

A DOMESTIC COMEDY.

THE EXPERIENCE OF A WIFE WHO WANTED GOLDEN HAIR.

After Attaining Her Ambition, the Husband, as Contrasts Were in Order, Took a Hand in the Game and Won Out After a Close Shave.

Her hair was neutral in tint or tints—or, better, it was varnished—that is to say, there were strands of dark yellow, a heavy understratum of indecisive brown and a number of scattered wisps of bronze red.

But she didn't like it. The variety of tints worried her. She wanted one color hair, and the one color she wanted was golden.

Jim let his pipe fall out of his hands and got ashes all over his new \$3.48 fancy vest.

"You are, hey?" said he. "You only think you are, and you've got several more things coming. What in the deuce can you be dreaming of, anyhow?"

"Just this," she replied. "There's a bit of every old color known to science in my hair except blue and green. You yourself call me your 'chameleon topped.' I'm tired of having all sorts and conditions of hair. Moreover, I've got a fair, lily white skin and beautiful hazel eyes (I'm only quoting you; you used to tell me they were the gorgeous eyes on the map), and yellow hair would just suit me. Just fancy the combination—golden hair and the gorgeous hazel eyes on the map! Wherefore, I remark again, in a tone filled with passionate yearning, 'Jim, I'm going to peroxide my hair.'"

"Well, I'll tell you one thing," he replied, gazing at her steadfastly. "If you do, it'll let me out. It'll be the finish. I'll go to sea. I'll go to New York or take some other equally short route to the demibon bows. You hear me a-talking."

"But, Jim"—and she addressed him now from no greater distance than his own knee—"I just want to peroxide my hair, you know. See?"

"You're a pretty fancy wheedler, but it doesn't go. See?" was Jim's retort. "I don't see anything the matter with your hair as it stands. What's the matter with your hair? You've got bully hair. I'd rather toy with that head of hair—here, lemme alone—I can't get my breath. Who's been putting such stuff into your head? Whom do you want to look like anyhow? Lydia Thompson at the age of 112? Cut it out, my dear. Your hair's good enough for me. Wait'll you get me under the sod and then you can have it painted ultramarine if you want to."

"How dreadful you do talk! Sod!" she replied. "As if that wouldn't just break my—but, Jimmy boy, can't I just touch it up at the sides and around the front and top, then—just a little, teeny, weeny bit—please, mister man, can't I?"

"Nope, you can't," said Jim, with decision. "It's all off. I have spoke." And, say, d'ye think you could let me read my paper for about four consecutive minutes, please, ma'am?"

This didn't settle the matter, though, by a whole lot. She got a very swaggy black tailor made dress about ten days ago, and the idea of yellow hair in combination with the black dress took possession of her.

"Jim," she said on the evening the black dress was delivered to her, "with reference to my about to be peroxidized hair"—

"I have the honor to inform you that there ain't going to be no peroxide," interrupted Jim, carrying out his business form of conversation, whereas she ceased.

"I'll just go down and have it done anyhow," she said to herself the next morning. "He'll be so delighted with the way it looks that he won't do a thing but fall upon my neck and weep for very joy."

She had it done. Not touched up. All over. A dead yellow. Henpen yellow. When the job was done and she saw herself in the glass, she didn't admire it quite so much as she anticipated she would. Nor was she quite so confident that when Jim saw her transformed head he would fall upon her neck, etc.

"Uh-huh," said he when he came in that evening, "you've done it, I see?" "Like it, Jimmy boy?"

"Not by a jugful, do I like it!" he replied, not amiably. "Where do I cut in in this outfit? What did I say about this chemical blond business, hey?"

There was no conversation in the house for the remainder of the evening. A gloomy silence brooded over the carpet.

When Jim went to his office the next morning, a steely light was in his eyes. He tugged at his straw, red, brown and auburn mixed vandyke beard savagely. Then he retired to a hotel barber shop and had his straw, red, brown and auburn mixed vandyke beard dyed a deep, dull, unfathomable Stygian black. When he emerged from the hotel barber shop, the hirsute trimmings on his countenance were blacker than the blackest thing ever seen on land or here. They were so black that they made the exposed portions of his face look ghastly white. He looked like a photograph taken after death. He endured the gazing of his friends and associates for the remainder of the day, and then he went home and burst into the house with a grisly attempt at a cheery grin and a bluff manner. His wife met him in the hall. "How d'ye like it?" she asked her. "Great, ain't it? Real thing, hey? Thought I'd have it fixed up as a sort of contrast to you, y'know. Now we're both ornamental around the house too. You look like an orange peddler at an old stove. Oh, ain't we a lovely bunch?"

Then he caught sight of himself in the mirror over the mantel and fell into a chair and howled mirthlessly.

After several hours of pleading, she induced him to sneak around to a late closing barber shop, where he had his beard and mustache removed. She cannot, in return, have her dead yellow hair shaved close to her head, of course, but he has her promise in typewriting that she will let the peroxide wear off, never in this life to be renewed.—Washington Post.

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HOBSON AT HONOLULU

He Makes a Speech—The Gunboat Bennington En Route to Guam.

Honolulu, Jan. 4, via San Francisco.—The U. S. S. Bennington will sail for Wake Island and Guam on Jan. 4, Commander Tansig expects a number of sailors by the Alameda, due here tomorrow, to take the place of men in Admiral Dewey's fleet whose time has expired. He also expects to receive instruments for surveying and making soundings at Wake Island and Guam.

Lieutenant Hobson is receiving a warm welcome at Honolulu. He was entertained at luncheon by Special Agent Sewall. In the afternoon he received many persons at the Young Men's Christian association and at the Officers' Club of the national guard of Hawaii.

At the wharf there was an immense crowd, and Hobson made a speech in which he dwelt on the significance of the new era in national life which was marked by this demonstration in Honolulu.

Four big sailing vessels are here ready to load sugar for New York. Fourteen steamships left Honolulu yesterday and today to bring sugar from other islands.

PERT PERSONALS.

By the way, what has become of Admiral von Diederich in the shuffle?—Memphis Commercial Appeal.

Ensign Ward is now a hero and will be admired as long as heretofore from the revolting "kissing" habit.—New York Herald.

Now that he has had a name named after him Hon. Billy Mason will be sure to be recognized as Chicago's foremost citizen.—Washington Post.

It is yet a toss up whether Joaquin Miller's vandyke success is due to his lecture or to the ear he lost in the Klondike.—San Francisco Chronicle.

Emperor William now talks of going to a fancy ball in a Roman tog. The kaiser is becoming almost as picturesque as what is left of the Four Hundred.—Washington Star.

A Kansas paper says ex-Senator Peffer is wearing a handsome diamond stud, the gift of a friend. This may explain why he sacrificed those distinguished whiskers.—Leaven Post.

The Earl of Shaftesbury, who is to marry Miss Goelet, used to sing a tenor part in a comic opera. The notes he is after now are still higher and of more volume.—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

The Louisville Courier-Journal, in a report of a social gathering, says: "Among those present were Miss Sunshine Parsons, Starrie Meade, Goldie Robinson and Sunnie Sanderson." Those girls ought to shine anywhere.—Cleveland Leader.

GLEANINGS.

Arabic coins have a sentence from the Koran, and generally the caliph's name, but never an image.

The Unter den Linden in Berlin is the best illuminated street in the world. There are in it three rows of electric lights.

It is said that the gambling rooms at Ostend made a profit of nearly \$150,000 last season. An Englishman lost \$50,000 at one of the tables and a Russian \$42,000.

In China there is no regular standard of distance. A Chinese mile may be from a quarter of an English mile to a mile and three-quarters, according to the province.

You can find almost anything in a second-hand store, but the half century old gravestone which stands in the front window of a Lewiston (Me.) second-hand store is about the oddest yet.

"What am I in for?" is what the inebriates say when they wake up in cells at the city hall police station in Lewiston, Me. "For instance," says the officer in charge, and the inevitable reply is, "For heaven's sake, what is that?"

Ireland's telegraph department recently proved that it could manage Gaelic by taking the speeches delivered at an Irish festival at Letterkenny, County Donegal, in the native tongue and receiving them at Dublin, so that they could be printed in Gaelic characters in The Freeman's Journal.

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PEOPLE'S COLUMN.

MISCELLANEOUS.

LOST—A small, light colored Jersey cow. Small horns, no rope. Lost Thursday evening between 3 and 6 o'clock. T. B. Doe, 20 Oak St. tf

MODISTE—Mrs. M. W. Fraser, corner Pine and College streets, local dress maker. Twenty-three rooms complete. Also tea gowns, wrappers and dressing sacks.

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ROBERT BROWN—City surveyor and engineer, Office Daily Gazette; residence, 55 Victoria avenue.

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TO LOAN—On improved city property \$500 to \$3000. Address with description of property box 200 postoffice.

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WANTED—A young white girl, eleven or twelve years old, to help take care of a baby and make herself generally useful. No hard work. Address, H. T. Gazette office.

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FOR RENT—One nicely furnished room \$1.25 per week, with use of bath; also two unfurnished rooms, \$1.25 per week with use of bath; will rent together if desired. Cercovich, 217 Haywood st. 292-3

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JOHN A. BROOKSHIRE, Administrator of estate of W. H. Sales, deceased.

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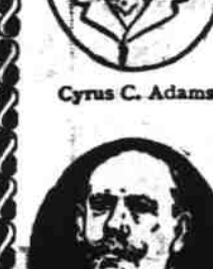


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