

The Detroit Free Press tells this: Mr. Brasser, who lives on Ninth Avenue, has a son about twelve years old named Claudius, and the other evening his boy received permission to allow a neighbor's boy to stay with him.

From a closet they brought out a cast off suit of Brasser's clothes, stuffed them with whatever was handy, tied the mask and a straw hat on for a head, and while one boy was carefully raising the window the other was carefully tying the clothes line around the "man."

"Great bottles! but it's a robber!" and he jumped into bed.

"Theodorus Brasser, you are a fool!" screamed the wife, as he monopolized all the bed clothes to cover up his head.

"Be quiet you old jade you, and perhaps he'll go away!"

"Don't you call me jade!" she replied, reaching over and trying to find his hair.

"Get up and get the gun and blow his head off!"

"Oh! you do it!"

"Get up, you old coward," she snapped. "I'll never live with you another day if you don't do it."

Brasser turned up the lamp, sat up in bed, and cried out:

"Is that you, boys?"

"Mercy on me, get up!" yelled the wife as the straw man was knocked against the window.

"I'll blow his head off clean as milk!" said Brasser in a loud voice as he got up. He struck the stove three or four times, upset a chair, and reached behind the foot of the bed and drew out an old army musket.

"Now, then, for blood!" he continued, as he advanced to the window and lifted the curtain.

The man was there, face close to the glass, and had such a malignant expression of countenance that Brasser jumped back with a cry of alarm.

"Kill him! Shoot him down, you old noodle-head!" screamed the wife. "I will—by thunder! I will!"

replied Brasser, and he blazed away, and tore out nearly all the lower sash.

The boys up stairs uttered a yell and a groan, and Brasser jumped for the window to see if the man was down. He wasn't. He stood right there and made a leap at Brasser.

"He's coming in!—perlice!" roared the old man.

The tattered curtain permitted Mrs. Brasser to catch sight of a man jumping up and down, and she yelled:

"Theodorus, I'm going to faint!"

"Faint and be darned! Boys! perlice!" he replied walloping the sheet iron stove with the poker.

"Don't you dare talk that way to me!" shrieked the old woman recovering from her desire to faint.

"Po-leece!" now came from the boys up stairs, and while one continued to shout the other drew the man up, tore him limb from limb, and secreted the pieces.

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