

### He Wasn't Her Pa.

A young woman went to the station to meet her father. As the train came in she saw a middle-aged man who resembled her relative, and she rushed into his arms, huddled down on his bosom, kissed him on the mouth, the ear, the chin, and all over his patent celluloid. It was not her father, but a middle-aged traveler for a tobacco house. He took a long breath, and looked around at some other travelers and winked, as much as to say: "O, I'm such a masher!" Of course the scene could not last forever, though he wished it could.

After a spasmodic hug she looked up in his face and shrieked "You are not my pa!"

He said she was right.

She asked his pardon, and he told her not to mention it.

"We public men should always hold ourselves in readiness to support those who need it."

She smiled a sweet, sad, blushing smile, and went out into the wide world, while the traveler walked to the hotel with the others. They asked him if it didn't make him feel ashamed to have such a mistake made, and he said no, it was all right. He said of course it might look queer, but those things occurred very often with him, as they would occur with a fine-looking man. Besides, the girl probably enjoyed it.

Then they asked him why he did not wear his diamond breastpin on such trying occasions. He looked at his shirt front and it was gone. While he had been allowing her to play the daughter she had burglarized his shirt.

He fainted, and when they brought him to he said: "Tell my family I died with my face to the foe."—Chicago Tribune.

"Greek? Do I undershtandt Greek?" said a jolly German. "Vell, I schoost can schmile. Vy, ven I vas a leedle poy I always swim in dot greek inshtead of dot riffer."

—Miss Kittie S. was reprovved in History class for not being able to repeat her lesson. Said Miss Kittie, "I thought history always repeats itself."—Alma Mater.

**AN APT RETORT.**—It is said that the late Bishop Doane, of New Jersey, was strongly opposed to total abstinence, and his sideboard was loaded with brandy, wine, etc. On one occasion Perkins, of the Sons of Temperance, dined with the Bishop, who, pouring out a glass of wine desired him to drink with him.

"Can't do it, bishop. 'Wine is a mocker.'"

"Take a glass of brandy, then."

"Can't do it, bishop. 'Strong drink is raging.'"

By this time the bishop, becoming excited, remarked to Perkins. "You will pass the decanter to the gentleman next to you!"

"No, bishop I can't do that. 'Woe unto him that putteth the bottle to his neighbors lips.'"

**A RELIABLE CONTRABAND.**— "Here, Sam, is a note I want you to hand to Mrs. Eaton Mabeley when you are sure nobody is looking," said an Austin society man to Sam Johnsing, colored.

"Yes sah," answered Sam, showing his ivories.

"And mind, don't you whisper a word to a living soul."

"You may jess rest easy about dat ar, boss. Yesterday I fotech dat same woman a letter from Col. Percy Yerger. You can jess rest easy about my openin' my mouf."

—A gentleman in this city, who lisps, was rudely awakened the other night, by a sick wife. In a great hurry he rushed to the drug store; and finding it closed, halloed to the clerk above. Raising the window, the clerk wanted to know "Who is that?" "Miss-the (Mr.) Ker, (Car.)" replied the excited man. "Well, you fool, next time, be at the depot in time," said the clerk, letting down the sash with a bang, and muttering words unmentionable to ears polite.—Alma Mater.

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