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There is no rise in the prices here. In fact some of the very best bargains we have ever shown in Dry Goods since we have been in business are to be found on our center counters this Spring. Early last Winter we were fortunate in securing a large lot of White Goods, P. K's., India Linens, Lawns and Dimities, as well as some very special values in new figured Lawns and Organdies. Many of these are marked at prices really less than they are selling for at the mills to-day. The weather of the past week sets us thinking seriously of these goods, and we offer you an opportunity to fill your wants at a saving.

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Lot White P. K., 12½ cent quality, while it lasts 10 cents.

Special lot of extra fine P. K., worth 15 and 20 cents, while this lot lasts 12½ cents.

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Special lot of Plaid Nainsook at 6, 8 and 10 cents, worth 50 per cent. more.

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Special lot of fine French Ginghams, worth 20 and 25 cents, only 15 Cents.

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A GRAND EXHIBIT

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50 dozen Men's Cottonade Working Pants at 50 and 75 cents.

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GRAND MAY SALE OF FINE RIBBONS.

500 pieces of lovely pure Silk Ribbons are to-day put on special sale at manufacturers' prices. Every yard new and desirable, including all the most wanted Ribbons of to-day. A hint below.

One hundred pieces All Silk Taffeta Ribbons, every wanted shade, 2 inches wide, instead of 15c we say 10c yd.

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One hundred pieces Fine Silk Taffeta and Satin Ribbons, in all colors and black, full 30c and 35c values, at 19c yd.

One hundred pieces Finest All Silk Taffeta, Satin and Mouseline Ribbons, every shade and black, 5 inches wide, usual price 40c, some 50c, to-day only 25c yd.

Fifty pieces Handsome 5 inch Ottoman Ribbon in all the newest pastel shades, actual value 60c to 75c, for a day or two we will sell these at only 35c yd.

200 pieces new Black Velvet Ribbon, in all widths, Satin or Linen back, at manufacturer's prices.

The Ribbons will be conveniently placed on center tables of our first floor store. Be very prompt—these values will create quite a flurry in Ribbons.

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Sixty very handsome Tailored Suits, all the new cloths and very latest styles in black, blue, tan and gray.

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Special Ladies' Sample Shoes. 72 pairs Ladies' Dongola Shoes, in Button and Lace, tip of same and patent Tip, regular $2.00 grade, for $1.50. Everything new and up-to-date in Shoes, Hats, Caps, Shirts, Collars, Neckties, Underwear, Suspenders, Working Pants, &c. Call and examine our stock.

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Hats—yes, we have them direct from the New York designer, in all the latest effects. We pay the freight, you get the savings.

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MICHAEL E WALSH,
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW.
Office No. 17 East Main St., Westminster.

PUBLIC LOCAL LAW.

Relating to Taneytown.

CHAPTER 305.

AN ACT to repeal the One Hundred and Forty-fourth Section of Article Seven of Code of Public Local Laws of the State of Maryland, relating to the town of Taneytown, in Carroll County, and to re-enact the same in an amended or different form.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, that Section one hundred and forty-four of Article seven of Code of Public Local Laws of the State of Maryland, relating to the town of Taneytown, in Carroll County, be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted so as to read as follows.

144. The corporate limits of said town of Taneytown shall begin at a limestone on the east side of the road leading from Taneytown to Uniontown, at the corner of John Beard's lot, and running thence with a line of said lot north, sixty-two and three-quarter degrees, east, eighteen and two-tenths perches to a limestone at the end of one of the lines of said lot; thence across the lands of Adam Clark, north, ten and three-quarter degrees, east, fifty-four perches to the east side of the road leading from Taneytown to Sell's (formerly Roberts) mill; thence across the land of Calvin Fringer and John W. Stouffer, north, nine and three-quarter degrees, east, fifty-one and one-tenth perches to the centre of the track of what was formerly known as the Frederick and Pennsylvania Line Railroad, but now known as the Frederick Division of the Pennsylvania Railroad; thence along the east side of a thirty foot road, north, thirty-five and one-half degrees, west, forty-three and one-fourth perches to the middle of the road leading from Taneytown to Littlestown; thence along the middle of said road, north, fifty-six and three-quarter degrees, west, eighteen and nine-tenths perches; thence north, thirty-three and one-half degrees, west, forty and six-tenths perches to the end of the second line of the Lutheran graveyard to a stone planted; thence with the third line of said graveyard, north, thirty-four and three-quarter degrees, west, twenty-one and six-tenths perches; thence south, fifty-six and one-half degrees, west, twenty-one perches to a stone formerly planted, standing at the end of the seventh line of the Corporate limits of Taneytown, as incorporated in the year eighteen hundred and eighty-four, by Act of the General Assembly of Maryland; thence with said Corporate limits as at that time established, north, sixty-nine and three-quarter degrees, west, forty perches to a stone, south, forty-eight and three-fourths degrees, west, twenty-four perches to a stone, south, thirty-eight degrees, west, fifty-three perches to the north-west corner of the Reformed Cemetery; thence along the west side thereof, south, seven and one-half degrees, west, twenty perches to an alley; thence south, forty-six and three-quarter degrees, east, sixty-seven and three-tenths perches to the south west corner of the Catholic Cemetery; thence south, thirty-seven and one-half degrees, east, seventy and one-half perches to stone, on the south west side of the embankment of the railroad aforesaid; thence south seventy-nine and one-half degrees, east, sixty-two and eight-tenths perches to the place of beginning, provided however, that for all sanitary and police regulation the authority and control of said corporation shall extend for one-fourth of a mile in every direction beyond the aforesaid limits.

Section 2. And be it enacted, That all laws inconsistent with or repugnant to the provisions of this Act be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency, and this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 7th, 1900.
JOHN WALTER SMITH,
Governor.
JOHN HUBNER,
President of the Senate.
LLOYD WILKINSON,
Speaker of the House of Delegates.

Office of the Chief Clerk House of Delegates; I hereby certify, That the aforegoing is a true copy of an Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed at the January Session, 1900.
B. L. SMITH,
Chief Clerk of the House of Delegates.

Assignee of Mortgagees' Sale OF A DESIRABLE FARM,

near Haight Post Office, in Freedom District, Carroll County, Maryland.

BY virtue of the power contained in two mortgages from John H. Lauterbach and Margaretta B. Lauterbach, his wife, one to Johann Paulus Schmidt and Elizabeth Schmidt, his wife, dated May 18th, A. D., 1883, recorded among the Real Estate Mortgage Records of Carroll county, in Liber F. T. S. No. 19, folio 362 &c., and the other one to Henry C. Luttgerding, dated September 11th, A. D., 1891, recorded as aforesaid in Liber B. F. C. No. 31, folio 155 &c., and both duly assigned to the undersigned, I will sell at Public Sale, to the highest bidder, at the Court House Door in Westminster, Carroll county, Maryland, on

TUESDAY, 8th DAY OF MAY,

A. D. 1900, at 2 o'clock, P. M., all the land described in and conveyed by said two mortgages, containing

142 ACRES, More or Less.

The improvements thereon consist of a large and comfortable two-story log and weather-boarded Dwelling House, Frame Barn, with threshing floor and ample stabling; Corn House, with Wagon Shed attached; Meat House, Hennery, Spring House and other outbuildings; excellent water convenient to the dwelling house and stream of running water near the barn. All the buildings are in good repair. There is a young orchard of apple and other fruit trees in bearing condition on the farm. There is a due proportion of wood and meadow land.

The land is in an excellent state of cultivation and produces good crops.

This property is desirably situated on the county road leading from the Baltimore and Liberty Turnpike Road to Haight Postoffice, in Freedom district, Carroll county, Maryland, about one-quarter of a mile distant from Haight Postoffice and about ¼ of a mile from said turnpike road, and is now in the occupancy of the said John H. Lauterbach. It adjoins the land known as the Ireland Farm, now owned by Mr. George B. Wade. It also adjoins the lands of Mr. Phillip R. Haight, Miss Belle Allen and others. This is a desirable property and well worthy the attention of purchasers.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash; or if desired by the purchaser or purchasers the following credit terms will be given: One-third cash on the day of sale or upon the ratification thereof, one-third in 6 months and the balance in 12 months from the day of sale, the credit payments to be secured by the notes of the purchaser or purchasers, with approved security bearing interest from the day of sale. A cash deposit of $300 will be required from the purchaser or purchasers on the day of sale.

CHARLES T. REIFSNIDER, Jr.,
Assignee of Mortgagees.
Reifsnider & Grimes, Solicitors for Assignee of Mortgagees.
Wm. T. Wilson, Auctioneer. ap 14-ts

NO. 3754 EQUITY.

In the Circuit Court for Carroll County.

Andrew D. Reese, in his capacity and as administrator de bonis non, with the will annexed of David Reese, deceased, vs. Andrew D. Reese and Horace G. Reese, executors of the last will and testament of Sarah C. Reese, deceased, and others.

Ordered, this 27th day of April, A. D 1900, that the account of the Auditor filed in this cause be finally ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 14th day of May next; provided a copy of this order be inserted for two successive weeks before the last named day in some newspaper published in Carroll county.

JAS. H. BILLINGSLEA, Clerk.

True copy.—Test:
ap-24-2t JAS. H. BILLINGSLEA, Clerk.

NO. 3775 EQUITY.

In the Circuit Court for Carroll County.

Columbus A. Shipley, administrator of John C. Shipley, deceased mortgagee, vs. Owen Pennington, mortgagor.

Ordered this 23rd day of April, A. D. 1900, that the account of the Auditor filed in this cause be finally ratified and confirmed unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 14th day of May next; provided a copy of this order be inserted for two successive weeks before the last named day in some newspaper published in Carroll county.

JAMES H. BILLINGSLEA, Clerk.

True copy.—Test:
ap-28-2t JAS. H. BILLINGSLEA, Clerk.

PUBLIC LOCAL LAW.

To Issue Bonds to Liquidate the Indebtedness of the School Commissioners.

CHAPTER 242.

AN ACT to authorize the County Commissioners of Carroll County to issue bonds to Liquidate the Indebtedness of the School Commissioners of said County.

Whereas, the Board of School Commissioners of Carroll County, Maryland, is now indebted unto sundry persons in various sums of money, aggregating the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars; and whereas, the County Commissioners of said County are willing to assume said indebtedness and provide for the payment thereof to the various parties to whom the same is respectively due and owing; and, to accomplish said purpose, are desirous of funding said indebtedness at a reduced rate of interest; therefore,

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the County Commissioners of Carroll County, Maryland, are hereby authorized and empowered to assume the payment of the indebtedness of the Board of School Commissioners of Carroll County, as the same may have existed on the first day of January, A. D. 1900, and remains unpaid, and to fund the same at a reduced rate of interest, and for that purpose the said County Commissioners of Carroll County are hereby authorized and directed to issue bonds, to be called "Carroll County School Bonds," not to exceed the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars, said bonds to be registered or coupon, in the discretion of the said County Commissioners, and to be issued in sums or denominations of not less than one hundred dollars nor more than one thousand dollars, to be signed by the President of the said Board of County Commissioners, and to be countersigned by the County Treasurer of said county, and have the corporate seal of said County Commissioners affixed thereto, bearing interest at a rate not exceeding four per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually on the first day of April and October, in each year after the issue of said bonds and until the said bonds are paid, and the said bonds shall be exempt from all taxation.

Section 2. And be it enacted, That said bonds shall be payable as follows: One thousand dollars thereof on the first day of April A. D. 1905, and one thousand dollars on the first day of April in each and every year thereafter until all the said bonds are fully paid; provided, however, that all said bonds shall be redeemable at the pleasure of the said County Commissioners on or after the first day of April, A. D. 1905.

Section 3. And be it enacted, That said County Commissioners are hereby authorized to sell said bonds either at public or private sale for cash after two weeks notice of such sale shall be published in two newspapers published in said county before the day of sale, stating the time when, and the place where, said bonds shall be sold; provided, however, that said County Commissioners shall not sell any bond issued under this act for less than the par value of said bond.

Section 4. And be it further enacted, That after the issue of said bonds, and until the same are fully paid, the said County Commissioners are hereby authorized and directed to retain from the sum or sums of money apportioned and appropriated by them in each year to the said County School Commissioners for school purposes a sufficient amount to pay the interest due on all said bonds which may be outstanding, and after the year 1904 to retain from said sum or sums so apportioned and appropriated, the further sum of one thousand dollars to pay on the principal sum of said indebtedness

Section 5. And be it further enacted, That said County Commissioners shall cause to be prepared the bonds hereinbefore directed to be issued so that the same may be open to the inspection of the public on or before the date fixed for the sale of the same, and they shall also cause the said County Treasurer to keep a record of the issue of said bonds containing amount of bond, date of issue, and when payable.

Section 6. And be it enacted, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 5th, 1900.
JOHN WALTER SMITH,
Governor.
JOHN HUBNER,
President of the Senate.
LLOYD WILKINSON,
Speaker of the House of Delegates.

Office of the Chief Clerk House of Delegates: I hereby certify, That the aforegoing is a true copy of an Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed at the January Session, 1900.
B. L. SMITH.
Chief Clerk of the House of Delegates.

ELECTION NOTICE.

THE Stockholders of the Westminster and Meadow Branch Turnpike Company are hereby notified that an election will be held at the residence of the undersigned, Meadow Branch, on

MONDAY, 7TH DAY OF MAY, 1900,

between the hours of 10 a. m., and 12m., for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors to manage the affairs of said Company for the ensuing year.

SAMUEL ROOP, President.
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LICENSE NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given to all persons and bodies corporate or politic, whom it may concern, that they

MUST OBTAIN A LICENSE,

or renew the same, on or before the

FIRST DAY OF MAY, 1900,

according to the provisions of Ordinances Nos. 83 to 88 inclusive, passed by the Mayor and Common Council of Westminster. All Licenses are to be paid to the Clerk at his Office.

FRED D. MILLER, Mayor.
HENRY B. GRAMMER, Clerk. ap-7-4t

CORPORATION ELECTION.

NOTICE is hereby given that an Election of One Person to serve as

MAYOR AND FIVE PERSONS

to serve as Common Council, for the City of Westminster, Md., for the ensuing year, will be held on

MONDAY, THE 7TH DAY OF MAY, 1900,

between the hours of 12 M. and 6 P. M., at the residence of

MRS. M. E. GRUMBINE,
No. 72 East Main street, Westminster.
FRED. D. MILLER, Mayor.
HENRY B. GRAMMER, Clerk. ap-8-4t

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

THIS is to give notice that the subscribers have obtained from the Orphans' Court of Carroll county, in Md., letters of administration on the estate of

EVAN T. SNADER,

late of Carroll county, deceased. All persons having claims against the deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof legally authenticated, to the subscribers, on or before the 16th day of September, 1900, they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate.

Given under our hands this 16th day of April, 1900.

ABRAM P. SNADER,
IDA M. SNADER,
ap-21 4t Administrators.

TRANSFERS AND ABATEMENTS.

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested that the County Commissioners of Carroll county will sit for the purpose of hearing applications for transfers and abatements at their office, in the Court House, Westminster, Md., as follows:

For Districts Nos. 1, 2 and 3, on April 23 and 24, 1900.

For Districts Nos. 4, 5 and 6, on April 30 and May 1, 1900.

For Districts Nos. 7 and 8, on May 7 and 8, 1900.

For Districts Nos. 9, 10 and 11, on May 14, and 15, 1900.

For Districts Nos. 12 and 13, on May 21 and 22, 1900.

The Board will sit from 9 a. m. until 3 p. m. on each of said days, and notice is hereby given that after the sittings as aforesaid no transfers or abatements will be made to affect the levy of 1900.

By order of the Board.
J. E. MASENHIMER,
apr-7-7t Clerk.

Stop suffering! Try Dr. Miles' Pain Pills.

Select Story.

The Matter of a Ring.

An Instance of Similia Similibus Curantur, or "Like Cures Like."

From the Portland Transcript.

Young Dr. Henderson read with surprise Miss Harrington's note asking him to call that same evening. Only that morning the twain, agreeing that what they had considered a life engagement was all a mistake and would better be ended, had parted, and the doctor was at a loss to account for this recall.

"What can she want?" he muttered. "I thought we said all there was to say this morning—more, too, maybe—and I don't know of any more gifts to be returned," and he smiled grimly at the miscellaneous assortment of packages on his center table.

"Can she be trying to make it up?" and, though knowing the thought to be preposterous, he was conscious of a thrill.

Miss Harrington received him in a small room, almost a den, opening out of the library. It was here that they had passed their happiest hours.

"Do you know why I have sent for you?" Miss Harrington asked.

He paused for a moment to draw in with a long whiff the warmth and coziness of this little room. They had spent some delightful evenings here. Then in answer to her question he made the brilliant remark that he supposed she wanted to see him.

She looked at him scornfully.

"No," she declared; "I did not wish to see you. I am leaving the city tomorrow morning; so are you, in another direction. I have something of yours, something you had forgotten, which I thought too valuable to send you by mail or messenger, so there remained nothing but for you to come in person and get it."

The doctor shook his head sadly.

"I'm—I'm sorry," he faltered apologetically, "but I can't imagine what you mean."

There is some scorn too great for words—for a time at least.

Miss Harrington walked swiftly across the room to the mantel and, returning, placed on the table a small red plush case. Opened, this showed a handsome diamond ring within. Stepping back from the table, she clasped her hands behind her and looked at him without a word.

He stared with puckered brows first at the ring, then at the girl.

"Our engagement ring!" she announced finally when the silence had lasted as long as she could stand.

"Oh, surely not!" he answered quickly, "You gave me that this morning"—

"And you thought so little of it, it was to you a matter of such little importance, that you went off and forgot it; left it lying here on the table," she interrupted.

"I beg your pardon. I have a distinct recollection of taking it with me." To himself he was saying, "I always knew you were pretty, but not this pretty."

"You are certainly mistaken," said the girl.

"I remember distinctly placing it in my right hand lower vest pocket," and he clasped his hand to the spot indicated.

"That is impossible."

Did you ever hear two children disputing? "I did." "You didn't."

"I did." "You didn't." It came to Dr. Henderson that they were fast approaching that stage. He pulled himself together to crush her with one fine masculine stroke.

"I have too much respect, Miss Harrington," he said, with great dignity, "not only for your feelings, but for my own, to treat so lightly as you insinuated the seal of our engagement. Had I been so careless as to forget it, as you charge, I concede that you would have a right to consider yourself slighted, if not insulted, but if you knew the true state of my heart you would instantly realize that your charge is absurd. A moment's consideration should have convinced you of this, or if your knowledge of me was not sufficient simple examination of this ring, to descend to material things, should have been. But, woman-like, you rush ahead, acting on mere impulse, and of course blundered."

He picked up the ring, a handsome diamond solitaire, to point out to her wherein she had been so foolish. His face wore a sarcastic, withering smile, but as he glanced at the inner surface of the ring his expression slowly froze, for there started him in the face this legend: "A. H.—M. H."

And what did "A. H.—M. H." stand for but "Arthur Henderson—Mary Harrington?"

Seeing his surprise, his dismay, the girl laughed grimly.

"Now," she said, "I suppose even your—shall we say assurance—will hardly permit you to deny any longer that you forgot your engagement ring."

He was still staring at the ring, with apparently nothing at all to say.

Miss Harrington took a step backward and, with a little bow, said:

"I believe I remarked earlier in this interview, Dr. Henderson, that my only purpose in sending for you was to restore to you your property

At this curt dismissal the doctor rose quickly to his feet, coloring slightly.

"I am going," he said, but he made no move in that direction. Instead he leaned both hands on the edge of the table and stared fixedly across it at Miss Harrington. His brow was puckered up in deep wrinkles, but whether he was thinking of the girl or the ring cannot be said with certainty.

"I am going," he repeated, "but—but I don't understand it. I was angry this morning, I admit, and acted foolishly"—he paused to mutter to himself in a kind of wonder, "Lord, what an awful ass I must have been to let this girl get away when I had her!"—"but when you handed me my ring it gave me a shock, made me realize then, as I had not before, what we were doing. Had I not felt that it was too late I would then and there have retracted and apoligized for very hasty"—

"You are pleading, then, I am to understand," she broke in cuttingly, "the severe shock as your excuse for forgetting the ring; that it so benumbed, paralyzed your senses that you failed to think of it at all until I showed it to you a moment ago?"

"No," he continued stubbornly; "I am not prepared to admit that I forgot it. I remember so well—am so absolutely certain that I took it home"—

"Dr. Henderson!" Her voice indicated impatience, scorn, indignation, exasperation and perhaps several other strong emotions. "Dr. Henderson, this would be amusing, ridiculous, were it not so insulting. I found the ring on the table, so you cannot possibly have taken it with you. I think we might as well make an end of this interview."

When she commenced speaking, the doctor had stopped, but he had not been listening. He had been thinking.

Now he went on slowly, as though she had not interrupted him.

"I took it home, straight home. I laid it on the table while I filled and lighted my pipe. I had it in my hand for almost an hour while I was smoking and thinking." He was impressively laying off to her with his finger each link of his chain of retrospection. "I then locked it in a small safe I have in my bedroom. When I started here this evening"—his face broke into a triumphant smile—"I put it in my left hand lower vest pocket, and here it is!" And, sure enough, he pulled out a ring.

He picked up the other and holding them together, carefully compared them. They were exactly alike in every particular, size, shape, setting, brilliancy, and in both were engraved letters, "A. H.—M. H."

He passed them across to Miss Harrington, whose turn it now was to show astonishment.

"I—I don't understand it," she faltered.

"Nor I," said Dr. Henderson sternly. "You seem to have a plurality of engagement rings to keep a stock on hand, as it were."

The girl flushed.

"Of course you know that I never had but one engagement ring," she said.

She was stooping to defend herself, so the doctor went on the more severely.

"Indeed! Yet here are two. I cannot undertake to say how many more you may have with your initials 'H. M.' in them. I suppose that even your—shall we say assurance—will hardly permit you to say that I was the giver of both. The rather unusual circumstance of two of your fiances having the same initials has probably been the cause of your mistake—a very natural one under the circumstances. I do not know who the other—shall I say lucky—fellow— Oh, 'A. H. might be Ab Higginson!'"

"Mr. Higginson's name is Talbot, as you very well know," the girl put in.

"Hum—well—may be it is. I don't care. It doesn't make any difference who the other fellow is—or are. The fact remains that you had other engagement rings at the same time you had mine. Why you chose to add insult to injury by trying to make ont that I was the faithless one I cannot imagine. Such brazen"—

"Dr. Henderson, your conduct is insufferable. I will hear your insults no longer."

"Can you deny what I have said?"

"Of course I can and do. I know nothing of this other ring you have brought. It has your initials, 'A. H.' in it, too, remember. How am I to know that it is not one you intended for some other girl who happened to have my initials? Probably you were on your way to see her when you got my note."

Just here the library door opened, and Miss Harrington's younger brother Gus appeared. Gus was a college senior, a class of young men not often thrown off their dignity, but the belligerent attitude of the two occupants of the room visibly startled him.

"I beg your pardon," he faltered. "I—er—did not know any one was in here. I was looking for—er—something I thought I had left in here."

He drew back as though to leave the room, and then, his gaze falling on the plush case in his sister's hand, he stopped.

"Why, that's the very thing I was looking, for," he said, coming forward, a slight flush on his face, and taking it from her unresisting hand.

"Say, young man," asked the doctor, suddenly seeing a light, "is that ring yours?"

Mr. Harrington drew himself up to his full height and answered with dignity:

"It is."

"Well, that's all right," began the doctor, "when"—

"Why, what are you going to do with a ring like that, Gus?" eagerly asked his sister.

"What does a man usually do with a ring like this?" asked, Mr. Harrington in reply, stretching himself another inch. "I am going to give it to the young lady I intend to marry."

"Oh, Gus, is it Mary Harbison?"

"Yes," he admitted, the dignified senior disappearing in the happy, proud boy, "How did you know?"

"Then, my dear sir," said the doctor with a relieved laugh, "I suppose the 'A. H.—M. H.' in that ring stands for 'Augustus Harrington—Mary Harbison?'"

"And I supposed, of course, that it was for Mary Harrington," laughed the young lady of that name.

"Humph!" sniffed her brother contemptuously. "Think you are the only girl in the United States named Mary? And then, feeling that he was not being treated with proper dignity, he stalked from the room.

When Gus shut the door, somewhat loudly, Dr. Henderson and Miss Harrington were standing at opposite sides of the table, but before he could have taken two steps this was altered. The doctor marched boldly round to her side.

"None but the brave deserve the fair" he muttered. "And this looks to me like an opportunity to undo my fool work of this morning. I'll make a try for it, any how. Mary," he said aloud, taking her hand in his, "I have acted very foolishly today; you have been foolish; we have been very foolish. Hasn't it lasted long enough? I love you—ah, until this day I did not realize how much I loved you! I don't believe I could bear many such days as this has been, dear. And you love me—I know you do. Come"—and he lifted her hands and clasped them around his neck—"let me put this ring back on your finger where it belongs before it causes more trouble."

"But—how can you, with my hands up there at the back of your neck?" she asked.

"Well"—and he paused a moment to look down into a pair of beautiful eyes, to consider—"well, that is a problem. Just let your hands stay where they are for the present, and we will attend to the ring later on."

"All right," she said.

And so it was.

The Kansas City Journal says that a college boy and his best girl were out driving one afternoon. They had come upon a fine stretch of road.

"Do you believe in palmistry," said he, "the reading of one's hand?"

"I believe," she replied, "that if I could see the lines in only one of your hands I could foretell that we would have a very pleasant drive."

He gasped the lines in one hand and the—situation in the other.

"An old bachelor says when some women get the blues the family find it out by having to eat dried peach pies.

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