

SER'S BLUSTER.

the Gate and Enters Home an Accusing Attitude.

WHEN HE GETS READY.

ely Routed in Every Con-
Against Mrs. Bowser's Ex-
pense, He Retires, but Fails to
Any Conciliation.

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Press.]

HE wife who catches her hus-
band's footsteps at the gate
and cannot tell from them his
state of mind has not studied
she ought. When the listening
ower heard Mr. Bowser com-
v the walk the other evening
ard him striking solidly on his
There was note of grim deter-
in his stride. There was a
in the way he came on.

gate was kicked open with a
way between the gate and the
he paused.

ate ascended the steps and
he doorknob a twist and a rattle
door a bang, and Mr. Bowser
the hall. He held in his hand
oken handle of a snow shovel,
his attitude was that of an ac-
He accused in his posture, with
a, with his outstretched arm.
"You are home?" she said as she
to help him off with his over-

oved her off with the handle
moved his own coat. There was
ation, danger, in the removal.
er is all ready."

Bowser leaned the handle against
ll and followed her down to the
ent, but did not seat himself at
ble. Instead of that, he continued
to the cellar and took a look into
al bin. When he came up and
wn Mrs. Bowser asked:
"You think a water pipe had
own there?"

lam, I shall have something to
you after dinner."

as the voice of the judge telling
murderer to stand up and take his

Bowser repeated the child's
of "Now I lay me" and then



BOWSER'S ACCUSING ATTITUDE.

her dinner. It would be time to
when the knife was at her throat.
old about a horse falling down
e street, about an old woman be-
rrested, about a boy getting hit
e eye with a snowball, but Mr.
er was a sphinx, he was a tor-
he was a can of dynamite, he
a volcano waiting its time to
out and devastate the country
lies around—never a word, never
age of attitude.

er three-quarters of an hour on
gallows platform Mrs. Bowser
and he followed her up to the
g room. There she drew a long
th and turned to say:
"Well, if I am to be killed let the
fall."

it he was in no hurry. He was
eat and she the mouse. He light-
cigar and smoked and paced. It
all of ten minutes before he went
the hall and returned with that
shovel handle, and, holding it
p her gaze, he hoarsely demanded:
"Woman, do you see this?"

do."

is the handle of a snow shovel
cost me \$2 only last week. You
the cook was using it on the front
and gave it a whack that
ght this ruin. It was done to
me."

the first place, Mr. Bowser,
e is no snow shovel costing the
you name. One would have to
and painted and nickel trimmed to
even a dollar. In the next place,
shovel belonged to Little Charley
He was digging snow in our
and broke it. You come home
find the fragments and I am to
blatant for it. Proceed with
next accusation."

r. Bowser discovered that he had
his wind, but he rallied and said:
"Two weeks ago I ordered two tons
urace coal. I come home tonight,
though it is not a freezing night
loors, I find the temperature of
house at least 92 degrees. I go
n to the collar and find two-thirds
the coal gone. The idea is to run
the poorhouse."

The temperature of the house is ex-
actly as it was when you banged your
into it. There hangs the ther-
mometer. It marks just 60. You say
ordered two tons of coal. On the

deak there is the bill. It is for one
ten and receipted. I have made a half
ton last two weeks, and the other half
will last as long. We will now pro-
ceed to the third accusation."

Mr. Bowser was floored again, but
he had not played out all his rope yet.
Renews the Row.

"Mrs. Bowser," he said as he whirled
ed on her and pointed an accusing
finger, "the gas bill—where is the gas
bill? You have hidden it away, think-
ing I would not call for it. I want to
see your extravagance for the last
month."

"So you shall. It is here in the
deak. Please notice that, although last
month was longer than the month
previous, the bill calls for a dollar
less. You see, I have not sold or wast-
ed any of the gas."

Mr. Bowser took the bill and stared
at it for fully five minutes. It was a
witness against him. He turned pur-
ple as he realized it, and, laying it
down, he thundered:

"Woman, I discovered a broken milk
bottle at the basement door the other
morning! That means 20 cents out of
my pocket. How many thousand milk
bottles have you broken in the last
year?"

"The cook may have broken three or
four bottles, but they have not cost
you anything. The dairy stands the
loss."

Another whack on the head for Mr.
Bowser. But he had something in re-
serve. Mr. Bowser never brings all
his troops into action at once.

"But what about the refrigerator?"
he blazed. "Last night I noticed that
it had been knocked all to pieces. It
is your duty to notice such things.
Have you done so? That refrigerator
cost me \$40 a year ago. It is now
hardly worth 40 cents. Did you take
the ax and deliberately hit and hit
and hit until you made a wreck of it?"

"That refrigerator," replied Mrs.
Bowser, "was bought seven years ago,
and the cost was \$16. It is not a
wreck. No one has hit and hit and hit
it with an ax. In moving it out the
other day to be cleaned a caster gave
way. I sent the cook to the hardware
store this morning for another, and it
is in place. Go down and look at it."

Mr. Bowser was now breathing like
a horse after running up a long hill.
Some husbands would have kicked the
cat and sat down and shut up, but he
refused to. He walked and walked
and then said:

"By thunder, but I don't wonder that
some husbands are driven to drink!"
"I am driving you, am I?"

"There are two buttons off my vest.
I discovered it on the street car this
morning. I saw a man grinning at
me, and when I asked him the reason
he whispered to me to pull down my
vest. Think of his daring to say that
to me—Bowser! I tell you, Mrs. Bow-
ser!"

Routed in the Finale.

"Let me see your vest," she inter-
rupted as she approached him. "Yes, I
thought so. It's your old working vest.
There are missing buttons and paint
spots. If you will get up in the morn-
ing and hunt up old clothes to put on
don't blame me."

"And this collar! The blamed thing
has choked me all day!"
"That's because your shirt is hunched
up in a big wad between your
shoulders. Haven't you learned to
dress yourself yet?"

"And my socks—great Scott, my
socks!"
"Holes in them?"
"Why, they are all holes!"
"And you have six pairs of new ones
upstairs! You must have had to look
in the rag bag to find these."

"Woman!"
"Yes, dear."
"I—I won't stand it—no, I won't!
No, sir, I won't stand it another min-
ute!"

And Mr. Bowser rushed to the hall
tree, got into his hat and overcoat and
was gone. In the darkness of the win-
ter's night he slipped and slid and sat
down and got up to walk and walk,
but consolation came not to him. He
had raised a row and come out second
best.

Why He Was Locked Up.

"Ever been locked up?" demanded
counsel.
"I have been," admitted the witness.
"Aha! And what had you been doing
to get yourself locked up?"
"I had been doing jury duty."—Pitts-
burg Post.

At Last.

Mr. Brown (rushing excitedly into
the room)—Marie, Marie, intelligence
has just reached me—
Mrs. Brown (calmly interrupting
him)—Well, thank heaven, Henry—
Brooklyn Life.

At Times.

First Doctor—Do you believe surgery
can ward off old age?
Second Doctor—Oh, yes. Frequently
the patient dies under an operation.

Sham Battle.

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—Cleveland Leader.



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Overdrafts..... 90 00
Banking House..... 4,700 00
Furniture and Fixtures..... 1,750 00
Due from Banks and Bank-
ers..... 5,269 67
Currency..... 670 00
Gold..... 10 00
Silver, and other Coin..... 201 25
Checks and Cash Items..... 294 96

Total \$48,438 16

LIABILITIES.
Capital Stock paid in..... \$15,000 00
Surplus fund..... 200 00
Undivided profits, less cur-
rent expenses and taxes
paid..... 269 41
Dus to Bank and Bankers.. 823 23
Individual deposits subject
to check..... 10,733 44
Savings deposits..... 17,662 08
Time certificates of deposit 1,250 00
Notes and Bills Rediscounted 2,500 00

Total \$48,438 16

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