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"It was such a pale blue. I remember, I thought of the sky before a storm."

"And I thought of the sea. It was nearly a sea green!"

"Why, Funny! ridiculous! It was a sky blue!"

"How you do contradict me; m dear Philemon[[best guess]]. It was a very light green."

"And I insist it was blue!"

"Do you mean to tell me I lie?"

"I mean to tell you, you are mistaken!"

"Which amounts to the same thing!"

"You make the application, Mrs. Hayes."

"Mr. Philemon Hayes!"

"Fanny!"

"I say it was green sir!"

"And I say it was blue, so there!"

"You are a wretch, Phil! a real mean, heartless wretch!" and Fanny pushed back her plate angrily.

"And you are an opinionated, self-willed woman." and Phil, in his agitation, upset his coffee, scalding the cat's back and himself at the same time.

"The deuce!" cried he, rubbing his red fingers with his handkerchief. "I wish I'd never seen a woman!"

"What's that sir?"

"Confound the women! "They're a curse to the world!"

You brute! cried Mrs. Hayes, now thoroughly incensed[[best guess]]-"take that!" and seizing the plate of muffins she took aim at Phil's head, but being a woman, her aim was not so accurate as it might have been, and the plate went through the window smashing in the new tile of Fritz James Jones, who was passing; and the muffins were scattered in wild confusion about the room.

Phil was indignant. He laid his hand on the poker.

"If I did not scorn to strike a woman

-"he began.

"Oh, strike!" exclaimed Fanny, "it will only be in place with your other conduct. Don't let any notions of honor restrain you, because you never had any."

"Fanny, beware! you may try me too far."

"I'll go home to pá, that I will. You inhuman monster, you!- I'll be divorced from you this very day. So there!" and the platter of ham made a journe after the muffins.

Just at that moment, Phil's Uncle John, a shrewd old fellow, appeared on the scene.

He surveyed the group with an anxious twinkle of the eye.

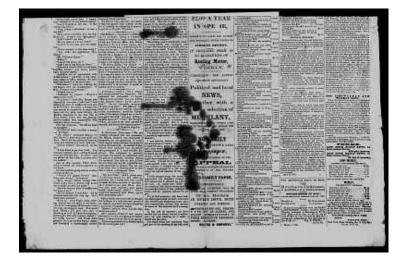
"whats the matter, Fanny? Anything gone wrong?" he inquired. "Gone wrong! Matter enough! Oh I Uncle John, I'll be divorced from him this very day. He's worse than a savage!"

"So he is," cried Uncle John, entering warmly into the spirit of the thing. "So he is"- stripping off his coat-"and I'll settle the thing at once. You stand back, Fanny; I'll give him such a thrashing as he'll be likely to remember. Striking his wife with a poker, indeed!" I'll rectify matters;" and Uncle John grasped the long-handled feather duster and flourished it threateningly around

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thousand Dutch and Irish.

We did not learn whether the candor of this red secured him a place or not, but it cerainl was deserving of some recognition.- Norfolk Virginian.



The Secret.-"I noticed," said Franklin, "a mechanic, among a number of others at work on a house erecting, but a little way from my office, who always appeared to be in a merry humor, who had a kind word and a cheerful smile for every one he met. Let the day be ever so cold, gloomy or sunless, a happy smile danced like a sunbeam on his cheerful countenance. Meeting him one morning I asked him to tell me the secret of his constant and happy flow of spirits."

"No secret, doctor," he replied [[??]]

have got one of the best of wives, and when I go to work she always has a kind word of encouragement for me, and when I go home she meets me with a smile and a kiss; and then the tea is sure to be ready and she has done so many little things through the day to please me, that I cannot find it in my heart to speak an unkind word to anybody."

A clergyman called to visit a woman who calmly awaited her departure. She who calmly awaited her departure. She expressed her resignation to depart.

"But said the minister, "are you willing to be damned forever for he glory of God?" "No, sir," she softly whispered."I cannot say that." The afflicted husband who stood by the bedside listening to the conversation, moved by the impulse of his nature, stepped up to the interrogator and said, 'Are you willing to be thus damned?" "Yes," was the reply. "Then,sir, there is the door; go and be damned, and let my wife depart in peace." [Christian Inquirer

A Southern Discovery- We are credibly informed that our townsman, Dr. Marion Howard, has discovered a compound, by the application of which teeth may be drawn without the patient's feeling the least pain. A number of physicians have examined into the matter and pronounced it a most valuable discovery. The compound is perfectly harmless if it should be swallowed, and the [[??]] is perfectly concious during the operation, but feels no pain. How far this discovery may be applied to surgical operations in general has not yet been tried, but in drawing teeth it acts like a charm. -Richmond Times.

My dear Ellen,' said a young man, "I have long wished for this sweet opportunity, but I ahrdly dare trust myself to speak the deep emotions of my heart; but I declare to you, dear Ellen, that I love ou most tenderly; your smiles whould shed- would shed-" "Never mind the woodshed" said Ellen, "go on with your pretty talk."

Sidney Smith, was once looking through the hothouse of a lady who was proud of her flowers, and used, not very accurately a profusion of botanical names.

'Madam,' said he, 'have you the Septennis psoriasis?' 'No.' said she; I had it last winter, and gave it to the Archbishop of Canterbury; it came out beautiful in the spring.'

Septennis psoriasis is the Medical name for the seven years itch!

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bors, and I flatter myself we are at peace with them. But this evening, in consequence of my fathers absence, I felt unusually lonesome, and if it were not bordering on the superstitions, I might rea [[????????]] what cause I cannot imagine."

The evening passed delightfully away; my young hostess was intelligent and lovely- the hours flew so quickly, that on looking at my watch I was surprised to find that it was eleven o'clock. This was the signal for retiring; and by twelve every inmate of the house was probably asleep except myself. I could not sleep; - strange visions floated across my brain and I lay twisting and turning on my bed, in all the agony of

sleepless suspense. The clock struck one- its last vibrating sound had scarcely died away, when the opening of a shutter and the raising of a sash in one of the lower apartments, convinced me some one was entering the house. A noise followed as of jumping from the window sill to the floor, and then followed the light and almost noiseless step of one ascending the stairway. I slept in the room [[??]] occupied by the lady; mine [[??]] the staircase; the step [[??]] gallery slowly and [[??]] seized my pistol and slipped [[??]] rious or suspicious; the sound of [[??]] stopped at my door- then followed one of applying the ear to the kyhole, and a low breathing convinced me that the villian was listening. I stood metioplese the pitch first grand blot a muscle meyod, not a ponce motionless the pistol firmly grasped. Not a muscle moved, not a nerve was slackened, for I felt as if heaven had selected [[??]] the instrument to effect its [[??]]

The person now slowly passed [[??]] I cautiously approached the [[??]] chamber.

I now went by instinct, or rather by the conveyance of sound; for an [[??]] I head his hand grasp the [[??]] door, mine seized on the [[??]] silence followed [[??]] he heard the sound, and waited [[??]] etition; it came not- all was still, [[??]] might have considered it the echo of his own noise. I heard the door open softly- also opened mine, and when at the very moment, I stepped into the entry, I caught the glimpse of a tall man entering the lighted chamber of the young lady.

I softly stepped along the entry, and approaced the chamber: through the half opened door I glanced my eyes into the room. No object was visible [[??]] the curtained bed, within whose sheet [[??]] the intended victim of the midnight assasin, and he gracious heaven- a negro! For at that moment a tall, fierce looking black approached the bed; and never were Othello and Desdemona more naturally represented; at least that particularl scene of the immortal bard's conception. It was now all suspense; my heart swelled into my throat almost to suffocation; my eyes cracking as I made a bound into the room. The black villian had ruthlessly dragged part of the covering off the bed, when

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