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"Dis von a new play is, about a man yot vas out rowing und got capsized and swims by Blackwell's Island and haves nothings to eat but desert. He almosts starves by dat diet, ven von day a man is sailing over the Island in a balloon und sees de man, and he throws down some sandwiches vot he has in the balloon and the man is saved. But ven..."

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"Shakey, dot takes you too long to say yot you saw. De Sherman poet, Shookspoke, says dat 'brevity is de soul of wit.' Remember dot, my son," and then he went on with a half hour lecture on the subject.

The next day the two Dinklemans were busilve engaged in arranging a new stock of secondhand overcoats, when the old fellow looked up and his face grew pale. Just outside the door he saw a man crossing the street who he knew was coming to collect a bill.

"Mine Gott, he whispered, trembling. "Shakey, here comes Silverstone to collect dat \$200 bill yot I promised to pay to-day. I can't spare dat money so soon. I have a scheme. Hide your-self und I give him a ghost story."

Jakey slid under the table not a second too soon, for just then the collector entered.

"Good morning, Mr. Dinkleman," he said. "I came to collect my little bill of \$300."

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"Ah, my good friend, I expected you," said old Dinkleman, rubbing his hands together gleefully at the thought of how he would fool Silverstone. "I have just sent my son Shakey up town to collect some money und ven he comes back I pay you. Vill you sit down und vait for him?"

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"How soon do you expect him?"

"Oh, in about an hour."

"Well, I guess I'll let you send it over. There is no need of my waiting."

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"Say, Mr. Silverstone, vos you by the glaziers' ball last night?"

Silverstone said that he was and came back and sat down in the only chair in the store and commenced to tell all about it. When he had exhausted one subject Dinkleman would start him on another and, in fact, did as much talking as Silverstone. So, in this way, they got over the divided skirt question, the Cohens' failure and numerous other things in about half an hour.

In the meantime, Jakey was cramped up under the table wishing Silverstone would go and cursing his father under his breath because he persisted in keeping up the conversation.

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"Vat vas dot fader said yesterday about brevity? Oh, yes; brevity is the soul of wit. 'My son,' he said, 'say everything in so few words as possible, Und ven I speak too long remind me of it.' Veil, I say me nothings now, but ven Silverstone goes I tells him somethings. Oh, gosh, my feet's asleep. If dey don't come off soon I—"

Dinkleman had started to tell about the time he was in Europe. He was never known to get over the story in less than an hour and a half. Jakey felt sure that he would die before he got through. Cantiously he put out his hand and gave his father's pants leg a pull, but he paid no attention, Again he pulled; the same result.

Silverstone jumped back with fright and Dinkleman trembled with rage as from under the table came the words:

"Fader, break it off. Brevities is de soul of wits."

But Dinkleman was equal to the occasion. "Vat make you so stay long away, Shakey?" he asked, "and how you get there, eh? Ah, you joker. Come dis way, Mr. Silverstone, und I pay you dot bill. Dree hundred dollar, dat's right. Good day, sir, good day."

And as the door closed he looked around to give vent to his wrath on Jakey, but he was gone.—New York Mercury.

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John W. Maskay, the bonauza king, is as shy as a school girl, makes no presense of wealth, keeps his own counsel, theers clear of reporters and was never known to give an interview for publication. He never answers any of the thousand begging letters that come to him in the course of a month, pays no attention to what his neighbors are doing, but rather minds his own business—a unique proceeding in this day. How much money he is worth is still a topic of speculation. His fortune is placed anywhere from \$80,000,000 to \$200,000,000. Perhaps the first sum is nearer the truth. But nobody will ever know until he dies. He has no confidants. He is result yhe last of the Big Four who ruled the mines of the West for so many years.

There is one topic on which Mr. Mackay talks to his most intimate friends. This is his wife. He is as much in love with her to-day as ever. There is nothing that delights him quite so much as to read of her social successes abroad. That she should have conquered even among queens in the Old World is no small feather in the cap of one who was once a lowly woman in a mining camp. Mr. Mackay is proud of her, but he laughs at the newspaper reports of the ridiculously large sums that she is supposed to squander on her entertainments abroad. And well he may; for while Mrs. Mackay entertains lavishly, she is not extravarant.

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Murphy showed his white teeth in a smile of acquiescence, and then in a low tone informed the ladies in Baldwin's party that he would "make the old man faint away."

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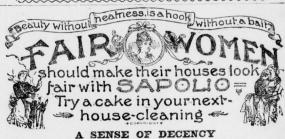
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