

THEIR SILVER WEDDING
By EDNA BURKE

The Rev. Mr. Brooks was beloved by his congregation; his wife was an estimable lady who was of great assistance to her husband in his efforts to help the poor. The Brooks children—some of them grown—were well behaved, and no member of the congregation had a fault to find with any one of them.

Mr. and Mrs. Brooks had been married the day Mr. Brooks entered upon his pastorate of the First — church. Consequently the anniversaries of both the wedding and his engagement as pastor were coincident. When he entered upon the twenty-fifth year of his ministry, so great was the affection of his congregation that they decided to give him a handsome silver wedding. One year of the twenty-five remained and measures for the celebration began to be talked over.

One morning Miss Tatler, aged forty-seven, called upon Mrs. Prime ostensibly for the purpose of asking for a donation of old clothes for a missionary box she was about to send to India, but really as a beginning—a wedge—in an effort she had decided upon to displace Mr. Brooks from the pastorate of the church and put in a candidate of her own. Considering the good man's faithful service, the reverence in which he was held by his parishioners and his intellectual endowments, it must be confessed that Miss Tatler's effort did not give promise of success.

"By the by, Mrs. Prime," she said, "have you noticed how deaf Mr. Brooks is becoming?"
"No. Is his hearing impaired?"
"Dear me! Haven't you noticed it? It's the talk of the congregation. Mr. Brooks is a dear, good man, and we all love him and Mrs. Brooks, too, but at the rate he is going on he'll soon be deaf as a post, and there is no church that can be kept up with a deaf pastor; it is a constant interference with his duties."

Mrs. Prime said that she would be sorry to lose Mr. Brooks, and for her part she would prefer him to any one else, even if he couldn't hear thunder. But before Miss Tatler left she had convinced her friend that if they didn't get rid of him the church would run right down. Miss Tatler made a dozen calls during the day, and at every call she put in her wedge. In the evening she counted up her converts. Four persons had pledged themselves to try to get rid of the pastor before the matter became any worse. Three simply listened and expressed no opinion. Five stood up defiantly for Mr. Brooks. Miss Tatler was well satisfied with her day's work. She resolved to devote two days each week to driving in the wedge.

It soon began to be noised about that there was trouble in the First church. "What's the matter?" asked one. "It's about the pastor," was the reply. "Why, I thought they adored him." "So did I. They say it's his hearing. He's getting deaf." "You don't mean it. What are they going to do about it?" "Why, I hear that there is a party for him and a party against him and a likelihood of a split."

Miss Tatler, having ignited the kindling, as soon as the flame burst forth withdrew from the struggle. Her name was never mentioned as its originator. Indeed, she was quoted as "on the fence." But when more fuel was needed she supplied it. "Some think," she said to Mrs. Brown, a prominent advocate of the pastor, "that Mr. Brooks is growing deaf. It seems to me that a far greater drawback is his throat. Did you notice how husky his voice was last Sunday?"

"No, was it?"
"Why, I couldn't hear half he said." Then came those to whom it suddenly occurred that a church couldn't stand still. It must go forward or retrograde. The First — church had gained nothing in ten years. It must get a man who will bring in persons of influence in the community. It needs a larger organ and a quartet choir. These things cost money. I understand there's a movement on foot to get this big preacher that's been electrifying the people of K.

This big preacher was Miss Tatler's candidate, but his blessing had been created by the lady herself. But her modesty—so it was supposed—always led her to say: "Don't quote me. I have nothing to do with this matter. I yield to the will of the majority."

Three months after Miss Tatler put in her wedge the fact that there was dissatisfaction with him first reached Mr. Brooks' ears. Great was his astonishment. "It is my duty," he said, "under the circumstances, to place my resignation before the congregation for acceptance or rejection."

"Don't," said his supporters; "it will give these malcontents an advantage." "Good," said Miss Tatler to herself. "It is not yet time for a resignation. We need more on our side for a majority."

The resignation came three months before the anniversary of the installation of the minister and was voted on in the course of a few weeks. It was accepted.

When Mr. and Mrs. Brooks celebrated their silver wedding there was a dearth of silver presents, but a superfluity of blessings from the poor, who had in great numbers and for many years been the recipients of their kind efforts and sympathy. Fortunately their side children had grown to manhood and womanhood and helped their parents as their parents had helped others.

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2.50 Straw, sale price.....	1.68	15.00 Suits, now.....	11.45	25c. Sox, sale price.....	.19	1.50 Black, sale price.....	1.19		
2.00 Straw, sale price.....	1.28	12.00 Suits, now.....	9.45	15c. Sox, sale price.....	.11	1.25 Black, sale price.....	.98		
1.50 Straw, sale price.....	.98	10.00 Suits, now.....	8.45	10c. Sox, sale price.....	.7 1-2	1.00 Black, sale price.....	.79		
2.50 Wool, sale price.....	1.68	8.00 Suits, now.....	5.45	WOMEN'S HOSE					
2.00 Wool, sale price.....	1.28	5.00 Suits, now.....	3.25	25c. Hose, sale price.....	.19	.75 Black, sale price.....	.53		
1.50 Wool, sale price.....	.98	4.00 Suits, now.....	2.50	15c. Hose, sale price.....	.11	.50 Black, sale price.....	.39		
1.00 Wool, sale price.....	.84	BOYS' SUITS				10c. Hose, sale price.....	1.25 White, sale price.....	.98	
MEN'S CAPS		7.00 Suits, now.....	4.85	MEN'S HANDERCHIEF				1.00 White, sale price.....	.79
50c. Caps, sale price.....	.38	5.00 Suits, now.....	3.85	12 1-2c. Linen, sale price.....	7 1-2	LADIES' NIGHT GOWNS			
25c. Caps, sale price.....	.19	3.50 Suits, now.....	2.65	10c. Linen, sale price.....	.06	1.25 Night Gowns, sale price.....	.98		
MEN'S PANTS		2.50 Suits, now.....	1.85	5c. Linen, sale price.....	.04	1.00 Night Gowns, sale price.....	.89		
4.50 Pants, sale price.....	3.28	2.00 Suits, now.....	1.55	WOMEN'S HANDERCHIEFS					
3.50 Pants, sale price.....	2.78	1.50 Suits, now.....	1.19	10c. Linen, sale price.....	.07	.75 Night Gowns, sale price.....	.58		
3.00 Pants, sale price.....	2.28	1.00 Suits, now.....	.89	5c. Linen, sale price.....	.03	50. Night Gowns, sale price.....	.39		
2.00 Pants, sale price.....	1.48	DRESS GOODS				LADIES' WAISTS			
1.50 Pants, sale price.....	1.19	Worsted, Serge and Mohair worth		MEN'S SUSPENDERS				2.00 Silk Waist, sale price.....	1.48
1.00 Pants, sale price.....	.89	75c. sale price.....	.39	50c. Suspenders, sale price.....	.29	1.25 Lawn White, sale price.....	.98		
BOYS' PANTS		50c. sale price.....	.23	25c. Suspenders, sale price.....	.19	1.00 Lawn White, sale price.....	.89		
2.00 Pants, sale price.....	1.24	25c. sale price.....	.19	20c. Suspenders, sale price.....	.14	.75 Lawn White, sale price.....	.48		
1.50 Pants, sale price.....	1.19	25c. Poplin, sale price.....	.19	15c. Suspenders, sale price.....	.09	50. Lawn White, sale price.....	.39		
1.00 Pants, sale price.....	.89	25c. Chiffon, sale price.....	.19	LADIES' SAILORS					
.75 Pants, sale price.....	.64	50c. Dress Linen, sale price.....	.29	50c. Hats, sale price.....	.39	LADIES' SHOES AND LOW QUARTERS.			
.50 Pants, sale price.....	.39	25c. Dress Linen, sale price.....	.19	25c. Hats, sale price.....	.19	2.50 to 3.00 Shoes, at.....	1.84		
.25 Pants, sale price.....	.21	15c. Dress Lawn, sale price.....	.11	CHILDREN'S LOW QUARTERS.					
MEN'S OVERALL		10c. Dress Lawn, sale price.....	8 1-2	1.50 Sale price.....	1.19	2.00 Shoes, at.....	1.48		
Fine grade Cowhide and Blue Bell.....	.89c	10c. Dress Gingham, sale price.....	.08	1.25 Sale price.....	.98	1.50 Shoes, at.....	1.19		
50c. Overall, sale price.....	.39	10 to 12 1-2c. Chambray, sale price.....	8 1-2	.75 Sale price.....	.89	1.25 Shoes, at.....	.98		
MEN'S SUNDAY SHIRTS		12 to 15c. Pircale sale price.....	8 1-2	MEN'S AND WOMEN'S UMBRELLAS					
1.50 to 1.25 Shirts, at.....	.89	7 1-2c. Gingham, sale price.....	.06	1.50 to 2.00 Umbrellas, at.....	1.14	1.25 Umbrellas, at.....	.98		
1.00 Shirts, at.....	.74	6c. Gingham Sale price.....	.05	1.00 Umbrellas, at.....	.89	1.00 Umbrellas, at.....	.89		
.75 Shirts, at.....	.44	5c. Gingham, sale price.....	4 1-2	.75 Umbrellas, at.....	.48	TOWELS			
.50 Shirts, at.....	.38	7 1-2c. Calico, sale price.....	.06	25c. Towels, at.....	.19	15c. Towels, at.....	.09		
MEN'S WORKING SHIRTS		6c. Calico, sale price.....	.05	10c. Towels, at.....	.07	BED SPREADS			
.50 Shirts, at.....	.38	5c. Calico, sale price.....	4 1-2	2.00 Spread, sale price.....	1.49	1.75 Spread, sale price.....	1.38		
.25 Shirts, at.....	.19	15c. Bleaching, sale price.....	.11	1.50 Spread, Sale price.....	.98	WINDOW SHADES			
MEN'S UNDERWEAR		10c. Bleaching, sale price.....	8 1-2	25c. Window Shades, now.....	.19	TABLE OIL CLOTH			
50c. Underwear, at.....	.38	8c. Bleaching, sale price.....	.07	25c. Oil Cloth, sale price.....	.16	WINDOW CURTAINS			
25 to 35c. Underwear, at.....	.20	5c. Homespun, sale price.....	4 1-2	1.00 Lace Curtains, per pair.....	.78	EMBROIDERY			
MEN'S LOW QUARTERS		10c. Homespun, sale price.....	7 1-2	.50 Lace Curtains, per pair.....	.39	1.25 Sale price.....	.98		
4.00 Shoes, sale price.....	3.28	6c. Homespun, sale price.....	.05	LADIES' COLLARS					
3.50 Shoes, sale price.....	2.98	BED TICKING		1.00 Lace Collars,68	TOWELS			
3.00 Shoes, sale price.....	2.68	25c. Ticking, sale price.....	.19	.75 Lace Collar.....	.48	25c. Towels, at.....	.19		
2.50 Shoes, sale price.....	2.19	12 1-2c. Ticking, sale price.....	.09	.50 Lace Collar.....	.39	15c. Towels, at.....	.09		
2.00 Shoes, sale price.....	1.58	10c. Ticking, sale price.....	.08	TABLE OIL CLOTH					
BOYS' LOW QUARTERS		MEN'S HIGH GRADE COLLARS.		25c. Oil Cloth, sale price.....	.16	BED SPREADS			
2.00 Shoes, sale price.....	1.38	Arrow Brand, Red Man and Slide-Well	10c.	WINDOW SHADES					
1.25 to 1.50 Shoes, sale price.....	1.19	Regular 15c., sale price.....	10c.	25c. Window Shades, now.....	.19	2.00 Spread, sale price.....	1.49		
MEN'S BELTS		MEN'S BELTS		WINDOW SHADES					
.50 Belt, sale price.....	.39	.50 Belt, sale price.....	.39	25c. Window Shades, now.....	.19	1.75 Spread, sale price.....	1.38		
.35 Belts, sale price.....	.21	.25 Belts, sale price.....	.19	TABLE OIL CLOTH					
.25 Belts, sale price.....	.19	MEN'S BELTS		25c. Oil Cloth, sale price.....	.16	1.50 Spread, Sale price.....	.98		

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