

What Was the Matter With Colonel Prim

(Original)

Why Colonel Prim opposed Captain Plumer in his suit for the hand of the colonel's daughter Marian no one in the garrison could find out. Before the captain evinced such aspirations his commander showed an especial partiality for the young officer, who was the most popular man at the post. The change can only be accounted for in that distaste of a father to giving up his daughter to any man.

The colonel carried his antagonism against the captain so far as to keep his eye open for derelictions of duty on the part of his inferior. Did the captain when called upon to report in person at his commander's headquarters do so with a single button on his uniform coat unbuttoned he was sure to receive a snarled reproof. Was there a speck of dirt on any of the men composing the captain's company on parade the colonel declared the whole company a disgrace to the service. Plumer soon saw the necessity of constant watchfulness, but he was very absentminded, and no care was sufficient to head off the colonel's reprimands. The whole garrison was cognizant of this injustice, and, since all the world loves a lover, every one sympathized with the captain.

One morning when Plumer was officer of the day, Colonel Prim, looking out of the window of his quarters, saw him crossing the parade without his sword. Raising the glass, he ordered his subordinates to come up. Fortunately for the captain, an officer was passing, and Plumer, borrowing his sword, hooked it to his belt, then mounted to his colonel, whom he saluted respectfully.

"Captain," growled Prim, "why in—"
He stopped short, his eyes fixed upon the sword.
"Captain," he continued in a more subdued tone, "I didn't like the appearance of the man at guard mounting this morning. Tell the sergeant that if he marches a guard on again without every man's boots being blacked I'll break him."

"Yes, colonel, I didn't see you at guard mount."

"I wasn't there, sir, but—I saw them from my window."

This was said shamelessly, for the guards' backs were turned to the colonel's quarters.

The same afternoon the colonel again saw the captain from his window passing over the parade and again without his sword. He called the delinquent officer to come up. Before his arrival Marian came into the room.

"Sis," snapped her father, "do you see Captain Plumer coming?"

"Yes, papa."

"Has he a sword?"

The girl was about to say no when she remembered that for her lover to be without a sword while on duty would be a delinquency and would incur a reprimand. Then she wondered why her father asked such a question. The result was prevarication. She looked up in feigned surprise.

"What's the matter with your eyes, papa?"

The colonel sank into a chair. "I knew it. It isn't my eyes," he moaned. "I've had queer feelings in my head lately. Something's going wrong in my brain. I saw Plumer awhile ago crossing the parade. I thought he hadn't a sword and called him up here. He had his sword. Now I see him again, and he hasn't! But he's coming up. Not a word of this."

There was a knock at the door, and the captain entered. A sword—borrowed again—hung from his belt.

"Captain," said his commander, "you may—I called you up to say—that there will be no dress parade this evening."

As soon as Plumer had gone the colonel turned to his daughter and in a faint voice said:

"Call my orderly, Sis, and send him for Todd."

Todd was the post surgeon, and Miss Prim, instead of calling the orderly, went to Surgeon Todd's quarters and told him the story about her father's sudden symptom.

"Leave him to me," said the doctor, and, first completing his uniform so as to be presentable to his colonel, he went to the latter's quarters.

"Todd," said Prim indignantly, "I'm going down hill fast," and he told the doctor all the symptoms he had and more besides.

"Colonel," said the surgeon after asking a multitude of questions, "in case this should turn out as I fear, would you leave your family in comfortable circumstances?"

"You don't mean it?" gasped Prim. "Is it as bad as that?"

"It would be no harm to put your house in order."

"I haven't a cent in the world; pay accounts discounted."

"It's a pity Marian hasn't married."

"Marry that puppy Plumer! She shall starve first."

But the doctor was an old friend of the colonel's and knew his follies. The result of the interview was that the colonel was ordered to depart the next morning on surgeon's certificate for rest and change of air, and the news of Marian Prim's engagement to Captain Plumer was promulgated by Mrs. Todd as soon as her husband rejoined her after leaving his patient.

Before the colonel's departure Surgeon Todd, it being too late for Prim to recall his consent to his daughter's wedding, told him that he need give himself no uneasiness as to his condition, for rest and change would doubtless bring him back a well man. Indeed, he returned for the wedding greatly benefited. And now—well, now he swears by his son-in-law.

WINFRED ROBERTS.

A SPIDER FIGHT.

It Was a Fast and Furious Battle to the Death.

I once had a spider pet of a kind the books enabled me to identify. He was a fine big fellow. I caught him in the garden, carried him home, and for nearly two months he and I took a close interest in each other, he for the flies I introduced to him and I for the amusement he introduced to me. I kept him in a milliner's box, letting him out when I visited him, especially delighting myself with allowing him to drop from one hand by his fine spun thread and then either catching him in the other or gently compelling him to climb back again by apparently eating his own ladder.

One day I captured another spider of the same species. I kept him for a few days in a separate box, and then, with the kindly idea of companionship, I introduced him to Tiger. I have seen dogs fight; I have seen chautieler fight and slay his man; I have seen rams fight till, with his skull crushed in, one lay dead at the foot of the other; I have seen men fight; but the fullest sense I ever realized of mad, murderous passion let ungenerously loose, centered in one destroying aim and summoning every physical energy to its devilish service, I realized when those two spiders rushed to mortal combat. I stood in boyish terror as their tangled legs dropped off, torn by mutual rage; and as with vicious dexterity they struck each other with their poisoned fangs, using for their own destruction the weapons and appliances with which nature has provided them for the capture and slaughter of their prey, I visibly turned pale.

There was the victor, but even while with brutal wrath, all mangled as he was, he bit and spurred his dead and limbless foe he was seized with symptoms I took to be paralysis, and in a minute or two I helped him to his death. And this fearless gladiator was afraid of, I remember, and never would tackle a big bluebottle fly. What is courage?—Dunlap Advertiser.

EASY DOOR FASTENERS.

Only One Kind of Lock the Expert Burglar Can't Pick.

"There's only one lock in the world that I can't open if you'll give me a few minutes at it, and as for ordinary door and drawer locks, I'll open them as easily as if there was no lock there. Any expert burglar can do the same."

The foregoing statement was made by an experienced locksmith of Kansas City.

"Few persons know how insecure their homes are," he continued. "Few persons realize that the average lock is absolutely worthless for keeping out an experienced burglar. The ordinary door lock is good for nothing but reminding casual business or social callers that they must ring to be admitted. None of these ordinary 'door fasteners,' and that's the best you can call them, will deter a burglar two whole minutes. If there's no key in the lock, he soon fits one to it. If there is a key in the lock, he inserts a pair of pliers and in ten seconds has it opened. Understand me, I am speaking of the experienced burglar. The clumsy burglar is the one who gets in trouble. He'll fumble around with a lock until somebody hears him. There is only one unpickable lock made. That's the six pin lock used by the government. It will defy any expert. There are six little steel pins in the lock, which have to be raised just a certain distance to open it. Some of the pins are one-fourth of an inch long and some of them a half inch. If one of the pins lacks even a hairbreadth of being raised the proper distance, the lock will not open. It baffles all the experts."

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THE SHREW MOUSE.

Some Queer Superstitions About a Harmless Little Animal.

The shrew, or shrew mouse, as it is commonly called, is found in nearly all parts of the world. It is distinguished by an elongated, pointed snout, small eyes, plantigrade, six-toed feet and glands that secrete a musky fluid. Altogether it closely resembles a mouse, but it is really not related to the mouse family.

When at home it is either under a pile of rubbish or in a hole which it has burrowed in the earth. It is nocturnal in its habits, but perfectly harmless, yet at one time it was much disliked and persecuted because it was thought to be a dangerous, mischievous animal. Among the Italians the notion was prevalent that the bite of a shrew was extremely poisonous. The French and the English believed that if a shrew ran over an animal's foot the animal felt great pain and eventually became paralyzed; hence if a horse, a cow or a goat became a little stiff in its limbs the foolish people at once declared it "shrew struck," and the poor shrews had to suffer in consequence.

Of course the "shrew struck" animal had to have something to cure it, so an ash tree was selected, and a deep hole was bored into its trunk. Then a shrew was captured, put alive into the hole, the hole was securely plugged, and the innocent little animal was left to die of starvation.

The ignorant believed that after such an act the ash tree had power to cure "shrew struck" animals, and whenever an animal became inactive or a little numb in its limbs its owner hurried to the "shrew ash," cut a switch from it and switched the "shrew struck" beast. The smarting caused by the switching naturally made the helpless animal move about as much as it possibly could, and in a short time it was pronounced cured.

There Were Others. "That cornet player on the third floor has remarkable endurance," remarked the casual visitor. "He has," agreed the regular boarder, "but it's nothing compared to the other boarders."—Toledo Blade.

Too Independent. Lady—And you say you have been brought to this by your wife? Tramp—Yess, lady; I got'er three good jobs and'er bloomin' independence lost'er the lot.—Punch.

Saving comes too late when you get to the bottom.—Seneca.

Bills for Legislation.

Following are some of the bills to be presented to the legislature now in session at Harrisburg:

To repeal or amend the compulsory vaccination law.

Two-cent-a-mile rate for passengers.

Sale of mileage books without excess cash deposits.

Right of eminent domain for trolley companies.

Electric lines to carry freight.

Creating a State railroad commissioner to enforce the seventeenth article of the Constitution.

Prohibiting railroads owning and operating coal mines.

The Pennsylvania State Editorial Association will ask for the repeal of the objectionable features of the Pen-nypacker "muzzle" bill, and no serious opposition is anticipated.

The State Sportsmen's Association will ask for a \$1-a-year license tax on all hunters. The revenue to be used in protecting and propagating game.

To prohibit children under 15 years from attending theaters.

To make the public school appropriation \$7,000,000 a year instead of \$5,500,000.

To exempt horses and cattle from taxation.

To tax real estate of public service corporations.

To elect United States Senators by popular vote.

To correct imperfections in personal registration and uniform primary laws.

To permit fishing on Sundays.

To provide for employers' liability.

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THE AMERICAN MAGAZINE

Has Changed Hands.—For 30 years it was Leslie's Popular Monthly.

Ida M. Tarball, who wrote Lincoln and the famous "Story of Rockefeller"; William Allen White, the well known Kansas editor; F. P. Dunne, creator of "Mr. Dooley"; Ray Stannard Baker, author of "Railroads on Trial," and Lincoln Steffens, of "The Shame of the Cities" fame, are under the leadership of John S. Phillips, now editing The American Magazine.

Never before has such a brilliant group been gathered together, and they are not only contributing themselves, but are filling the magazine with the very best novels and short stories and great timely articles by other famous writers and beautiful pictures by great artists.

A GREAT BARGAIN.

The regular price for the twelve numbers of The American Magazine is \$1.20—little enough as it is, but for a limited time you can get the November and December, 1906, numbers, with a full year's subscription for 1907, for a dollar, or

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Mr. August Sherpe, the popular overseer of the poor, at Fort Madison, Ia., says: "Dr. King's New Life Pills are rightly named; they act more agreeably, do more good and make one feel better than any other laxative. Guaranteed to cure biliousness and constipation. 25c at Stokes & Felcht Drug Co. store Reynoldsville and Sykesville."

A fund of one hundred thousand dollars has been subscribed by the business men of Philadelphia for the purpose of entertaining the Elks when they hold their annual reunion and convention in that city next July.

NOTICE OF AN ELECTION

For the purpose of obtaining the assent of the electors of the Borough of Reynoldsville, TO INCREASE THE INDEBTEDNESS THEREOF.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that in pursuance of ordinance No. 119, passed by the Council of Reynoldsville Borough, and approved by the Burgess thereof, on December 16th, 1906, entitled "An Ordinance for the purpose of acquiring the assent of the electors of Reynoldsville Borough, to increase the indebtedness of said Borough, in the sum of Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars, for the purpose of grading, curbing and paving Main street from the end of the brick pavement at Seventh street to the Winslow township line, near Cool Spring Hollow," a public election will be held in and for the Borough of Reynoldsville, County of Jefferson and State of Pennsylvania, on Tuesday the 19th day of February, A. D. 1907, between the hours of 7 a. m. and 7 p. m., for the purpose of obtaining the assent of the electors of said Borough to a TEN THOUSAND DOLLAR increase of the indebtedness thereof; that said Election shall be held under the same regulations provided by law for the holding of Municipal Elections in said Borough, in Precinct No. 1, thereof, in the Municipal Building on Main street therein, and in Precinct No. 2, thereof, in the Municipal Building on the corner of Willow and Swamp alleys therein, on the day and between the hours aforesaid, said places and times being the places and time provided by law for the holding of Municipal Elections in said Borough.

The following is a statement of the amount of the last assessed valuation, the amount of the existing debt, the amount and percentage of the proposed increase and the purpose for which the indebtedness is to be increased, viz: Amt. of Last Assessed Valuation, \$93,616.69 Amount of Existing Debt, \$13,273.96 Amount of Proposed Increase, \$10,000.00 Percentage of Proposed Increase, 1.0674%

The purpose for which the indebtedness is to be increased is for grading, curbing and paving that portion of Main street lying between the end of the present brick pavement at Seventh Street, on the West, and the line between Winslow Township and said Borough, near Cool Spring Hollow, where said street coincides with a public road in said Township, on the East.

J. B. NEALE, Pres. of Council.

Attest: L. J. McENTIRE, Clerk of Council. L. L. GOURLEY, Burgess.

Kemp's Balsam

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KEMP'S BALSAM cures coughs, colds, bronchitis, grip, asthma and consumption in first stages.

It does not contain alcohol, opium, morphine, or any other narcotic, poisonous or harmful drug.

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The Maddening Disease, Rheumatism, Easily Cured With URIC-O.

It might interest Rheumatic sufferers of this country to learn the wonderful work that URIC-O is doing towards the relief and cure of this dreaded disease. Letters of praise are received daily from men and women who have used the remedy with the greatest success. The manufacturers of this wonderful Specific have never solicited a testimonial or a word of praise from people who have used the remedy. Yet, letters like the one given below are being received from both old and young.

Mr. Reuben Whipple, grocery clerk of Glen Falls, N. Y., says: "I was laid up with severe form of Rheumatism, and was confined to my room for nine weeks. A sample of URIC-O and one regular dose worked a wonderful change in me. It has entirely cured my Rheumatism, and I am now able to go about my work again. I recommended the remedy to my brother, Harris, of East Lake George, who was unable to walk. He had taken every possible treatment, and spent hundreds of dollars, but had found no relief. He is taking URIC-O, and is improving rapidly, and able to be out around. I will continue to recommend URIC-O as it certainly is a wonderful remedy."

URIC-O is sold by Druggists generally at \$1.00 per bottle, or it will be sent by the SMITH DRUG COMPANY, of SYRACUSE, N. Y., upon receipt of price. Liberal size samples and circulars will be mailed free to all who apply for same.

URIC-O is sold in Reynoldsville by the Stokes & Felcht Drug Co.

SHERIFF'S SALES.

By virtue of certain writs of Fieri Facias etc., issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Jefferson county, Pa., and to me directed, I will expose to public sale or outcry, at the Court House, in the Borough of Brookville, Pa., on

Friday, January 11th, 1907.

At 10 o'clock, p. m., the following described Real Estate, to-wit:

All the defendants' right, title, interest and claim of, in and to all that certain piece or parcel of land situated on Phillips street, in the Borough of Reynoldsville and numbered on the plan of said Borough as lots No. 49 and 58 and containing in all 23,899 square feet (more or less) the same being a part of a tract of land conveyed to Thomas Reynolds, Sr., by Orlando Gray and Kellene, his wife, by their Indenture bearing date August 19th, 1864, duly recorded at Brookville, Pa., on May 15, 1885, and Julia Reynolds, widow of Thomas Reynolds Sr., deceased, did in and by her last will and testament, duly proven and recorded in the office of the Register of Wills in and for Jefferson county, give, devise and bequeath the same unto Margaret Gorsline and Thomas Reynolds, reference being had to said records will more fully and at large appear, now said Julia Reynolds by said Margaret Gorsline and Thomas Reynolds by said Margaret Gorsline and Thomas Reynolds by deed bearing date June 1st, 1884, recorded in the office of the Register of Wills in and for Jefferson county in Deed Book Vol. 57, page 545, having thereon erected a two-story, 5 roomed dwelling-house, wash house, barn and other necessary outbuildings, situated on said Phillips street and to be sold as the property of Martha A. Frye and Aaron Frye, her husband, at the suit of Frank Hahnke.

Several Facies, No. 14.

ALSO—All the defendants' right, title, interest and claim of, in and to all that certain piece, parcel, tract or lot of land situated in the Borough of Reynoldsville, county of Jefferson and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Bounded on the north by Jackson street forty (40) feet; on the east by lot No. 11 one hundred and forty (140) feet, more or less; on the south by lot No. 12 one hundred and forty (140) feet, more or less; on the west by lot No. 10 one hundred and forty (140) feet, more or less, being lot No. 7 in Thomas Swanson's plot, excepting and reserving as to the same the rights, having thereon erected a frame dwelling house 14x28 feet, 16 feet high, 1.14 feet square, 10 feet high, good stone wall and cellar, good well, necessary outbuildings, etc. Seized and taken in execution and to be sold as the property of C. A. Lundsten and Annette Lundsten, his wife, at the suit of Home Building and Loan Association.

Alias Fi. Fa. No. 16. W. W. WINDLOW.

ALSO—All the defendants' right, title, interest and claim of, in and to all that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of Antin, township of McCalmont county of Jefferson and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a point on the north side of the line between Antin and Panic; thence nearly north along lot No. 6 two hundred feet, more or less, to a post; thence south 81 deg. 40 min. east along an alley fifty feet, to the same line; thence nearly south along lot No. 5 one hundred and sixty feet, more or less, to a post; thence south 59 deg. 35 min. west along a public road sixty feet to the beginning containing 9,999 square feet, more or less, being lot No. 7 in Thomas Swanson's plot, excepting and reserving as to the same the rights, having thereon erected a frame dwelling house 14x28 feet, 16 feet high, 1.14 feet square, 10 feet high, good stone wall and cellar, good well, necessary outbuildings, etc. Seized and taken in execution and to be sold as the property of C. A. Lundsten and Annette Lundsten, his wife, at the suit of Home Building and Loan Association.

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ALSO—All the defendants' right, title, interest and claim of, in and to all that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of Pinecreek, county of Jefferson and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: On the north by lot of Gardner & Fullinwider, by the lands of Coleman; on the south by lands of Shaffer; and on the west by other lands now owned by Sarah Baum, containing one hundred and forty five acres, more or less, or less. It being a part of a larger tract of land conveyed by John S. Barr, High Sheriff of Jefferson county, to the same Sarah Baum by deed of December 14th, 1875, recorded in the office of the Recording of Deeds in and for the county of Jefferson, in Deed Book No. 27, page 494. See deed from John S. Barr, Treasurer, to A. C. White, dated September 17th, 1874, with assignment thereon by A. C. White and wife to said Sarah Baum, December 14th, 1875, recorded in the office of the Recording of Deeds in and for the county of Jefferson county Deed Book No. 67, page 494; and by Sarah Baum and Peter Baum to John Baum by deed dated June 24, 1884, recorded in Jefferson county Deed Book No. 65, page 306. Excepting and reserving out of the operations of this conveyance the following described piece of land, being a part of the above mentioned and last recited tract: All that certain piece of land, situated, lying and being in said township of Pinecreek, Jefferson county, Pennsylvania, and bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a post, being the southwest corner, thence by lands of Mary Shaffer north 81 degrees 40 minutes east to a stone; thence by other lands owned by John Baum, south 81 degrees 40 minutes east to a stone; thence north and fourteen perches to a post; thence by land of H. Fuller west nineteen perches to the place of beginning, containing twenty acres and one hundred and thirty-four perches strict measure, the same having been conveyed to Alexander Kennedy by deed of John H. Baum and wife, granted, by their deed dated the 13th day of March, 1890, and recorded in Jefferson county Deed Book No. 78, page 219. Having thereon erected a two-story dwelling house, barn and other necessary outbuildings.

Seized and taken in execution and to be sold as the property of John H. Baum at the suit of E. B. Connor, Surviving Executor of Isaac Baum, deceased.

Fi. Fa. No. 1.

ALSO—As the property of John H. Baum at the suit of Sarah P. Moore, for the use of E. Weiser.

Fi. Fa. No. 12.

ALSO—As the property of J. H. Baum at the suit of A. J. Oswald, for use of E. Weiser.

Fi. Fa. No. 11.

Also on Friday, January 11, 1907.

At 10 o'clock p. m. the following described

Real Estate, to-wit:

All the defendants' right, title, interest and claim of, in and to all that certain piece or parcel of tract of land situated in the Township of Perry, County of Jefferson and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows to-wit: Beginning at a white oak tree on the north side of the line between degrees East 134 perches to a post; thence North sixty-two and one-half (62 1/2) degrees East 88 perches to Mahoning creek, up said creek to a post; thence North twenty-nine (29) degrees West 8 perches to a hickory; thence West 75 perches to the place of beginning, containing 30 acres and 10 perches, strict measure. Also bounded on the North by land of J. C. Neal; on the East by land of J. C. Neal and Mahoning creek; on the South by land of Ollie Hoser; on the West by land formerly R. S. Hoser and C. J. Hoser, now James and Clara Neal. Being land described in deed of D. M. Hoser, et al., to R. S. Hoser, recorded in Deed Book No. 86, page 80, dated April 30, 1892, and same premises which J. W. Curry, Sheriff of Jefferson County, by deed, sold under his hand and seal duly executed, bearing date of the 8th day of April, A. D., 1904, did for the consideration therein mentioned grant and confirm unto the said Rebecca A. Hoser, party hereto of the first part, her heirs and assigns in fee simple, the same having been taken in execution and sold as the property of Rebecca A. Hoser, widow, and B. Sharpe Hoser, administrator of R. S. Hoser, deceased, and Mrs. A. B. Gewart, et al., heirs of R. S. Hoser, deceased, as by reference to said deed, duly entered in the prothonotary's Office of the county aforesaid in Sheriff's Deed Docket No. 3, page 223, etc., will more fully appear. Having thereon erected a two-story dwelling house, barn, spring-house (good spring) and other necessary outbuildings. Seized and taken in execution and to be sold as the property of Rebecca A. Hoser at the suit of C. S. Mitchell, Fi. Fa. No. 17.

LEX. S. MITCHELL.

TERMS: The following must be strictly complied with when property is stricken down:

1. When the plaintiff or other lien creditors become the purchaser, the cost on the writs must be paid, and a list of liens, including mortgage searches on the property sold, together with such lien creditor's receipt for the amount of the proceeds of the sale or such proportion thereof as he may claim must be furnished to the Sheriff.

*See Parson's digest, 9th Ed., page 448. *Sheriff's form page 4.

2. All bids must be paid in full.

All sales not settled immediately will be continued until ten o'clock, p. m., of day of sale, at which time all property not settled for will again be put up and sold at the expense and risk of the person to whom first sold. All writs stricken or being advertised, the cost of advertising must be paid.

GRANT SCHEAFNOCKER, Sheriff.

December 30, 1906.