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The Wilson Advance. FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1880. Poetry. THE EASY WIFE. There's just one thing a man can have In all this world of care and strife...

Established 1870. JONES, LEE & CO. Cotton Factors & COMMISSION MERCHANTS. 28 Railway's Wharf, Norfolk, Va.

On winter nights my cozy dame Will warm her toes before the fire; She never scolds about the lamp...

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I tell you, Jack, if you would work, Just get a girl who lets things run; She'll keep her temper like a lamb...

Offers his large stock at bargains. Ladies' double case gold watches as low as \$14.00. Wedding and Engagement Rings always on hand.

You think perhaps, our household ways Are just perchance a little mixed; Oh, when they get too horrid bad...

Lemon Tabourne, The Old Reliable Barber. May always be found at his shop on Tapscott Street, where he will be pleased to serve his friends and former patrons.

Our Fireside. A NOBLE SELF-SACRIFICE. "Who and what was he?" I was standing in the churchyard of a small town on the borders of South Staffordshire...

KNABE Piano. The most popular piano in the South. For nearly forty years these instruments have maintained their reputation for durability, cleanness and sweetness of tone.

"It's not much as such as you might care for," the man replied. "Here," he said, turning to the little ones who were straying toward the green mound again...

Lewis Washington, BUILDING MOVER. KINSTON, N. C. Orders promptly attended to at short notice.

"But the next day, when the fire had burned itself out, I was one of those that went down into the pit. There was a crowd of the miners' wives and children standing at the pit mouth...

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When the Fee Comes in. A newly elected Justice of the Peace, who had been used to drawing deeds and wills, and little else, was called upon as his first official act to marry a couple who came into his office very hurriedly and told him their purpose. He lost no time in removing his hat and remarked:

"Hats off in the presence of the Court." All being uncovered, he said: Hold up your right hands. You, John Marvin, do solemnly swear that to the best of your knowledge and belief you take this yer woman ter have an ter hold for yourself, yer heirs, exekutors, administrators and assigns, for yer an' their use behoof forever?" "I do," answered the groom.

"You, Alice Ewer, take this yer man for yer husband, ter have an' hold for ever; and you do further swear that you are lawfully seized in fee simple, are free from all incumbrance, and her good right to sell, bargain and contract to the said graun tee yourself, yer, heirs, administrators and assigns?" "I do," said the bride, rather doubtfully. "Well, John, that'll be about a dollar 'n' fifty cents?" "Are we married?" asked the bride. "Yes, when the fee comes in." After some fumbling it was produced and handed to the "Court," who pocketed it and continued: "Know all men by these presents, that I, being in good health and of sound and disposin' mind, in consideration of a dollar 'n' fifty cents to me in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do and by these presents have declared you man and wife during good behavior and until otherwise ordered by the Court."

THE GALLAGHER DIVORCE CASE.

"My name is Gallagher," said the stranger, as he entered Col. Brown's law office. "I called to see about a suit of divorce."

"Take a seat," said the colonel. "In the first place," said Mr. Gallagher, "I want to ask, can divorce be obtained on the ground of general incompatibility?" "I dunno," said the Colonel. "I must ascertain the facts."

"Because, if they can, I want you to begin sixty-eight divorce suits for me to-morrow upon that ground." "Sixty eight?" "Let me explain. You see, about four years ago I went to Salt Lake City and I was converted to the Mormon religion. When I joined, Bishop Grubb said I ought to marry, and so I proposed for six daughters, and we were consolidated at once. On the following Thursday the Bishop died. He left eleven widows. His exekutors pointed out that I might probably assuage their grief and get a firmer grip on the property by taking them out of their lonely condition. So I married them, and also pooled in two sisters of one of them, living in Idaho, and a cousin of another—a cousin who was single and had a cast in her eye."

"That made twenty, did it?" observed the Colonel. "Twenty. Well, then, the impression, your honor, naturally got around that I was a marrying man, and so the two apostles at their next meeting sealed to me four widows and an old maid that were drifting about the settlement with no one in particular to look after them, and as I took the act good-naturedly, why on the following week Bishop Knox got the apostles to pass over to me a job lot of relations including two aunts, one grandmother and a second cousin, and Bishop O'Moole threw in a step-sister, a mother-in-law, and three miscellaneous orphans who were related to nobody. So, you see, I was gradually getting quite a little family about me."

"I see," said the Colonel. "And then, your honor, if any unattached woman would come along on the emigrant trains, they were always ordered to be married to me, so that eventually, in addition to my other wives, I had gathered in two Welch women, a Mexican, and an old lady from the Sandwich Islands, three Peruvians, the widow of a Japanese acrobat and a Kickapoo squaw. I thought the heads of the church a little hard on me, but I had to submit."

"Did you have a happy house-hold?" "I am just coming to that. I can't say that we are all perfectly congenial, our taste differ so. The Bishop Grubb delegation, for instance, would want caramels for breakfast in the morning, when the folks from Peru were determined to have clams. Bishop Knox's detachment would insist on cleaning house at the very time when Bishop O'Toole's relations wanted to give a party. If the Sandwich Islander and squaw wanted to boil a dog or two in the soup kettle there was always a fuss with the other woman, and the Mrs. Gallagher who came from Japan used to make the rest of the ladies furious by turning a somersault in the parlor when there was company. As for wash day! Well, one wanted it on Monday, another would have it on Tuesday, and so on. If there had been thirty-seven days in the week we should have had washing going on in

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