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Old man Buckley, one of Marshalltown's three inveterate topers, was trying to sober up against his daughwir's wedding. When he had his com-plement of drinks, he was to outward seeming as sober as a judge. Lack of them set him reeling upon his horse and guiding the sagacious beast in letter S's all over the road.

"Look!" Major Borum said to Molly. his niece and adopted heiress. "That's what I'm trying to save you from-the thing which biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder."

"You needn't try to make out poor Jink is a snake," Molly said spiritedly. "I'm sure he wouldn't crawl, not even to get me."

"Oh, ho! You think it was his independence that kept him from signing the pledge when I demanded it of him," the major said, with a fine, lofty scorn. Again Molly tossed her head.

"I would have said no to him if he had signed it," she said. "Why, Jink was never drunk but once in his life, and that was in the way of business. If he had not drunk to match that Long Hollow crowd, his pa would have lost all their trade, and it's worth a thousand dollars clear profit every

The major groaned. He was a round, pursy man, rosy faced, with little eyes twinkling through smothering fat. He had come back to his native town the year before breathing out a vague aroma of riches and ready to give advice offhand to anything from divine Providence to the town council. Marshalltown folk said he was cram full of crank notions, which he had had no chance to spend properly in governing a wife or bringing up chil-

dren of his own. He struck Marshalltown a teetotaler of the first water, the second water and also the third. Water was indeed his creed and rallying cry for the time being. His mind and heart were set upon organizing a temperance knighthood after ideas peculiarly his own.

Marshalltown would have none of the knightbood. It was so temperate, letting the single saloon languish except at Christmas time and the Fourth of July, that it resented organized temperance much as it might have resented the organization of an antistealing brotherhood. To its mind a man ought to drink when he felt like it and had good liquor handy, but should never be tempted into swallowing stuff he did not really care for by giving it the tang of forbidden fruit. So it heartily applauded Jink Trayis' refusal to become the first fruits of the major's enthusiasm. It was a fine thing, everybody admitted, seeing how matters stood-Jink as good as engaged to Molly and Molly's heiress-ship contingent on her marrying to suit the major.

Jink and Molly had been lovers time out of mind. It was all settled that they should marry when Jink was taken into the firm. But the major came down upon them three months before the sign. "Travis & Son. Groceries. Hardware, Provisions, Liquors, Wholesale and Retail," went up upon the big block at the head of the main street. Molly had eight younger brothers and misters. Her father could not hope to do more than feed and clothe them. So the major and his fortune had to be taken into account, especially when lie asked to have Molly the same as his own child.

That was where the pinch came. For herself and Jink, Molly could have bidden the fortune go hang. But the children! She could not shut out her mother's anxious eyes, her father's patient, troubled face. As long as she did not rebel openly she was free to help with both bands. So she contented berself with vowing she would die an old maid unless she might marry Jink and smiling her sweetest at Jink himself whenever she got the chance.

Jink could not well be so patient. He wanted a wife, a home of his own and Molly for that wife. He was ready to do anything reasonable to get her. He might have gone in for that knighthood foolishness if he had not known she would be the first to despise him for it. He might even have done it and tried to square himself later with his sweetheart if he had been sure the major was honest in his crankery. Somehow the major's enthusiasm rang false to him. Under and behind the flow of words he saw something in the unctuous lips, the beady, twinkling eyes, which made him suspect that the major, like other self deluded mortals, was more anxious to pose as a great moral force than to rule strictly his

own appetites. Indeed, as Dan Brown put it, "the cut of the major's jib gave him away for a blamed old hypocrite." Dan Brown was Jink's chum, the head man at the new electric light plant, which Travis & Son had done so much to get installed. Of course, their own store was the very first to be wired and lighted. All the first week afterward Jink himself did nothing much but march around with swarming rural customers and flash lights into every dark hole and corner from the third story to the cellar. In the flashing he incidentally made them sure there was no danger of getting a stroke of light- know the doctor said you was not to yer?"

fered. "I say this yere projick, it jest knocks the socks off'n anything ever I saw," Squire Crane said as Jink made the cellar dark or light by the mere turning of a button. Afterward he explained that the cellar would be always light. Then everybody smiled. That meant something to Travis' cus-

tomers. Ever since the store opened there had been a barrel of the best whisky conveniently remote from general view, but free to whoever chose to go and take a drink. It was, of course, a point of honor not to drink unless you were a pretty good custemer. Major Borum was a pretty good customer, in spite of social comrel stood.

foot away. The thief, understand, was caravan. The Germans marveled at only an innocent tin tube, open at both such an apparition in such a dreary ends and slender enough to slip easily waste-wondered she wasn't afraid through the bunghole. In use it was thrust down into the liquor, open ended. Then a finger held close over the upper end made it fetch out enough liquor for a drink, stiff or mild according to the depth of the plunge. By way of keeping the thief in place a little ring had been soldered on to the upper end, a long wire twisted in the ring and likewise made fast to the nail in the wall. Careless drinkers might otherwise have dropped the invaluable tube or absentminded ones, after the third drink, have gone off with it in the

Throughout the summer Major Borum came into the store only when he had business, but as the days grew short and nipping he fell into a way of sitting into the group around the stove, listening when he had to-that was rather seldom-and talking when he

could-that was most of the time. Toward Christmas the major haunted the store more than ever, especially late in the day when there was always plenty of trade. He had got so familiar he went everywhere, up stairs or down, without exciting comment. Some few said he was simmering down. They reckoned it would be all right betwixt Jink and Molly by-well, say, next spring; but Jink and Molly knew better. Indeed they had almost lost hope when Dan Brown came to their

The lights had been working badly, so Dan chased down into the cellar about dusk one night to look after the switchboard. In a minute he came up, his eyes staring like saucers, beckoned Jink to him and plunged again below. Nobody saw any more of them that night. They worked in the cellar until near 12 o'clock and went home chuc-

All next day Jink moved like a man in a dream, waiting upon customers with his head half turned over his shoulder. It was a busy day, Saturday, and the world and his wife were in town. About noon, when the crush was greatest, everybody was startled a succession of yells, unearthly, agonizing, coming up, it seemed. from right under their feet. Three parts of the hearers dashed into the street, two women fainted, and old lady Buckley snatched up her basket of eggs, crying out that she "allus knew som'p'n' was bound ter happen ter that store ever sence they took an' made candles outen the Lord A'mighty's own thunder." But half a dozen rushed below, where the screams still kept up, intermingled now with roars of strenuous laughter.

There was more laughing when they saw the whole thing-Major Borum. their in hand, howling, hopping from one foot to the other, unable to let go and between howls swearing like a pirate at Dan Brown, who stood with his hand upon an innocent looking key newly set in the switchboard.

Dan was saying between gasps:

"You've got to agree, major. Let Jink have Molly or here you stay all day. You can't let go that thief. It's got a full lamp voltage. We fixed it, Jink and I, as soon as ever I caught you taking a drink on the sly."

"No. no. Dan. I can't let you persecute Molly's uncle." Jink said, reaching for the key. "I'm awfully obliged to you, though, for watching here," he went on. "You know," to those behind him, "we could not afford to turn on the current-until we were sure of

"I sorter reckon you've made sure of your gal," old man Buckley said as the crestfallen major vanished up the stair. Sure enough, it turned out that Jink

Origin of Absunta.

Absinth, the green fiend that saturates fashionable France, was originally an extremely harmless medical.

It was a French physician who first used it. His name was Ordinaire, and he was living as a refugee at Couvet. in Switzerland, at the close of the eighteenth century. Like many other country doctors at that time, he was also a druggist, and his favorite remedy was a certain elixir of absinth of which he alone had the secret.

At his death he bequeated the formula to his housekeeper, Mlle. Grandpierre, and she sold it to the daughters of Lieutenant Henriod. They cultivated in their little garden the herbs necessary for concocting it, and after they had distilled a certain quantity of the liquid they sold it on commission to itinerant peddlers, who quickly disposed of it in the adjacent towns and

Finally, during the first decade of the nincteenth century, a wealthy distiller purchased the formula, and very soon modern absinth, which differs greatly from the old medical remedy, since the

So Considerate.

Mother (an invalid; -Johnny, don't you think I ought to punish you for

Johnny (aged 5)-No, mamma. You ming. Otherwise trade might have suf- ladulge in any violent exercise.-Chicago News.

The Real Difficulty.

"Are you suffering from cold?" "No. My trouble started with a cold, but I took all the remedies my friends prescribed, and they are what I am suffering from now." - Washington A TRANSIT OF VENUS.

How It Was Observed by a Party of German Scientists.

On their way between Telriz and Teheran the members of an expedition sent to Persia by the German govern ment to observe the transit of Venus met a solitary European lady riding in the plications, but nobody ever suspected opposite direction, a member of the him of even knowing where the bar- English colony, who was as clever as she was beautiful. Having been long It lay bung up, with the thief hang- a resident in Persia, she was fearless ing upon a handy nail in the wall a ly riding alone a long way ahead of her Wouldn't she ict some of them stand by until her servants and baggage came up? No, she was quite at ease. and usually in her travels was far ahead of her attendants, whose mules. more heavily laden, could not keep her

"And now, gentlemen," she said "who are you, and where are you bound for?"

They introduced each other. One was the astronomer, another the photogra pher, another the archæologist, the nat uralist, and so on, and they were going to Ispahan to observe the transit of Venus. The lady smiled, started her

pony and waved her adieu, saying: "To observe the transit of Venus: Ah, well, you can go home, now, gen tlemen! Your duty is done. Goodby."

The fair vision disappeared at a can ter toward the horizon, and it was said that the Germans did not see the joke till a long time after Venus had disap peared from their ken. Life of Majo General Sir Robert Murcoch Smith, K

Why He Hesitated.

The Brooklyn Citizen prints an experience of a man who traveled all over Europe and declares that he did not meet but one person who hesitated over the acceptance of a fee:

I was wandering through an old graveyard in an English town and had stopped before a stone which had no: been long in place. A man who must have been following me stepped up and

"Ah, sir, but she who lies here will be missed for years to come! She was for half a lifetime the president of the charity board."

In an absentminded way I handed him a sixpence, said the traveler. He received it, turned it over in his hand in a hesitating way and finally stam-

"As she was my own wife, sir, and as I was here to plant flowers on her grave, perhaps it would not be exactly proper to accept a fee."

I replied that but for him I might never have known about her being president of the board, and he swallowed his scruples and pocketed the sixpence with one motion and with evident satisfaction.

Office and Man.

Once upon a time a postmaster who lived in a Kansas town was seated in his office reading postal cards when a native cyclone suddenly came his way. The wind carried him through an east window and in the direction of a chestnut grove three miles distant.

In a few seconds he was safely seated in the top of a high tree busy picking chestnut burs out of his hair and clothing when he saw the building that he had so suddenly left coming directly toward him.

"I declare," he exclaimed, "there comes the old shanty looking for me!" Moral.-Sometimes the office seeks the man.-New York Herald.

Meanings of Words and Children. One of my children was reading to me in her English history how the mayor killed Wat Tyler. "I suppose it kicked him," she remarked. I explained that the mayor was a man. "Oh." she said, "I thought a mare was an old gray horse!"

My mother told me that the word "sundry," which she heard in church in the exhortation, puzzled her much till she decided in her own mind it referred to the hot, arid land of Palestine, where the Bible was written-a sun dry place ... Good Words.

Warded Off.

Mr. Phoxy-Did you send the Borems a card for our musicale?

Mrs. Phoxy-Yes. How could I get Mr. Phoxy-I'll tell Borem that Jenks 4 15 9 30

is coming. Borem owes him money.

End Small Hope.

First Physician - I understand the measles have broken out in your neigh-

Second Physician-Yes, but the families are so scattered I'm afraid they won't catch.-Boston Post.

Trainigar Hats.

The year 1805 was a memorable one, as on Oct 21 was fought and gained the battle of Trafalgar, and then, as now, fashion complimented heroes by devising toilets named in their honor. So Nelson was commemorated by a bat-the "Trafalgar" and every woman and child adopted the wondrous structure, which would outdo even the headgear of the present day, for afterward he placed on the market the these hats were of enormous width and breadth, something of the size of a round table, and so loaded with plumes latter contained no alcohol and very that the wearers must have looked all hat.-Gentleman's Magazine.

> Question of Ownership. "Need of counsel? Come up and let me introduce you to my lawyer." "Your lawyer? Do you own a law-

"1-er-well, no, certainly not. He s me "- New York Press.

Always Discontented. "Man always wants what he hasn't

and falls to appreciate what he has." "Yes; that's what keeps the marriage bureaus and the divorce courts going." -Chicago Post

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