother-in-law

THE ACCIDENT SEEKER. It was with anything but satisfaction that I found myself compelled, a few weeks ago to make a night journey from Skanesville to Newton Centres. The firm for which I travel was bent on opening up new "territory" and had sent me out as a pioneer. Skanesville had not developed any considerable desire for our goods, and, as its alleged " best " hotel offered a most undesirable compound of had food and worse beds, I determined to effect my escape as soon as possible. To call Skanesville a "cross-road town" would be gross flattery, for if there is such a term as a "cross ten road town." then Skanesville is entitled to that designation. It had been a difficult place to get to, but a study of railroad guides showed it was even a more difficult place to leave. This was probably the principal reason of the growth of the town-a en to boasting. Two trains left this inland paradise daily, at the convenient hours of 11:30 p. m., and 4:25 a. m. To get to Newton Centres I found I should have to change three times on the night train and four on the early morning one. As I had two heavy sample trunks, I chose the former. All Skanesville seem-to your frequent claims?" ed to go to bed at 9, so, shortly after that hour, I went down to the depot, hoping my traveling seems to be legitimate." mion. In this I was disappointed, as he combined the offices of station master ticket seller and porter. In the latter capacity, he had shortly before wrestled with my, trunks, and, when he uphappily recognized me as their proprietor, he

crushed severely all my attempts at familiarity. So I sat and smoked, and walke I and smoked, till the train arrived, which it naturally did about forty-five ninutes late. A sleeping car was an unknown luxury on that road, so I had the prospect of a pleasant " sit up," varied by the numerous waits and changes in store for me. Fortunately, though the car was pretty well filled. I found two unoccupied ents, and, having had one turned over, ! proceeded to make myself as comfortable as possible, and tried to catch a nap. My comparative case was short lived for at the next stopping place several people got on board, and though I pretended to w asleen one unfeeling individual came and sat himself on such portion of the front seat as my feet left uncovered. 1 watched him through my almost closed gave his countenance a sinister look. As There was certainly a kind of what the and after a few minutes I took my feet from the seat, pretended to rouse up, and mumbled a word of apology about havcosted that my feet did not inconvenience him. The steady glare with which he seemed to be regarding me soon became so unpleasant that I proposed he should have the seat turned over and thus avoid

"I don't mind that a bit," he said; "besides it's more dangerous."

"Yes; havent you noticed that in the

sleepers they always make up the berths Grocer, 119 Front St., New York. with the feet to the locomotive? That's because if there's a sudden jerk you are bly, in case of accident, have your skull Son. split or break your neck." "Then aren't you afraid of sitting that

way " I asked. "No. I like it."

I began to fear that I had got into the company of a lunatic. I knew there was the novel scheme of utilizing the physian asylum somewhere in the neighbor. cal force of his numerous offspring. He bood. This man's looks, particularly in dug a well upon his sand tract for the the one eye on which the dim light of the purpose of furnishing the constant irrigalamp fell, had that peculiar glitter which tion required, put in a pump and to this I had read was characteristic of the mad. geared a beam to be turned by an oscilman. And he never took that eye off latory motion. To this he attached a

time I was keeping a sharp look out lest he should develop any violent tendencies. Soon the road bed began to get so rough that a succession of sharp jerks. nearly threw me off the seat. Pretense at sleep was no longer possible, so I sat up, rubbed my eyes and remarked :

This is a pretty rough road." "You can bet it's about the worst I knew in the whole country. That's why I'm working it. But Charley Hicks is friving to-night and he's so careful I'm draid there isn't any chance."

There was no longer any doubt that the man was mad. I glanced round the car to see if there was an unoccupied seat to which I could conveniently move. There was not. I had heard it was always best to humor maniaes, so I thought I would

"It seems to me as if you wouldn't mind being in an accident," I began. Mind it! that's what I'm looking for! O Bittik 1 d ride on this miserable road for anything else?"

I was clearly in for it now, I must keep him talking and interested.

Why do you want an accident?" I beautiful asked, expecting him to tell me how he loved to hear the timbers smashing, the

glass splintering, and fairly reveled over the scene of norror and suffering. "I live on 'em," he calmly answered, "but this infernal road seems to have a

THE MOTHER IN-LAW IN REAL grudge against me. I've been working it for two months and must have spent nigh on to a hundred dollars for tickets ! and haven't made a cent. Only last week there was a beautiful smash up to this very train, and would you believe it, I was almost the only passenger who wasn't badly hurt."

I was just about to congratulate him on his escape when I unfortunately remembered his mental condition, and checked myself in time.

"How do you manage to live on accidents?" I inquired.

"Because I'm insured. Of course, it don't pay every one to get insured. Its all a lottery, but so far I've been very fortunate. Do you see that leg?" he said, poking his right out toward me.

"Feel the ankle and the foot." Now, I had no desire to investigate his anatomy, but, as I was still uncertain of

his responsibility, I complied. "It feels pretty hard," I observed, after fingering it very gently. "Don't be afraid of hurting me," he

said; "it's wood!" "Wood!" I ejaculated. "Yes, some time before my first acci- N. Y

dent-that foot was my first-a friend persuaded me to take out an accident policy. I was a professional billiardist, and I traveled about a good deal playing matches and giving exhibitions. Well, I got into a smashup, and that's the result. I got \$5,000 for that foot, but my trade was gone. I couldn't move fast enough round a table to play in public, so I hired a room and went into the business of keeping tables. It didn't pay, and I lost nearly all my money. I wasn't good for anything else, and I didn't know what to turn to. One day I struck a bright idea.

'An accident took away my living; it's only fair that accidents should keep me!" I said. So I began looking out for likely bits of road, and it wasn't much more than a month before I was on a beauty. Do you see this," he continued, pointing to the eye, the glare of which had so

"I do," I mildly answered. "It's glass. Isn't it a darling? So natural it deceives every one."

"It quite deceived me," I was able to remark, with absolute truth. "Glad you like it. I'll give you the address of the maker, in case you should ever want one or two. He's away ahead

eye was another \$1,360." "Not much for an eye?" I sympathetically murmured. "No, It wasn't enough. You see they pay \$5,000 for two eyes, and I don't think the proportion is right. But I did better next time. Feel that arm!"

I did as I was bid, and inquired if it was wood. "Papier mache!" he said, proudly fact on which the Skanesvillites were givand strength. Made by Mason, best in the biz. Go to him if you ever want anything in that line."

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don't quite know how to phrase my question delicately. A happy thought occurred to me and I said: "You've described this insurance business as a lotery; suppose you should draw the capital prize You mean 'death,' he calmly observ-

ed: "then my family, would get \$10,000. I think that's fully as much as what's left And I was quite able to agree with him.-"J. M." in The Epoch.

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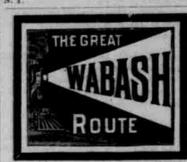
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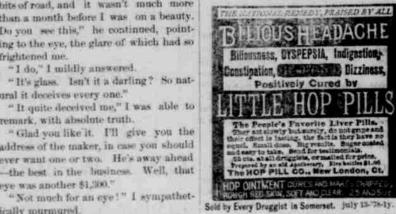




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rule, are given to looking upon every eligible man in the light of a possible lover or husband, as one young lady declared to be the case with herself, but for the reason that the majority of men very naturally dread a refusal, and consequently postpone the critical moment until confidence is inspired by a kindly encouragement of the gnarded advances they venture to make. It is an open secret that a little diplomacy is often employed to bring a cautious admirer to the point, and clever is she who so skillfully manages the delicate task that the effort is not manifest. All the world knows how Ruth schemed to capture Boax; and she was a right modest and proper damsei, too. But Ruth was a widow, and had experience, and was level-headed enough besides to see the advantage of standing by her mother-in-law; so her success is not to be wondered at. Maud Muller tried very much the same dodge later on, but it didn't work quite so well; and all the feminine world has been devising other and equally harmless little schemes ever since Ruth's triumph-and probably before-down to the famous French woman who revolved before ber parther at a ball and frankly said : "Monsieur, I desire a husband. Do you

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