

"Oh, They Do." The business-like way of doing things to Chicago has even been extended to matters matrimonial. A reporter had heard that a certain Miss King could get him a wife, so he called. The room was dark as shutters and shades could make it. At first nothing was visible except a few gleams that broke through a window and fell upon an easy-chair. Toward the visitor stumbled, when a sepulchral voice bade him come in and be seated. "Do you wish to get a wife?" said the same voice. By this time the first effect of the dim light had worn off, and a figure was seen bending over a centre table. While struggling to get a view of its outlines the reporter advanced. "That is a question depending entirely upon the material you have to offer."

"Well, tell me what kind of a woman you desire, give me \$5, and I will introduce you to the lady you seek." "Suppose neither suits, do I get my money back?" "But one is sure to suit you, if you are careful to describe when you wish." "To test your virtues as a clairvoyant, suppose you tell me what I want. That may give me courage." "I can't unless I have you in a trance." "Well, here I am; put me in a trance." "Give me \$1 first." "That's too dear, considering I know what I want." "What do you want?" was asked with some impatience. "Hold on. This is a serious business. Let us not be in too much hurry. Suppose I give you \$5 and take one of your girls, and I find after giving her a trial that she is not what I want, do you guarantee an easy divorce?" "We guarantee nothing," she said with a sneer.

"Oh!" "That is, I know the ladies and know their characters, and have every reason to believe they will answer all the requirements of a good wife. These facts I learn through my skill as a clairvoyant." By this time the whole interior of the room was dimly visible. It was fitted up as a parlor, though overlooking the back yard. There was a looking-glass and several easy chairs, a sofa and a centre-table in the room. Let a trial suit that the woman who bent over the table was thickly veiled in black muslin, only the hands being exposed. One of these clasped a large palm-leaf fan, which she held before her face and hid the eyes of the visitor, so to conceal herself the more completely. The hand was small but sinewy, indicating that it had been engaged more profitably than in waving the fan. "As I desire to know before I put down my money how much your judgment is worth, I'll ask you how long you have been engaged in this business?" "Twenty years, during which I have made more than five hundred matches," was the prompt response. "Then you began it when you were between 12 and 15 years of age," I suggested.

"No, sir; I am older than you think?" "Another question. Suppose I allow you to introduce me to one of these women, how long will be allowed to know her before carrying out the plan of marriage?" "I simply introduce you. You can then do your courting at leisure." "Where do we meet first?" "Right here in my house." "Do you allow us to meet alone?" "Oh, certainly." "How long may we be free from interruption?" "Half an hour if you choose. That is long enough to hold conversation. You can then do your courting at leisure. You choose. But you don't want a wife, not on our plan. You are one of those inquisitive dudes that comes around to have fun without paying for it. Maybe you are a reporter, and she finally added, "Suppose I am."

"Well, you need not put anything in the paper. If you do, you may say our ladies do not care to marry a reporter." "Perhaps they know too much." "Oh, they do." "Climbing a Church Steeple." A man said a steeple climber cannot go up a steeple as he climbs a telegraph pole. In the first place he cannot reach around the spiral and descend on the other side. The man is shingled, a man in attempting to climb would undoubtedly meet with an accident, for the shingles, being usually decayed, would not hold the weight of his body. The way to reach the top of a steeple without the aid of a ladder or a staging would be to go inside the spire and climb to the highest point and then make an aperture. Out of this hole a piece of jist could be run, and a steeple climber could descend by means of a rope. The man could be hoisted on the outside up to the aperture; and from this point, by standing in the spire, he could place a trap around the spire, in which he could place the steeple, and by degrees reach the top. It is strange that in climbing a steeple there is an uncontrollable desire to look down. I always look up and down, and I do not believe that the mere looking down causes the dizziness. The steeple is a situation, and the fact that one is so near danger overpowers the brain and the man falls. Danger acts strangely upon a man's mind. When the effect of the reels were approaching and we were retreating, seeing wounded men arise from the ground and run as swiftly as an athlete. Sounds from the street were very indistinct to a man on a steeple. When I have reached the job I go into training. I abstain from using any intoxicants and tobacco, and I drink but little tea or coffee. I do this, not so much for myself as for those who may be in need of my services. The persistence of the magnetic property observed in certain trees is attributed to the fact that the stems and branches by lightning of small particles of iron held in suspension with other matter, which makes up what is known as the dust of the air. It has been noticed that copper when melted with salt and subsequently cooled is much tougher than ordinary copper, this being due, in all probability, to the presence of the copper oxide, which is generally present in greater or less quantities. NERAKAS is a good example in having nearly 250,000 rods of planted forests in good condition. Swiss men will turn a vast quantity of wood into lumber if given the chance besides thriving. The condition of the iron industry of Great Britain is steadily growing worse. Ship-building here occupies about 50 per cent of the total output of the industry, and it is in this branch that the most serious decline is taking place. The condition of the iron industry of Great Britain is steadily growing worse. Ship-building here occupies about 50 per cent of the total output of the industry, and it is in this branch that the most serious decline is taking place. The condition of the iron industry of Great Britain is steadily growing worse. Ship-building here occupies about 50 per cent of the total output of the industry, and it is in this branch that the most serious decline is taking place.

DOMESTIC. FLOWING WHEAT STUBBLE—Our cultural pursuits are at present in connection with an abnormal condition, or, at least, conditions underlie the surface very dissimilar to what at first appears. Over a very extensive tract of Middle West, the unusually heavy and long-continued pressure of snow and ice formed a crust of three to six inches deep, which, to some extent, protected deep-rooting plants with a jacket of central coating. In some instances this coating clung with tenacity to the roots and stems of the plants involved, and were elevated in masses to the height of several inches, forming a distinct and separate crust. This crust was not uniform, consolidated into a cake, and maintained its individuality of existence till now. It is over all surfaces not artificially protected as by mulch. When the wheat is cut and the drying winds will be all but impossible to break it up and will then be in lumps, all but unbreak-up-able till frost. Hence we advise using something that will promote a better winter weather, as by the sowing of kalmat on the stubble, and at once plow it under to facilitate decay and the consequent lightness and fertility of the soil. It has been remarked that the winter weather is anomalous in its effects on perennial plants, many that were supposed to be tender enduring a temperature of 22° below zero, while in other seasons it is higher killed. The frost is more severe than the case with the peach, mulberry, cherry, and to some extent with the pear and apple in 1864. Now, more than ever, we find hardy and tender more relative conditions than before, and the succeeding circumstances than are at first apparent. The philosophy of the farmer has a wide range, indeed. See to it in early breaking stubble. A WELL-INFORMED dairyman estimates that fully 90 per cent. of the cows of the country drop their calves between the 1st of February and the last of May. This is a very important fact, and one that the woman who bent over the table was thickly veiled in black muslin, only the hands being exposed. One of these clasped a large palm-leaf fan, which she held before her face and hid the eyes of the visitor, so to conceal herself the more completely. The hand was small but sinewy, indicating that it had been engaged more profitably than in waving the fan. "As I desire to know before I put down my money how much your judgment is worth, I'll ask you how long you have been engaged in this business?" "Twenty years, during which I have made more than five hundred matches," was the prompt response. "Then you began it when you were between 12 and 15 years of age," I suggested.

HUMOROUS. THEY GAVE a Tennessee curake three pints of whiskey to cure a snake bite, and then found he had been stung by a horned toad. The man that furnished the whiskey had to get his pay by booting the doctor and paying a fine of \$5. "Woman and Her Diseases" is the title of an interesting illustrated treatise (10 pages) sent, post-paid for three letters. Address World's Dispensary Medical Association, Buffalo, N. Y. "How is your husband-to-day, Mrs. Jones?" "He is very ill indeed." "Worse than he was?" "Oh, yes, the nurse says so." "I'm glad to hear it." "What? You can't keep him beyond their reach I think he will get well rapidly." "Yes! I shall break the engagement," she said, folding her arms and looking defiantly at the man that furnished the whiskey with him; he's as dead as a post, and talks like he had a mouthful of mud. Besides the lady he talks and spits in disgust for that; tell him to get Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy. It will cure him completely. I'll tell you, I'm glad to hear it. Now, if you can't keep him beyond their reach I think he will get well rapidly. "What? You can't keep him beyond their reach I think he will get well rapidly." "Yes! I shall break the engagement," she said, folding her arms and looking defiantly at the man that furnished the whiskey with him; he's as dead as a post, and talks like he had a mouthful of mud. Besides the lady he talks and spits in disgust for that; tell him to get Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy. It will cure him completely. I'll tell you, I'm glad to hear it. Now, if you can't keep him beyond their reach I think he will get well rapidly.

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