

**An Affecting Story.**

An affecting story comes to us from Oakland. It appears that a wealthy, middle-aged Englishman had become somewhat jealous of his young and pretty wife, a not uncommon incident, we are sorry to say, in the lives of wealthy middle-aged men in this part of the globe. A young New Yorker, with engaging manners and a cutaway coat was the cause of his disquietude, so the disturbed Benedict concluded to try the threadbare dodge of ostensibly going up to Sacramento for a week. The second day, however, he quietly returned and let himself quietly into the house as a domestic smelling committee of one. In the library were several coats of mail brought over from the shore of Albion's ancestral home. It struck him as a happy idea that he should hide in one of these, which he managed to do with great difficulty, as the armors were clamped upright to the floor, and he had great trouble in letting himself down into one, and then screwing everything all snug and tight afterwards. This done, he awaited developments. This was in the afternoon. To his great astonishment, 9 o'clock passed without any one calling, or his wife coming down stairs. About 1 a. m. he fell asleep and began snoring. The butler thought he heard burglars about, so he came down stairs in his night-gown, with a double-barreled gun under his arm. The jealous gentleman had just begun to dream he was in bed when a handful of quail shot took him in the breast-plate, and amid his terrified shrieks, the butler promptly put the other lead into the pier-glass, under the impression that another burglar was drawing a bead on him. After the whole neighborhood was aroused the mistake was discovered, and the battered party extricated by the aid of a blacksmith. Amid the snickers of the entire assembly the chagrined man crawled up stairs to his bed-room. A small note was sticking on the pin-cushion. His wife had eloped the morning before!—*San Francisco Mail.*

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Work is your true remedy. If misfortune hits you hard you hit something else hard; pitch into something with a will. There's nothing like good solid exhausting work to cure trouble. If you have met with losses you don't want to lie awake and think about them. You want sleep—calm, sound sleep—and eat your dinner with appetite. But you can't unless you work. If you say you don't feel like work, and go loafing all day to tell Tom, Dick and Harry the story of your woes, you'll lie awake, and keep your wife awake by your tossing, spoil your temper and your breakfast next morning, and begin to-morrow feeling ten times worse than you do to-day. There are some great troubles that only time can heal, and perhaps some that can never be healed at all; but all can be helped by the great panacea, work. Try it, you who are afflicted. It is not a patent medicine. It has proved its efficiency since first Adam and Eve left behind them, with weeping, their beautiful Eden. It is an efficient remedy. All good physicians in regular standing prescribe it in cases of mental and moral disease. It operates kindly as well, leaving no disagreeable sequelae, and we assure you that we have taken a large quantity of it with most beneficial results. It will cure more complaints than any nostrum in the materia medica, and comes nearer to being a "cure-all" than any drug or compound of drugs in the market. And it will not sicken you if you do not take it sugar-coated.

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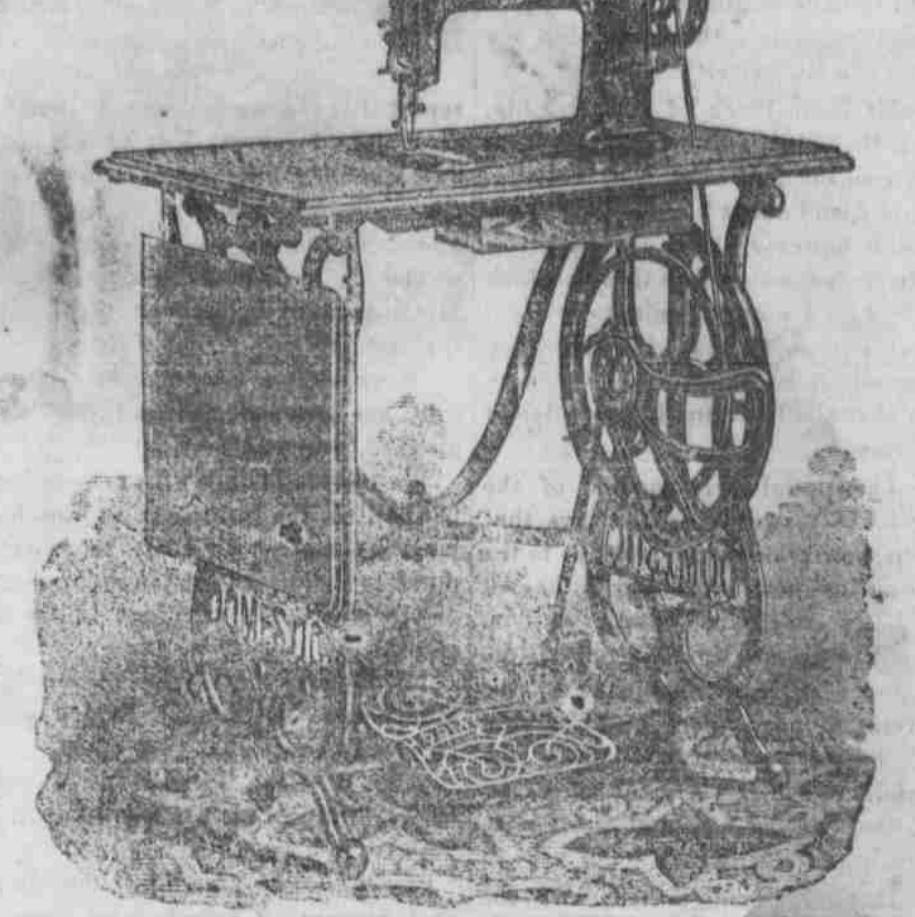
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