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All life and full of mischief—thanks to Hood's Sarsaparilla. I am a minister of the Methodist Protestant church, and it affords me much pleasure to recommend Hood's Sarsaparilla to all as a safe, sure remedy. Even my wife, after taking Hood's, became healthy and fleshy and has the bloom of girlhood again."
Rev. J. M. PATR, Brookline Station, Mass.

Just across the street from Mrs. Jones lived Mrs. Rufus Brown. The ladies had been schoolgirls together, and had been married about the same time, both of them to poor men. Mrs. Jones had shot far ahead of Mr. Brown in the money-making race, and a government contractor had made a rich man of him. Poor Mr. Brown, unfortunately, had a conscience continually pulling him up short, and in his business he was honest, and in consequence his wife could not have so many new dresses as Mrs. Jones.

This fact was a source of great affliction to Mrs. Brown. For Mrs. Jones, always displayed all her new purchases to her "dear friend" the instant they came home, and advised her to have something "exactly similar," it would be "so sweet and becoming!" Mrs. Brown had borne her trials all winter like a martyr; but when Mrs. Jones came out with that black cashmere, it was a little too much. For a woman who already had had seven dresses in three months, to buy the eighth one was scandalous.

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"My dear, my dear, my dear," said Mr. Brown, "I thought you and Mrs. Jones were bosom friends—female Damon and Pythias."
"We are nothing of the kind, Rufus. She's all the time trying to hurt my feelings with her new clothes. As if she thought I couldn't see what her object is. And she looks like a fright in all those puffs she loads on, too. And she is so short and dumpy, and no more neck than there is to a glue bottle."
"Why, Almira, you are positively ill-natured."
"Very likely I am. I've had enough to make me so. Now, Rufus, dear, I've been lying awake half the night, planning about my new dress, and—"

"How much money do you want?" asked Mr. Brown, going to the point at once, for he had been a husband long enough to know that that very cooing "Rufus, dear," meant—
"It will take twenty-four yards for a suit, and Mrs. Jones's was a dollar and a quarter a yard. But I can get some which will answer for eighty-seven cents. Nobody'll ever know the difference; and I can get Miss Gamp to make it. She sews so much cheaper than Mrs. Hill's people."
"Shop work, eh?"
"Dear me, Brown, machines do the work, and if it only took well, who stops to inquire if it's shop work?"
"But the cost?"
"I have reckoned it all up over and over again, and I calculate I can get along with \$50."
Mr. Brown coughed out six flies, and gave them to his wife.
"Don't buy too cheap," he said; "I am prejudiced against bargain."

Then he went to that place which swallows up husbands—the maelstrom of "down town"—and his wife went up stairs to equip herself for an expedition to the shops for her dress. She spent the forenoon in making her purchases, and at dinner she visited Miss Gamp, and was fixed for the dress. In three days it was sent home with the bill attached.

These are the items:
Cutting one dress.....\$2.00
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Trimming one dress.....2.00
Cutting sack and overalls.....2.00
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Mrs. Brown held her breath in amazement. Why, it was as much as Mrs. Hill would have charged; and she had been told that Miss Gamp was so cheap. But then she had been so unwise as to say to Miss Gamp that Mrs. Hill had always done her work, said probably the shrewd seamstress had taken advantage of her communication to charge her Mrs. Hill's price.
"Never mind! she could make up the loss somehow, and the dress was lovely! One more ruffle on the skirt than Mrs. Jones had, and considerably more puff and expansion in the sleeves.

She displayed it to Brown as soon as she came home. Men never go into ecstasy over such things—it isn't in their nature. Brown looked at it with a surprised and averted gaze, and marked that the whole thing seemed to be a caricature costume, with those balloon sleeves. Then he went off into the financial column of his newspaper, and Mrs. Brown basted some lace around the sleeves of her new dress, so as to have it ready for church the next day, which was Sunday.

She was so afraid it would storm—she generally did when anybody had anything new. But for once, the weather was propitious, and the sun never shone brighter, and the sky never was bluer than on that particular Sabbath morning on which Mrs. Brown was to make her debut at church in her new dress, and nearly kill Mrs. Jones with envy.
But when she got ready to put the dress on, she found that Miss Gamp had made the waist a little too genteel. She had given special orders that it should be made of genteel tightness, but it was about three inches smaller than her waist. Miss Gamp was not acquainted with her figure.

Poor Mrs. Brown tugged and pulled, and grew purple in the face, and the perspiration stood in big drops on her forehead, and she split her thumb-nail, and scratched her hand with a hook, and stretched all the seams in that refractory waist to a fearful extent; but still it would not button.
The churchbells were ringing defiantly. She should be late, and Brown was always irritated if they were late. Brown's boots always squeaked, and he had a very strong antipathy to going up the aisle after the congregation had assembled, in those squeaking boots.

Mrs. Brown went to the head of the stairs and screamed to her husband. Mr. Brown came up. He had just achieved the feat of getting his hands in a new pair of brown kid gloves, and was flattering himself that his hands looked very genteel in them.
He was apoplectic when Mrs. Brown suggested to him that he must help button her dress. He tried it first in his gloves, and burst the right hand one entirely across, as he might have known he would.

He tore the glove off with rather a big word for him, for Brown was a very good, moral man when things did not go crosswise.
"Jupiter, Almira! why, this dress isn't half big enough for you!" cried he, after glancing on it for the space of five minutes.
"It is plenty large, only the day is so hot; everybody seems to swell up, somehow hot days. Try again, Rufus, and I'll draw in all I can."
Rufus did try, and being a tolerably strong man, he succeeded in fastening a button. No sooner done than off burst the button! A second button shared the same fate. After that it was easier. The dress was fastened and Mrs. Brown pinned over the buttonless parts, and hid them with a bow of ribbon. It was such a providence that so many bows were worn nowadays.

When she stepped out into the street, she looked like a woman who had been through a mill. Her dress was a perfect ruin. The buttons were gone, and she was a sight to behold. Her husband was laughing at her. She felt that she had been deceived, and she was angry with her husband. She went to her room and cried for hours. She felt that she had been deceived, and she was angry with her husband. She went to her room and cried for hours. She felt that she had been deceived, and she was angry with her husband. She went to her room and cried for hours.

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Her Daughter's Husband. A traveler saw a woman take a man by the collar, yank him up; the steps into a railroad car, jamb him down into a hot seat near the stove, pile up a valise and two big brown baskets with loose covers and long handles at his feet, and say: "Now, sit there until I help Mary Jane on the car, and don't move till I come back." When the woman reached the door the traveler said to her: "Is that man your husband?" "No," roared the woman. "He's my daughter's husband, and she hasn't spirit enough to say her soul is her own."
Not a Joke. Hetty Green, the richest woman in America, told her washerwoman recently that she needn't mind about washing more than the bottoms of her skirts, where the skirt shows, "and," said she, "when you make out your bill be sure and deduct one-half on the skirts, as I will not pay for unnecessary work." The washerwoman thought it was a joke, but found the next week that there was no joke about it. The deduction had to be made.

A Cheering Opinion. Snaggs—I tell you, Squigg, Dr. General is a fine preacher. You just ought to come and hear once.
Squigg—It's only a couple of weeks since you told me that he was no good and advised me to never enter the church.
Snaggs—Yes; but he had preached a sermon an hour long the Sunday before. Last Sunday he preached only twenty-five minutes.

A Hard Question. Teamster—You're agent for the S. P. C. A., ain't you?
Deacon De Good—Yes.
Teamster—And you're a church member, ain't you?
Deacon De Good—Yes.
Teamster—Well, if you had a balky horse, what would you do—beat the horse, or just sit-down and curse?

P. S.—Women will understand this sketch. It is not expected that men will see into it at all.
FACTS ABOUT PUTTY.
How It is Made and Its Many Uses and Uses.
Pure putty is made of whiting and linseed oil. Whiting is made of chalk which is imported from England and ground in this country. Barytes, mixed with the whiting is used as an adulterant of putty, and cottonseed oil is mixed with the linseed oil. Cottonseed is cheaper, and a slower drier than linseed; its use is advantageous to small customers, for putty mixed with part cottonseed oil keeps it in order longer.
Linseed oil putty is used more by decorators and painters and other large consumers who use up putty quickly. Putty sells at wholesale from one and one-half to two cents a pound. It is put up for the trade in barrels of 800 pounds, kegs of 300 pounds, tubs of 100 to 110 pounds, in cans of one to 100 pounds, and in bladders; it keeps best in bladders, and the bulk of the putty exported goes in that form. Putty made in the Eastern cities of the United States is sold on the Atlantic seaboard and in the South, but not much Eastern putty is sold in the West, for there are putty manufactories in the Northern and Western cities.

We export putty to Canada, Mexico, the West Indies, South America, and the Sandwich islands. Manufacturers who "colored" putty in order, and white, brown and black putties are kept in stock. Putty has a variety of uses besides those already mentioned, and the very familiar one is setting glass. Brown putty is used to point brown stone buildings and putty is sometimes used in pointing up brick buildings. Black putty is used in stove foundries. Plumbers use putty. Sometimes some painters reduce it and put it on canvas to paint over. There are three or four putty manufactories in New York and more in Brooklyn. A single firm of manufacturers in that city has sold more than 17,000 tons in a year. These seem like large figures, but they are less surprising from the fact that there are few articles of more common use.

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