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PROCLAMATION

Publication of Proposed Constitutional Amendments.

Whereas, At the January Session of the General Assembly of Maryland, held in the year of our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ten, three Acts were passed, one proposing an Amendement to Article 1 of the Constitution, by adding thereto a Section to be known as Section 8; one proposing an Amendment to Section 2 of Article 3 of said Constitution, and one proposing an Amendment to Section 4 of Article 3 of said Constitution, said Acts being respectively Chapters 253, 303 and 318 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1910, and which are in the words following, to wit:

CHAPTER 253.

An Act to propose an Amendment to Article 1 of the Constitution of this State by adding thereto a new Section, to be known as Section 8, to follow Section 7 and to provide for the submission of said Amendment to the qualified voters of this State for adoption or rejection.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland (three-fifths of all members of each of the two houses concurring), that the following section be and the same is hereby proposed as an amendment to Article 1 of the Constitution of this State, which said section, if adopted by the qualified voters of this State, shall stand as an additional section to said Article 1, to be known as Section 8, to follow Section 7, of said Article.

Section 8. All State and municipal elections shall be conducted by the system commonly known as the Australian Ballot System, and it shall be the duty of the General Assembly to provide by law for a form of ballot, uniform throughout the State, for use at all State elections in this State, and provide that on said ballot after the name of each candidate thereon who may have been duly nominated as the candidate of any political party or organization, there shall be printed the legal name of said party or organization; equal representation of the minority party among the judges and clerks of election registers or other officers performing similar functions shall not be abolished by the General Assembly unless by a vote of four-fifths of all the members of each house.

The right to be registered as a qualified voter and the right to vote at any State or municipal election in this State shall be limited to the following persons:

First: Every male white citizen not disqualified by the Second or Third Sections of this Article, possessing the qualifications as to age and residence mentioned in Section 1 of this Article.

Second: Every other male citizen not disqualified by the Second or Third Sections of this Article possessing the qualifications as to age and residence mentioned in Section 1 of this Article, who at the time of his application for registration is the bona fide owner of real or personal property, or both, in an amount of not less than five hundred dollars, is assessed therefor on the tax books of the City of Baltimore or of one of the Counties of this State, has been such owner and so assessed for two years next preceding his application for registration, shall have paid and shall produce receipts for the taxes on said property for said two years, and shall at the time of his application make affidavit before the officers of registration that he is the bona fide owner of the property so assessed to him and that he has been such owner for two years next preceding his application.

If any person other than those herein mentioned shall be or become legally entitled to be registered as voters at State Elections in this State, then this section shall be null and void and the General Assembly shall possess the same powers as if this section had never been adopted, and the laws of this State, including the local laws applicable to certain counties thereof, relating to the form of ballot to be used at elections, in force on the first day of July in the year nineteen hundred and ten, shall revive or continue in force until altered by the General Assembly notwithstanding any Acts to the contrary which may have been passed while the terms of this section shall have been in force or while the General Assembly shall have believed or assumed the provisions of this section to be valid.

Section 2. And be it further enacted, by the authority aforesaid, that the aforesaid section hereby proposed as an Amendment to the Constitution shall be at the next General Election held in this State, submitted to the legal and qualified voters thereof for their adoption or rejection, in pursuance of the directions contained in Article 14 of the Constitution of this State, and at said General Election the vote on the said proposed Amendment to the Constitution shall be by ballot, and upon each ballot shall be printed the words, "For Constitutional Amendment" and "Against Constitutional Amendment," as now provided by law, and immediately after said election due return shall be made to the Governor of the vote for and against said proposed Amendment, as directed by said Fourteenth Article of the Constitution.

Approved Apr. 11, 4010.

AUSTIN L. CROTHERS,
(Great Seal) Governor.
A. P. GORMAN, Jr.,
President of the Senate.
ADAM PEEPLES,
Speaker of the House of Delegates.

CHAPTER 303.

An Act to amend Section 2 of Article 3, title, "Legislative Department," of the Constitution of this State and to provide for the submission of said Amendment to the qualified voters of this State for adoption or rejection.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, three-fifths of all the members of each of the two Houses concurring, that the following section be and the same is hereby proposed as an Amendment to Section 2 of Article 3, title, "Legislative Department," of the Constitution of this State, and if adopted by the legal and qualified voters thereof, as herein provided, said section shall supersede and stand in the place and instead of Section 2 of Article 3 of the Constitution of Maryland.

2. The City of Baltimore shall be divided into four Legislative Districts as near as may be of equal population and of contiguous territory, and each of said Legislative Districts of Baltimore City, as they may from time to time be laid out, in accordance with the provisions hereof, and each county of the State, shall be entitled to one Senator who shall be elected by the qualified voters of said Legislative Districts of Baltimore City, and of the counties of the State, respectively, and Baltimore City shall be entitled to two additional Senators, who shall be elected at large, by the qualified voters of the said City, and all of said Senators shall serve for four years from the date of their election, subject to the classification of Senators hereinafter provided for.

Section 2. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the said foregoing section hereby proposed as an Amendment to the Constitution, shall at the next election for members of the General Assembly of this State, to be held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in the month of November, nineteen hundred and eleven (1911), be submitted to the legal and qualified voters thereof for their adoption or rejection in pursuance of the directions contained in Article 14 of the Constitution of this State; and at said election the vote on said proposed Amendment to the Constitution shall be by ballot and upon each ballot there shall be written or printed the words "For the Constitutional Amendment" and "Against the Constitutional Amendment," as the voter shall elect, and immediately after said election, due returns shall be made to the Governor of the vote for and against said proposed Amendment, as directed by the said Article 14 of the Constitution.

Approved Apr. 7, 1910.

AUSTIN L. CROTHERS,
(Great Seal) Governor.
A. P. GORMAN, Jr.,
President of the Senate.
ADAM PEEPLES,
Speaker of the House of Delegates.

CHAPTER 318.

An Act to amend Section 4 of Article 3, title "Legislative Department," of the Constitution of this State, and to provide for the submission of said Amendment to the qualified voters of this State for adoption or rejection.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, three-fifths of all the members of each of the two houses concurring, that the following section be and the same is hereby proposed as an Amendment to Section 4 of Article 3, title "Legislative Department," of the Constitution of this State, and if adopted by the legal qualified voters thereof as herein provided, said section shall supersed and stand in the place instead of Section 4 of said Article 3 of the Constitution of Maryland.

4. As soon as may be after the taking and publishing of the National Census of nineteen hundred and ten, or after the enumeration of the population of this State under the authority thereof, there shall be an apportionment of representation in the House of Delegates, to be made on the following basis, to wit:

Each of the several counties of the State having a population of eighteen thousand souls or less, shall be entitled to two Delegates; and every county having a population of over eighteen thousand and less than twenty-eight thousand souls, shall be entitled to three Delegates; and every county having a population of twenty-eight thousand and less than forty thousand souls, shall be entitled to four Delegates; and every county having a population of forty thousand and less than fifty-five thousand souls, shall be entitled to five Delegates; and every county having a population of fifty-five thousand souls and upwards, shall be entitled to six Delegates and no more; and each of the four Legislative Districts of the City of Baltimore shall be entitled to one delegate for each one-sixth of the population of the largest county in the State; provided, however, that the representation of Baltimore City in the House of Delegates shall never exceed one-third of the membership of the House of Delegates, and, provided also, that the representation of Baltimore City in the House of Delegates shall never be less than thirty-five in number of the membership of said House of Delegates; and the General Assembly shall have the power to provide by law, from time to time, for altering and changing the boundaries of the existing legislative districts of the City of Baltimore, so as to make them as near as may be of equal population but said districts shall always consist of contiguous territory.

Section 2. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the said foregoing section hereby proposed as an Amendment to the Constitution, shall at the next election for members of the General Assembly of this State, to be held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in the month of November, nineteen hundred and eleven (1911), be submitted to the legal and qualified voters thereof, for their adoption or rejection, in pursuance of the directions contained in Article 14 of the Constitution of this State and at the said election the vote on the said proposed Amendment to the Constitution shall be by ballot, and upon each ballot shall be written or printed the words, "For the Constitutional Amendment" and "Against the Constitutional Amendment," as the voter shall elect, and immediately after said election, due returns shall be made to the Governor of the vote for and against said proposed Amendment, as directed by the said Article 14 of the Constitution.

Approved April 7, 1910.

AUSTIN L. CROTHERS,
(Great Seal) Governor.
A. P. GORMAN, Jr.,
President of the Senate.
ADAM PEEPLES,
Speaker of the House of Delegates.

Now, Therefore, I Austin L. Crothers, Governor of the State of Maryland, in pursuance of the provisions of Section 1 of Article 14 of the Constitution of Maryland, do hereby order and direct that a copy of each of said Acts proposing said Amendments be published in at least two newspapers in each of the counties of the State, where so many may be published, in any county where not more than one newspaper may be published, then in that newspaper, and in three newspapers published in the City of Baltimore, one of which shall be in the German language, once a week for at least three months preceding the election of 1911, at which said election said proposed amendments shall be submitted to the legal and qualified voters of the State, for their adoption or rejection.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland.

(Great Seal) Done at the City of Annapolis, this first day of July, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and eleven.

AUSTIN L. CROTHERS,
Governor of Maryland.

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In Charge

He Was Willing to Oblige a Friend

By AGNES G. BROGAN

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Dick Brant accosted his friend upon the street. "Hello, Bob!" he cried joyously. "The very person I wanted to see."

The young man addressed looked up at him. "What is it this time?" he asked frankly.

Dick laughed. "Oh, a sort of mutual benefit," he answered. "Claire and I are off to Beechurst tomorrow, and we are leaving our rooms up on Riverside 'with all our worldly goods endowed' to the mercy of maidservants and manservants, who, we have learned to our sorrow, are not to be trusted."

"Well," his friend inquired as he paused for breath, "what's the answer?"

"I am coming to that," Dick continued. "Now, the place where you live is mighty hot these August days, while the breeze from over the Hudson blows ever fresh and cool through our windows. Why can't you come up there nights and make yourself at home, or at least two nights a week?" he quickly amended at Bob's surprised stare.

"In short," his friend answered slowly, "I am to play night watchman in return for my lodging."

Dick grinned. "And you might feed my pet goldfish a couple of times a week," he added. "I'll leave the food beside the bowl. The maid promised to attend to that part, but the truth is we'd just as soon she didn't enter the house. Claire has been missing things lately, and"—

"I see," said Bob. "Well, I will oblige you, as usual, and if there's anything else don't hesitate to mention it." His tone was sarcastic, but the men clasped hands warmly as they parted.

It was several days, however, before Bob recollected the empty apartment

BOB CAUGHT A GLIMPSE OF A PENDANT.

and the hungry fish. The night was insufferably hot, and he threw wide the windows and settled back in Dick's favorite chair, gratefully enjoying the breeze. This certainly was an improvement over his own close quarters, and he decided to spend the night here. When, upon the following morning, presenting a rather ungroomed appearance, he again entered the living room a small mound of cigar ashes upon the rug met his eye, and he went in search of brush and pan to remove the evidence of his carelessness. He was thus busily engaged when he distinctly heard a key inserted in the lock and looked up, startled, as the door swung easily open, but it was merely to admit the maid, who passed him with an indifferent nod and approached the goldfish bowl. A dainty white apron was tied over her dark blue dress, and her little high heeled slippers clicked as she walked across the polished floor.

Bob arose to his feet. "I fed them," he said, motioning toward the fish. The maid turned and looked at him. She had the most beautiful eyes that he had ever seen—large and blue and full of wonder, like a child's.

"You need not trouble any more," she said quietly. "I will attend to them after this."

He went again to the great apartment house that evening at twilight and, groping his way across the shadowy rooms, dropped wearily upon the couch, a high screen concealing his figure. Suddenly the entire apartment was flooded with light. Some one entering evidently had pressed the electric button. He lay silent, awaiting developments. Past his hiding place came the click of high heeled slippers. They went on into Mrs. Brant's dressing room.

Bob gathered back the silk of the screen and peered through. He saw the little maid sink upon her knees before a cabinet. She produced a bunch of keys, trying one after another in quick succession. At length the drawer yielded, and she drew forth a small box. Bob caught a glimpse of a pendant with many diamonds gleaming in the light, and then, before he could collect his senses, the rooms were in total darkness. He jumped to his feet and the screen fell crashing to the floor, barring for a moment his progress, but in that moment the girl had escaped.

Vainly he searched the rooms and corridors, coming out at last breathless upon the street. A taxicab waited at the entrance, and beside it stood the maid. As he advanced toward her she waved her hand to the occupant of the cab and quickly crossed to the long row of benches which lined the roadway. She looked up, white and frightened, as Bob stood sternly before her. He intended to be pitiless, but found it a difficult matter with that childish gaze fixed upon him.

"You remember me?" he asked.

"Oh, yes," she answered; "you are the man who cares for Mr. Brant's rooms."

Bob smiled dryly. "I happen to be Mr. Brant's friend," he said, "and, as I am in charge of his belongings, you must tell me why you took a diamond pendant from the cabinet drawer a short time ago."

She leaned forward entreatingly. "Oh, please do not ask me about it," she begged, "for I cannot tell you."

"See here," he said desperately, "you replace the pin and no one shall ever know."

She stood up before him, and her voice trembled. "I cannot do that," she said. "I did not take the pin for myself!"

"You mean," he exclaimed, "that you have already given it to another person!"

She nodded vigorously, then placed her hand upon his arm. "No one shall suspect you of stealing the pin," she said slowly. "I will see to that—trust me."

Perhaps she had been goaded on to take the pin by some very pressing need. The memory of a departing taxicab obtruded itself, to be impatiently cast aside. He would do nothing, events should shape themselves, and if—well, if the pin was still missing when Dick returned he would insist upon paying for it himself. There was a tidy sum in the bank to his credit—he had been saving a good deal lately—he reflected ruefully. But a deep frown creased his brow as he worked steadily during the days which followed, and though he visited again his friend's lonely apartment no little maid appeared, while the open door of a cabinet constantly proclaimed its emptiness.

A telegram was handed him one day, and he tore it open nervously, anticipating the contents. Dick and his wife would be home that evening—they wanted to see him up at the house. Bob closed his desk with a bang. "Well, he would go and have it over." Claire greeted him in her charming, hospitable way, and Dick wrung his hand heartily.

"Come in," they said, "and let us thank you."

They seemed not to notice Bob's strained manner as they chatted on about their trip. Presently Claire arose and rustled from the room. "Dear me," she said, "I had almost forgotten Kitty."

She returned in a moment, her arm about the waist of a girl whose eyes danced and whose cheeks glowed as Bob sprang to his feet confronting her, for this vision in clinging white was undoubtedly the erring maid.

"Kitty, dear," Claire was saying, "I want you to meet Dick's friend, Mr. Brewster. Bob, this is my cousin, Miss Ainslee, and now that we have you both here," she rattled on, "we want to thank you for looking after things during our absence. Dick's pet fish are positively fat. When I asked you to feed them, Kitty, I had no idea that Dick had already coaxed Bob in for that service."

"Bob was also to play night watchman," Dick interposed. "He has done well, for the furniture is still intact. We left nothing movable, I believe."

Mrs. Brant blushed. "Oh, yes, we did," she said. "I did not want to say anything about it, but Kitty insists upon a full and free confession. I carelessly forgot this diamond pendant you gave me as a wedding gift, Dick, and when we arrived at Beechurst I remembered that it still reposed in the cabinet drawer at home, a glittering temptation to that thieving maid of ours, and I wrote post-haste, special delivery, telling Kitty to secure the pin and send it with her brother Ned when he came down to spend the week end. I besought her to keep the matter secret," she continued, "for I did not dare to let you know, Dickie, until the pendant was safely in my possession."

Claire laughed. "Dick," she said, "you should have told me that Bob was to be caretaker. Fancy how embarrassing it would have been if he and Kitty had met here—feeding the goldfish!"

Kitty looked at her cousin reproachfully. "It might have been more than embarrassing for me," she said. "Think of my predicament if Mr. Brewster had caught me in the act of departing with that pin of yours! Why, he would probably have considered it his duty to hand me over to the police, and I should have been locked up in a cell like a suffragette."

Brant laughed, while Bob grew uncomfortably red.

"Well, you still have your freedom," Claire answered carelessly. "Here comes the auto. Let's all take a ride."

And as Bob and Kitty were ensconced upon the rear seat he leaned toward her. "I have been an awful idiot," he said contritely. "Can you ever forgive me?"

Kitty's eyes twinkled. "Do you expect pardon at the first apology?" she asked.

"Certainly not," Bob responded. "I intend to start a series of apologies, dating from tonight. When you are assured of my deep repentance perhaps you may relent."

And Kitty smiled demurely. "Mine is a forgiving nature," she said.

Madagascar's Two Climates.

The island of Madagascar has two distinct climates, two classes of natives and two classes of fauna and flora. The island is about the size of France. Along the coast it is tropical and malarious, and the natives are darker than in the interior. The interior is a high tableland and mountainous. There the climate is cooler and the natives smaller and lighter in color than on the coast. But in the interior they are more intelligent, and they rule the island.

Obliging.

Excited Author (rushing behind the scenes)—Why are you cutting out the second and third acts of my play? Manager—I am not cutting anything out. I'm merely varying the order of the acts. Several influential persons in the audience have asked me if it would not be possible to have the hero die in the next act.—Chicago Tribune.

HOWARD COUNTY'S CANDIDATE FOR THE GOVERNORSHIP

STATE SENATOR ARTHUR P. GORMAN.

A London Dandy Who Forced His Way Into Brooks'.

VETOED HIS OWN REJECTION.

After Having Been Balloted For and Unanimously Blackballed He Made Every Member Deny His Vote and Then Declared Himself Elected.

It was a witty bishop who once defined a club as a place "where women cease from troubling and the weary are at rest." Another amusing definition was that given by George Augustus Sala. "A club," said he, "is a weapon used by savages to keep the white woman at a distance." Nowadays, however, as Ralph Nevill remarks in his book, "London Clubs," things are different. "Within the last twenty-five years or so the spirit of London club life has entirely changed. The old fashioned clubman, whose whole life was bound up with one or other of these institutions, is now practically extinct."

Perhaps the most striking story which Mr. Nevill tells regarding Brooks' club is that concerning the famous duelist, George Robert Fitzgerald, who was executed for murder in 1786. No first class London club would admit him. His name does not appear in the club list, though he must in a sort of way be regarded as having belonged to the club. He was, however, in it only once, though it was his boast that he had been unanimously chosen a member.

Owing to Fitzgerald's well known dueling propensities no first class London club would admit him. Nevertheless he got Admiral Keith Stewart, who knew that he must fight Fitzgerald or comply, to propose him for Brooks'.

Accordingly the duelist went with the admiral on the day of the election to the clubhouse and waited downstairs while the ballot was in progress.

The result, a foregone conclusion, was unfavorable to the candidate, not even one white ball being among the black, the admiral having been among the first to deposit his. Mr. Brooks eventually went to tell Fitzgerald, who was waiting in the hall, that there was one black ball and that therefore his candidature had failed.

Thrusting aside Brooks, who protested that nonmembers might not enter the clubrooms, Fitzgerald flew upstairs and entered the room. Walking up to the fireplace, he thus addressed Admiral Stewart.

"So, my dear admiral, Mr. Brooks informs me that I have been elected three times."

"You have been balloted for Mr. Fitzgerald, but I am sorry to say you have not been chosen," said Stewart.

"Well, then," replied the duelist, "did you blackball me?"

"My good sir," answered the admiral, "how could you suppose such a thing?"

"Oh, I suppose no such thing, my dear fellow. I only want to know who it was that dropped the black ball in by accident, as it were."

Fitzgerald now went up to each individual member and put the same question to all in turn, "Did you blackball me, sir?" until he made the round of the whole club, and in each case he received a reply similar to that of the admiral.

When he had finished his investigations he thus addressed the whole body: "You see, gentlemen, that as none of you have blackballed me I must be elected. It is Mr. Brooks who has made the mistake."

After this nothing more was said by the members, who determined to ignore the presence of their dangerous visitor, who drank three bottles of champagne in enforced silence, for no one would answer him when he spoke.

When he had gone it was agreed "that half a dozen stout constables should be in waiting the next evening to bear him off to the watch house if he attempted again to intrude, but Mr. Fitzgerald, aware probably of the reception he might get, never did."

Apropos of blackballing, Mr. Nevill mentions the greatest instance of blackballing probably ever known, which took place some years ago at a ladies' club, where one candidate received three more black balls than the number of members present—a case of excessive zeal indeed!

The practical joker is naturally not unknown in the most solemn of clubs, and "some irrepressible jokers have paid for their love of fun by having to resign their membership. One of them, whose escapades were notorious in London twenty years ago, sitting half asleep in a certain bohemian club, became annoyed at a very red headed waiter who kept buzzing about his chair. The sight of the fiery locks was eventually too much for this wild spirit, and, darting up and seizing the man, he emptied a bottle of black ink over his head before he could escape. The result, of course, was expulsion from the club, besides which very substantial compensation was rightly paid to the waiter."

Man is his own star, and that soul that can be honest is the only perfect man.—Fletcher.

WASHING AWAY THE LAND.

Erosion of the Drainage Basins of the United States.

Investigations by the United States geological survey of the erosion of numerous drainage basins of the United States show that the surface of the country is being removed at the average rate of about an inch in 760 years. Though this amount seems trivial when spread over the surface of the country, it becomes stupendous when considered as a total or even in separate drainage basins. The Mississippi river, for instance, carries annually to the sea 136,400,000 tons of dissolved matter and 340,500,000 tons of suspended matter, and of this total the Ohio river carries 83,350,000 tons and the Missouri river contributes more than twice as much. The Colorado river, which has built up for itself a vast delta, brings down more suspended matter than any other river in the United States, delivering annually 387 tons for each square mile of its drainage basin or a total of 100,740,000 tons.

The rivers of the United States carry to tidewater every year 270,000,000 tons of dissolved matter and 513,000,000 tons of suspended matter. This total of 783,000,000 tons represents more than 350,000,000 cubic yards of rock or 610,000,000 cubic yards of surface soil. If this erosive action had been concentrated on the isthmus of Panama at the time of American occupation it would have excavated the prism for an eighty-five foot level canal in about seventy-three days.

A FAMOUS DWARF.

Borulwaski, the Pole, Was Handsome, Scholarly and Witty.

A notable dwarf, who had a long lease of life over parts of two centuries—he was born in 1739 and died in 1837—was Borulwaski, the Pole, of whose debut an interesting tale is told. As a boy of fifteen, when he was just one inch higher than a two foot rule, Borulwaski was presented to the Empress Maria Theresa, who was so charmed by his good looks and grace that she seated him on her lap and gave him a hearty kiss. To the queen's question as to what he considered the most interesting sight in Vienna the dwarf replied, "What I now behold, so little a man on the lap of so great a lady." This speech rendered the little fellow a great favorite.

He became a special favorite of Stanislaus II., who took him to England and introduced him to George III., and for more than half a century Borulwaski made his home at the English court.

This dwarf, who at his tallest was a yard and three inches, had a sister whose head just reached her big brother's shoulders. Borulwaski was not only a handsome and courtly man, but a scholar of repute. He lived in five reigns, and when he died, lacking only two years of reaching the century mark, he was laid to rest in Dunham, side by side with the Falstaffian Stephen Kemble.

A Dark Smoke.

Funny thing about smoking! If a man were compelled to puff a good cigar with his eyes shut the operation would lose its zest. A man who had undergone a slight operation upon one of his eyes had to stay in a darkened room for a week with his optics bandaged. After a few days his doctor told him he could take a gentle smoke if he liked. He jumped at the chance and to his amazement found it afforded not the slightest pleasure. To be sure, men often smoke in the dark, but there's always the rosy glow of the lighted end to be seen and the faint outline of the cloud of smoke in the air. There's no more fun in a sightless smoke than a saltless egg or a kiss implanted upon your own hand. What's the psychology of it.—New York Press.

Universal Language.

He spoke his love in German—she answered not a word. In French he tried to woo her—the maiden never heard. He tried his luck in English, in Irish—all in vain; in Turkish, Greek and Latin, and in the togue of Spain.

And then an inspiration came to the anguished youth. "The universal language," he cried, "I'll try, forsooth!" He kissed the demure maiden and pressed her to his breast. She understood that language, and you can guess the rest.—Pearson's.

Thorough Mourning.

Mandy, who had just become a sorrowing widow, was sorting out several suits of black underclothes. Her friend asked in great astonishment:

"Mandy, whah fo' yoh done got them black undehga'ments?"

"'Cause when Ah mourns Ah mourns."—Everybody's Magazine.

Gentle Hint.

"You want to go back to your husband, do you? How did you tell him?"

"I bought myself a new hat and sent him the bill."—Fliegende Blatter.

When the heart is won the understanding is easily convinced. — Simmons.