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They Had Been Married Only a Year and Had Already Begun to Have Their Little Disputes.

This morning over their breakfast they had quarreled more vigorously than usual, and he had thrust his foot fiercely on his head, slammed the door and started to the office with feelings of bitterness and rage in his heart.

As he passed by the sidewalk there came floating to his ears from a neighbor's open window the music of a song. It had been the favorite of him and Louise during the days when the tender hands of love had first begun to bind their hearts together. As the familiar notes struck into life and vibration the old sweet chords again a sudden and overpowering revulsion of feeling came upon him. His mind recalled the happy days when he had so fondly and joyfully worshipped at her shrine. The well-remembered walks by the river, the balmy nights when they whispered in the moonlight among the honeysuckles, her low, soft tones that had so strangely stirred his heart, her first whispered words of love—the old tender echoes in his soul were awakened.

He turned on his heel and went back. Louise was lying upon the sofa, her face buried in her hands, and her shoulders shaking with a storm of sobs. A flood of re-awakened love, pity and remorse swept into his heart. He knelt by her side and took her hands in his.

"Lou," he said, in low, broken tones, "never, oh never let us say a hard word one to the other again. Let us forget that we have ever done so, and remember that love is all there is in life that comes of heaven. Dry your tears, little one, and forgive me for ever causing them to flow."

She looked up in an ecstasy of happiness and wonder. She smiled through her tears, and her arms went round his neck as she exclaimed:

"Oh, George, am I dreaming, or is it your old self I have with me once more? Surely, surely, darling we will never differ again. Oh, how happy you have made me by those words! Never, as long as I live, will I be cross with you another time."

"And we will be happy always, dear—just as happy as we were a year ago."

Always. How different life seems, George, when love and trust and confidence guides our steps. And you will never speak harshly to me again?"

"Never, darling. And you will never be fretful and complaining any more?"

"No, indeed. You know I never am when you are nice and good to me. It is only when you begin to make a fuss that I get cross."

"Sometimes, dear, you begin it."

"Not until you give me good cause."

"Very often you begin to raise Cain before I've said a word."

"No doubt you think so, but then you always lay the blame on me. You never think you do anything wrong."

"Well, whenever I don't do exactly what you think I ought to, you get on your rear and howl like two cats on a back fence."

"Do I? The trouble with you is that you haven't enough sense to conduct your business properly, and you come home grum as a bear and take your spite out on me when anything goes wrong."

"A man who comes home and gets a tongue lashing before he gets inside the door, and found fault with forty-seven times before he hangs his hat up is likely to feel grum. I never saw a human being in my life with a temper like yours."

"And if I hadn't been a fool I never would have married a man with their sulking, brutal manners that you possess, I should think you would be ashamed to live."

"Oh, you miserable, detestable villain! Why don't you kick and beat me? I'm sure you're man enough to."

Two minutes later the man, with fire in his eye and a red scratch on his cheek, came out of the house a second time. The music of the same song was floating from the neighbor's window, and he muttered:

"Confound that old tune. Why in thunder can't they sing 'Johnny, get your gun, or something decent'?"

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## THE BIGGEST ONE.

The Major Told the Biggest Lie and No One in the Crowd Doubted It.

There were five or six of them sitting about the stove in the drug store, and they had been telling some pretty tall stories. The druggist was a man of some humor and invention, and he connected a mixture of great potency and fine flavor, composed of Sp. Prunellae, saccharum alba, cortex limonis, carophyllus aromaticus and aqua pura q. s. This mixture he proposed to administer to whomever should tell the biggest story, and the party at once began to stretch their inventive powers to their fullest extent. A toilet soap drummer was appointed judge, and the prize mixture, steaming hot, sat in an eight ounce graduated measure upon the edge of the stove.

The colonel told a war story of the Manchurian variety, the 'squire related a hunting adventure that evinced a decided genius for evading the truth, and the postmaster made a strong bid for the prize with a snake story big enough to make the sea serpent jealous. The others followed in turn, and the last man, the major entered the competition. The major had in his mind a remarkable narrative about a dog that he owned that did some wonderful things, and he began his story this way:

"Last Wednesday morning I got up a little later than usual, and went down to breakfast. Most of you have seen that brown setter of mine—he's a good deal smarter than most men. Well, that dog was in the dining room when I went in. As I came in the door my wife, who was waiting for me, said:

"John, when I went in to wake you up this morning, I found this five dollar bill on the floor. You must have dropped it from your pocket when you undressed last night. Then she handed me the bill. Now that dog of mine was—"

"Wait a minute," said the toilet soap drummer, "you needn't go any further with your story. The prize is yours. I'm a married man myself, and that lie you've just told is one that you'll never improve on. I hereby tender a decision in your favor."

As there was no single man in the crowd, not a voice was raised in protest against the judge's verdict.