THE JOLLY BEST MAN.

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His Experiences, as He Relates Them, Also Explain Why He Remains, as He Says He Always Will Remain, a Free and Easy Bachelor.

"This," said the bachelor, "has been my busy week. I'm it for two weddings, and I've been attending to my duties as best man. The weddings aren't due for several days, but the arduous duties of my role began ten days ago. I'll never get married. No, sirree! If there wasn't any other reason, why, I'd never have the cruelty to ask a friend of mine to go through the troubles of a best man. I've been through them too often myself. In the first place, they"—

"Who?"

"Oh, the individuals commonly referred to as 'the happy man.' Happy! You never saw such a good imitation of blue funk as a bridegroom to be can give during his last week of bachelorhood. His mental and moral teeth are all of a chatter, and he clings to his best man like a prisoner to his last hope. I've jollied a dozen of them through that interesting period, and I've seen good, sensible, hard headed fellows go clean daft before they got through.

"I'll never forget one chap. The wedding was to be at 12 o'clock, and of course we were out in the vestry a quarter of an hour ahead of time, so as to be sure to be ready. That is one advantage the man has. He can drive there with a leisurely margin to spare, but the bride has to time her trip so as to get to the front door as nearly as possible on the stroke of the hour. Of course she doesn't want to wait around the vestibule, so she is generally at least a few minutes late.

"But, bless you, the bridegroom never thinks of that. He just walks holes in the vestry carpet, eats the ends off his glove fingers and bullyrags the longsuffering best man. This particular chap began to fume about five minutes before 12 o'clock. At three minutes to 12 he was white with terror. When his watch showed the very hour, he began saying things.

"'She ain't coming!' he snapped out. 'I won't wait.'

"'Go 'way with you!' I said. 'Did you think she was so anxious to have you that she'd come down here at daybreak to be sure to be on time?'

"'But it's past the time now,' he protested, showing me his watch, which indicated 30 seconds after 12. I learned later to get hold of the happy man's watch before we went to the church and turn it back from 5 to 20 minutes, according to his condition. This time, unhappily, I hadn't done so, and the poor fellow simply got more frightened with every tick of his watch. At two minutes after 12 he made a dive for the door.

"'I won't wait,' he said when I caught him by the arm. 'I tell you I won't wait to be made a laughing stock of. Those people in there,' jerking his thumb toward the church, 'are talking about it now. I can hear them. They know she won't come. I tell you I won't stay.'

"'But I tell you she'll be here in a few minutes,' I protested. 'She's only a little late.'

"'Well, then, if she's late she isn't worth waiting for anyway. I—she'—

"He was just a blethering idiot by that time, you know, and I simply restrained him by force for a few minutes until we were notified that the young lady had arrived. Then I wiped the cold perspiration from his forehead and from mine, addressed him in a few bracing phrases which shriveled the paper on the vestry walls, took him by his arm—limp it was as a rag—and steered him into the church.

"Why, you've no idea of the number of snags a prospective bridegroom runs against the week before he is married. I'll never forget the first time one of them came to me to be rescued from the hat problem. He had that look of utter despair I've so often seen on their faces, poor things! He looked as if he was saying:

"'I've put up with everything, and I've been as meek as a Christian martyr, but the worm has turned.'

"What he did say was, 'How do I get my hat?'

"'Hat?' I said.

"'That's what I said,' he declared. 'How do I get my hat? Tell me that, will you?'

"'Beg or borrow it, my dear fellow,' I said, recovering myself and trying to be facetious. 'That is the favorite method of obtaining it. I don't advise you to steal one unless you want to do a comic opera act and pass your wedding eve in the county jail.'

"'Don't get gay,' he said briefly, 'but tell me how I am to get my hat after the ceremony is over. I've had a sleepless night over that thing. I go into the church by the back door, don't I? And I go out by the front door. Now, how do I get my hat when I go out?' he persisted, his voice getting higher. 'I can't take it to the altar with me, and I can't ask to be excused after the ceremony so that I can run back to the vestry and get it. What am I going to do, I want to know?'

"Well now, you know, most people don't think of those little things until they run right up against them, but I tell you when a bridegroom to be meets a problem, even if it's one that wouldn't feaze an infant, he just topples back on to his best man and howls for help. I've got two of them on my hands now, and the two of them together won't be as happy as I shall be when their carriage doors have both banged shut and they are off on their honeymoons. I don't know what excuse other people have for that tired feeling, but the best man at a wedding needs no other excuse."—Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

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Hyson—But how could that be? She shot the man deliberately, and he died instantly, as at least half a dozen persons testified.

Foochow—I know, but the defense had a medical expert. He made a post mortem examination of the man whom the woman shot, and he declared that it was a case of heart failure.—Boston Transcript.

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NOTICE.

By virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain deed in trust made by M. L. Taylor to the undersigned trustee, dated July 24, 1897, and registered in the office of the register of deeds for Buncombe county, state of North Carolina, in book 43 of mortgages and deeds of trust, at page 261 et seq., to which reference is hereby made, and by reason of default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by said deed in trust, whereby the power of sale therein contained has become operative, I will on Tuesday, the 11th day of July, 1899, at the court house door in the city of Asheville, N. C., between the hours of 12 m. and 1 p. m., sell at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, the following described lots, lying and being in the city of Asheville, county of Buncombe, and state of North Carolina, on both sides of Cumberland avenue, and more particularly described as follows:

Lot No. 8 of block No. 8,, beginning at a stake at the junction of the west margin of Iola circle, with the east margin of Cumberland avenue, and, runs thence with the east margin of Cumberland avenue, north 190 4-10 feet, to a stake, the southwest corner of lot No. 9 of block No. 8, thence east 136 5-10 feet with the south line of lot No. 9 to a stake in the west line of lot No. 7 of block No. 8, thence south 52 7-10 feet with the west line of lot No. 7, to a stake in the west margin of Iola circle, thence south with the west margin of Iola circle 180 feet to the beginning.

Lot No. 22, block No. 9, beginning at a stake in the west margin of Cumberland avenue and south margin of an alley from Montford avenue to Cumberland avenue, and running thence with said west margin of said Cumberland avenue, south 101 4-10 feet to a stake, the northeast corner of lot No. 24 of block No 9, thence west with the north line of lot No. 24, 294 30-100 feet to a stake, thence north 92 feet to a stake in south margin of said alley, thence east with the south margin of said alley 251 7-10 feet to the beginning.

Lot No. 24, block No. 9, beginning at a stake on the west margin of Cumberland avenue, the southeast corner of lot No. 22, and running thence with the west margin of Cumberland avenue 73 15-100 feet to its junction with the west margin of Soco street, thence south with the west margin of Soco street 34 feet 3 inches to a stake, northeast corner of lot No. 26, of block No.9, thence west with the north line of lot No. 26, 305 57-100 feet to a stake, thence north 92 feet to a stake, the southwest corner of lot No. 22, thence east with the south line of lot No. 22, 294 3-10 feet to the beginning.

For further reference see Map "Subdivision of property of George W. Pack," registered in the office of register of deeds for Buncombe county, in book 89, pages 60 and 61.

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An Austrian Dogberry.

The Vienna men of law have recently distinguished themselves in a unique manner. A Wachau peasant had been caught in the criminal act of throwing stones at rabbits. He had not hit them, and the rabbits had decamped without so much as suspecting the attack, but the peasant was hauled before the high courts of justice. His defense was that the rabbits had been close to his garden and that he had only tried to frighten the greedy rodents off his cabbages. All the same, he was condemned to three days' imprisonment. The peasant appealed against the sentence, but in vain. If a rabbit had been killed, said the authorities, the peasant would certainly have stolen it, and stealing a rabbit was an unlawful action. And thus the man from Wachau went to prison for three days, and the wise judges of Vienna have bounded into fame for their new method of applying the "if" and "and" theory.—Westminster Gazette.

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By virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain deed in trust executed to the undersigned trustee by J. W. Kuykendall, dated the 28th day of May, 1892, and recorded in the office of the register of deeds for Buncombe county, North Carolina, in book of deeds in trust No. 30 at page 61, to secure the indebtedness therein described, and having been requested by the legal owner of the notes representing said indebtedness to foreclose said deed in trust, by reason of default in payment thereof, I will on Monday, the 19th day of June, 1899, at the court house door in the city of Asheville, North Carolina, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the property described and conveyed in said deed in trust and bounded as follows, towit: "A certain tract of land lying and being in Buncombe county aforesaid and more particularly described am defined as follows: Beginning at the intersection of Silver and Blanton streets and runs southward with the eastern margin of Blanton street 75 feet to a stake in Blanton street, the northwest corner of lot No. 25 on plat known as Shelby park; thence runs eastward with north line of said lot or northeast line 50 feet to a stake in said line; thence northward with line parallel with eastern margin of Blanton street 75 feet to a stake in southern margin of Silver street; thence southward with southern margin of Silver street 50 feet to the beginning, being the lot this day conveyed by J. M. Campbell and wife to J. W. Kuykendall.

This the 17th day of May, 1899.

O. D. REVELL, Trustee.

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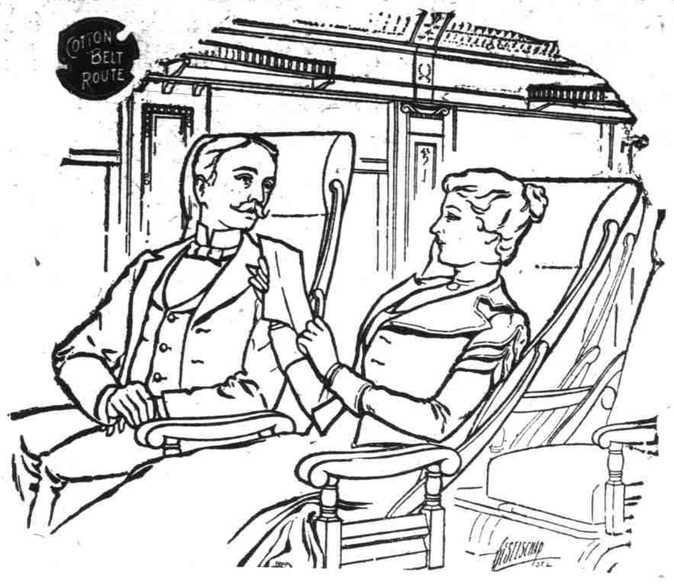

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