

She Was Not Absolutely Helpless

SOME few persons still cherish the idea that all women are absolutely helpless in business matters and that they are so lacking in financial ability that they cannot safely be trusted to handle money.

Mr. Black belonged to this class. He had been in the habit of paying all the household bills at the end of each month, and his wife, although allowed unlimited credit, had never had an allowance. One day the Blacks happened to be passing the comparatively new building in which the bank was situated.

"Do you know, John," remarked Mrs. Black, "I have actually never been inside the bank since it was built more than two years ago."

"You haven't!" exclaimed John. "If that's the case I guess I'd better give you a check this month and let you pay the bills. Do you think you'd know how to cash it?"

Mrs. Black received the check. That evening Mr. Black asked, not without sarcasm, if she had succeeded in indorsing it properly.

"Oh, yes," returned Mrs. Black cheerfully.

"How many bills did you pay?"

"None. It seemed a pity to waste all that money paying bills."

"Then what in the world did you do with it?"

"Oh," returned the little woman serenely, "I just deposited it to my own account."—*Collier's Weekly.*

Fetches 'Em.

"Hello, Miggles! How are you getting along with that suit of yours against the railroad on account of personal injuries?"

"I brought 'em to time, old man. I brought 'em to time."

"What! Did you get the \$50,000 you sued for?"

"No. We sort o'—er—compromised on the amount. They offered me \$250 cash, and I took 'em up so 'blamed quick it made their heads swim. I got it, too, by George!"—*Chicago Tribune.*

Considerate.

"Why don't you try to make an honest livin'?"

"Me friend," replied Meandering Mike, "I'm afraid dat if I went to work reg'lar I'd save up me money an' git to be a trust promoter. As it is now, I goes along peaceable, takin' only what folks wants to give me, 'stid o' standin' 'em up an' takin' it away from them."—*Washington Star.*

Amiable.



"Is Miss Oldly out of the matrimonial market yet?"

"No. But she's on the remnant counter."

Our Advantage. "Really, don't you know," said the Briton, "I can't see why you Yankees should lead us in commerce. We make everything in England that you make here."

"With one exception," replied the wise native. "There's one thing we make that seems impossible to you."

"And what is that, pray?"

"Haste."—*Philadelphia Press.*

A Wise Proposition.

"I wish you'd give me the address of your tailor."

"I'll do better than that—I'll introduce you to him."

"For heaven's sake don't do that, old man. There's no use spoiling my credit right at the jump!"—*Brooklyn Eagle.*

Would Seem So.

"No matter what you go to see a doctor about he is bound to end on your lungs."

"How is that?"

"Well, he always makes you cough up."—*Cleveland Plain Dealer.*

Another Unusual.

She—Have you noticed that young Shortleigh is paying a good deal of attention to Miss Gotrox?"

He—Yes, and it's the first time I ever knew him to pay anything.—*Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.*

How Little Heed.

Her little hand! How kindly I once held it pressed in my own!

How thrilled I was to feel its touch!

How softly as we met we spoke!

Alas, now! How fair the words were!

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