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**A Pitiable Creature.**

If there is a man on earth to be pitied it is he who is afraid of his wife. There is something very sad and at the same time a trifle ludicrous about such a case. To see man, who has always styled himself the master, meekly following the advice and obeying the dictum of one of the so-called "weaker sex" must do the hearts of some "new women" an infinite deal of good. I doubt, says a writer in the Philadelphia Times, if a woman ever respects a man whom she can twist about her little finger or one of those men who are subservient to her every beck and call, and who acts afraid of her. Neither, on the other hand, do most women like the tyrannical description of spouses. A happy medium is the approved style, but it's very hard to find one of the sort. Men nowadays are either too meek and mild, or else too tyrannical to suit an up-to-date woman.

The New York legislature at its last session enacted a law which has just gone into effect, the object of which is to prevent telephone operators from injudicious talking. The act makes it a misdemeanor for any telegraph or telephone operator to divulge the contents of any message received or transmitted by him or her in the regular course of business, or for any person to obtain or seek to obtain such information. This statute is an amendment to a law enacted some years ago, which applied only to telegraph messages, the telephone being then an undiscovered boon in the custody of the future.

A CHICAGO man is bringing suit against the Order of Foresters for injuries received by being tossed in a blanket. His leg was broken and he thinks it will take ten thousand dollars to mend it comfortably. While the injury resulted in a purely accidental manner it was nevertheless brought about by the reprehensible "hoss play" so frequently indulged in by asinine members of "secret" societies. Such "work" should be left to the hazing societies of the colleges.

So MANY sheriffs in the west and south have lately added bloodhounds to their force of criminal trackers that the price of the animals is increasing, and the raising of them is becoming quite a business, notably, perhaps, in Kentucky. One hundred dollars is said to be an average price for a good bloodhound pup now.

An aged couple of Kennebec, Me., recently had a serious disagreement and a little later got a divorce. But living apart after living together so many years threw everything so out of joint, and made both so lonesome and miserable, that they made up in a very short time and were remarried.

An Oconto (Wis.) farmer, failing to get an offer for his load of potatoes, dumped them into the river, whereupon he was arrested and fined fifteen dollars for the fact. Evidently a man can not do as he listeth with his own spuds in Oconto.

INDIANA is taking steps to hold a midcontinent exposition in the year 1900 as a centennial celebration of the organization of Indiana as a territory of the United States, embracing at that time all of the northwest beyond Ohio. The territory was born July 4, 1800, and Gen. W. H. Harrison, the future president, was its governor for the next eleven years. The state was admitted in 1816.

They are telling a good joke on Gov. O'Fallon down in Virginia. It seems that on the day the Texas legislature passed the act prohibiting prize fighting he sent a telegram of congratulation to Gov. Culberson, and that on that very day a big prize fight took place in Jackson City, Va.

A PECULIAR, Puritan-like sentence was imposed on three offenders in Norristown, Pa., a few days ago. They were accused of assault and battery, and were released on their promise to accompany their accuser to church on each of the twelve next succeeding Sundays.

A WOMAN station agent on a California railroad successfully stood off two robbers with a revolver the other day. If all male officials were as well-plucked, there would be fewer station and train robberies. It takes the "new" woman to get the "drop" on male-factors.

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