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MY DEAF WIFE AND AUNT.

I had an aunt coming to visit me for the first time since my marriage, and I don't know what evil genius prompted the wickedness which I perpetrated toward my wife and ancient relation.

My wife had told me of her arrival, you know Aunt Mary is coming to-morrow, well, I forgot to mention a rather annoying circumstance with regard to her.

I then went to John N., who loves a joke about as well as any body I know of, and told him to be in the house at 6 p. m.

I went to the railroad depot with a carriage next night, and when I was on my way home with my aunt, I said: "My dear aunt, there is one rather annoying infirmity that Annie (my wife) has, which I forgot to mention before."

"I am delighted to see you," shrieked my wife, and the policeman on the opposite side was startled, and my aunt nearly fell down the steps.

"Kiss me, my dear," bawled my aunt; and the windows shook as if with the fever and ague. I looked at the window; John had disappeared. Human nature could stand it no longer.

"When I went into the parlor my wife was helping Aunt Mary to take off her hat and cape; and there sat John with his face buried in his handkerchief."

"Did you have a pleasant journey?" suddenly my wife jumped to his feet.

"Better dust," was the response, in a war-whoop, and the conversation continued.

"The neighbors for blocks around must have heard it. When I was in the third story of the building I heard every word."

"In the course of the evening my aunt took occasion to say to me: "How loud your wife talks!"

"I told her deaf persons talked loudly, and that my wife being used to it, was not affected by the exertion, and that she was getting along very nicely with her."

"Presently my wife said softly—"Alf, how loud your aunt talks!"

"Yes," said I, "all deaf persons do. You're getting along with her finely, though; she hears every word you say." And I rather think she did.

"Exalted at their success of being understood, they went it hammer and tongs, till everything on the mantel-piece clattered and rattle, and I was seriously afraid of a crowd collecting in front of the house."

"But the end was near. My aunt being of an investigating turn of mind, was desirous of finding out whether the exertion of talking was injurious to my wife. So—"Doesn't talking loud strain your lungs?" said she, in an unearthly whoop, for her voice was not as musical as it was when she was young.

"It is an exertion," shrieked my wife.

Sensible Words. Maj. Calhoun, of the Columbus (Ga.) Enquirer, has been lecturing the Grangers of Seale, Ala.

He goes on to show the people that it is not the low price of cotton that makes hard times, but the high price of energy, business management and labor.

He tells the people that King Cotton is a tyrant. "Yes, Cotton, he is the tyrant king that has long lived on the life-blood of his subjects, who has impoverished them by dazzling dreams of wealth, and sickened the hearts of the people by hope long deferred."

He tells the people to make their own bread and meat, and be more anxious to be happy and comfortable than rich.

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Business Law.—The following brief recapitulation of business law is worth a careful preservation, as it contains the essence of a large amount of legal verbiage:

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