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## HUMOR

### COMMON SENSE VIEW.

Why Viola Decided to Marry Young Harry Wilkins.

"Father, I would like to see you in the library on a matter of business."

"Very well, Viola; come along. Now, then, what is it?"

"Father, you are aware that Harry Wilkins has been paying me his attentions the last year?"

"Yes, and I've felt like kicking him! The idea of a Wilkins daring to aspire to the hand of a Grafton!"

"He has asked me to be his wife."

"The scoundrel! Why, I'll"—

"And I've almost promised," she placidly continued.

"What, what! My daughter marry a Wilkins on \$25 a week? Never! Go to your room while I seek out this base adven—"

"Father, I want to talk real business to you," she interrupted. "Have you seen the marriage statistics of London for the last year?"

"No, of course not! The idea of Harry Wilkins skulking around after my—"

"Wait! According to the statistics, this city has 871,240 more females than males. There are 226,890 more marriageable girls than can find husbands, to say nothing of 182,321 widows who are very anxious for a No. 2. The number of young men in London earning over \$15 a week and in the market is only 22,107. There are after these young men exactly 220,000 young women and 150,000 widows. Three out of every five children born are girls. Death removes two young men to one married man or old bachelor."

The old man turned pale and grasped a chair for support. After a pause she continued:

"From June to October over 80,000 marriageable young women visit fashionable watering places, and it is estimated that 31,442 of them catch husbands, thus further reducing the chances of a resident cockney. Father, take this pencil and figure out your Viola's chances of catching another man if she lets Harry Wilkins canter away."

"Great Jimminy!" he gasped, figuring for a moment. "Why, your chances are only one in 21,875,947!"

"Just as I figure it out. What shall I say to him this evening?"

"Say! Say! Why, tell him you'll have him and be mighty glad of the chance! And don't let him draw a long breath before you add that the ceremony can take place right after breakfast tomorrow morning and that I'm to give you a wedding present of \$500 in cash!"—Tit-Bits.

### Two Muffs in One.

She sat between her two lovers in the trap. George was driving, and Edward was pressed closely against the rail. The night was dark, but the horse was old and knew his way. This gave George an opportunity to hold the reins in one hand and also to slip the other into the lady's unoccupied muff. Presently—well, two hands were tenderly pressing each other.

The end of the drive came at last, and a sweet, small voice whispered:

"When you two gentlemen have quite done with my muff perhaps you will be kind enough to let me have it."

Then did two sworn enemies alight from the trap with thoughts that could scarcely be expressed coherently in presentable language.—Judge.

### The Elm Incident.

Washington was taking formal command of the Continental army at Cambridge. He crooked his arm, placed his elbow against the historic elm and rested his head on his hand. Then he addressed the ill assorted gathering of patriots. In the midst of his remarks his elbow suddenly glided from the tree and Washington completely lost his equilibrium.

"Why didn't you inform me," said the great general, with dignity, "that this tree was a slippery elm?"—Woman's Home Companion.

### One He'd Missed.

Borrowby—Let's see. Do I owe you anything?

Morrowby—Not a cent, my boy. Going round paying your little debts?

Borrowby—No. I was going round seeing if I had overlooked anybody. Lend me five till Saturday, will you?—Lippincott's Magazine.

### Cornered.



She—And is my Percy quite happy?  
He—Certainly, pet. I wouldn't dare to be anything else.—Sketch.

### How It Terminated.

Husband—Did you discharge the cook this morning?

Wife—Well, you know, I meant to, but before I could do it I gathered from her language that she had discharged me.—Houston Post.

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