THE DISPATCH

OH, MY HEAD! HOW IT ACHESI

MODERN FABLES, BY GEORGE ADE.

Once there was a Lover who was on the | fere, but the Minute he talks Marry, then Ragged Edge of the Desert where the Old | old Mr. Side-Whiskers sends for him to come Bachelors live.

He was good and tired of the Aristocratic I that every Antique in the Wholesale District Boarding House, in which one-half of the has a lot of cut-and-dried Advice which he Women Folks are Private Detectives. This loves to unload on any one who is compelled thing of living in a Pigeon-Hole and looking to stand and take it. So Horace learned out at a Tin Roof had lost all Rarity and from his respected Boss that for two or Charm for Horace.

He had gazed into the barren Future and made up his mind to Marry, even if he had to choke some Nice Girl in order to force her to say "Yes." He was all keyed up for Matrimony, and the next thing to do was to choose the Lucky Bride.

Horace had done more or less rehearsing, and he was wise to the Fact that it is just as easy to love a Girl who has the Coin as it is

to get dippy over the Honest Working Girl. Some Men imagine that the Foxy Play is to three times before, and Mother-in-Law grab off something that never owned any Sunbursts and Sable Wraps and probably she

will be satisfied with Department Store Turquoises and Imitation Lamb's Wool.

But Horace observed that those who never had been strong enough to throw on the Lugs while they were living at Home were the very ones who put crimps into the Bank. Account before the Honeymoon played out. Horace often suspected that some of them hooked up merely to get a Whack at the

IT IS Finery. But then, Horace was a regular old

So he decided to pick One whose Folks had already bought for her about everything she would need.

After traveling the Beat for a month and putting down Names in his Pocket Memorandum Book he drew a Red Mark around the Name of Lucille, and the same Day he sent her some Orchids and a New Book that he knew she would Enjoy. beause it had such a Sweet Love Story running through it. Soon after that the Girl at Central began to know all about the Progress of the Affair. Lucille was all around the Neighborhood assuring People that although Horace had been lovely to her and she esteemed him as one of her dearest and kindest Friends, there was really and truly nothing doing. Consequently, every one could see how it was going to turn out. Horace had fondly supposed that the Recipe for becoming engaged was simply to warm up to the Girl until he could Hold Hands without using Frute Force, and then | lar and trusted because its results exceed its wait for the Psychological Moment. So one Night when Lucille looked up into his Eyes and said he was different from any other such from the grave. It is the one medicine, Gentleman she had ever met, he came back with the Speech. Her only Reply was to slip him one of Papa's Business Cards which she had ready for the Occasion. "Go and square yourself with him," said Lucille. Next Morning, Horace, wearing his best Bib and Tucker (also 8,000,000 Goose Pimples), was shown into Papa's Office. First he had to tell all about nis Assets and his Business Experience, but that didn't take long. Then he told how much he saved every Month. If he swelled it a little, it was because he loved the Girl. After he had answered all the Questions he had to sit and listen to that well-known Monologue which is the Prize Specialty of the Self-Made Party who began Life by working for \$7 per Month and saving \$5 of it. Lucille's Father said that Young Men nowadays are too extravagant and not half as Industrious and Keen as he had been about the Time that he escaped from the Farm. He sat there and hurled Bouquets at himself until his Arm gave out, after which he told Horace to go and fix it with Lucille's Mother. Mother wanted to know, first, if he was willing to be married in the Episcopalian Church. He had to tell all about his Family. She seemed much relieved when she learned that he had Relatives in Virginia. Horace knew that part of it would be all right-unless she should happen to see the Relatives some day. She told him why a House was preferable to a Flat, and scratched two or three of his Suggestions for Ushers. After letting him know that he would cut but little Ice at the Ceremony, she suggested that he go over and make himself solid with Uncle Samuel, because he had been accustomed to hold Lucille on his Knee when she was a mere Tot.

to the Private Office. The reason for this is three Years the Couple should live on Cereal

Food and make their own Clothes. The next Bunch of Warning and Advice came from the True Friends at the Club. They put him down at a Table and sat around him and inhaled the Scotch until they were

all Pie-Eyed, and then they told him what : Horrible Risk he was taking and how not more than a half-dozen Married Men in town seemed really happy, and although 'she was a Nice Girl, she had been engaged two or would be a fierce Proposition.

For a Hammer Duet, the Men's Club makes the Boiler Works seem like the Hush of Death.

The Reader may suspect that Horace was actuated by Mercenary Motives. However, the fac0 that he went the Rounds and listened to every one, and then married the Girl, proves that he truly loved her. MORAL: Elope.

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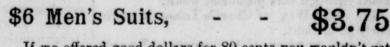
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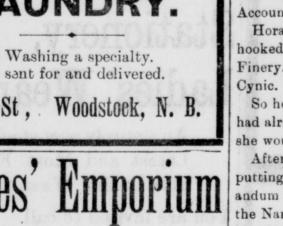
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Uncle Samuel asked Horace what Church he attended regularly. The only thing that saved Horace was that he happened to remember the Name of a Church. Horace tried to side-step the Questions about Drinking and Smoking, but Uacle pinned him down, so he said that he had been tempted but he not fallen as yet.

After running the Family Gauntlet, Horis a big one, and the time has come when it Meduxnakeag Roller, Mill, ace heaved a Sigh of Relief and believed that must be grappled with to work out a better he had clinched all the Preliminaries. Not J. M. FRIPP. system than at present prevails .- St. John so, he had forgotten to fix it up with his own Globe.

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A North Shore suggestion.

Who will be the next president of the Tourist Association? is a question that is interesting the workers in this organization. One of the names suggested is Mr. Charles B. Foster, District Passenger Agent of the Caladian Pacific, who has been a very active worker in the organization. At the annual meeting there was considerable interest in a letter from Mr. John Montgomery, secretary of the Bay Chaleur association, suggesting that the Provincial government should do the general work now undertoken by the different associations, leaving to those bodies the management of local information bureaus. Mr. Montgomery's suggestion further was that if the fishery and game departments of the crown lands were consolidated and the tourist work given to that department, it could be carried on more successfully than now, and at no greater cost. As a justification for the plan proposed, Mr. Montgomery

pointed out that the New Zealand government runs a department of public health and tourist and health resorts.

Many of the members at the annual meeting seemed to look with favor on the suggestions given, and it is now felt that it might be a good thing if the government would call a conference of all the tourist organizations to talk over the best way of continuing the work. It is thought, for instance, that . instead of St. John, Fredericton and Campbellton sending out books, that one really good book-much better than any yet issued -could be secured for the whole province, and that the local boards would then look after their local business only, putting out local guide books, etc. The whole question



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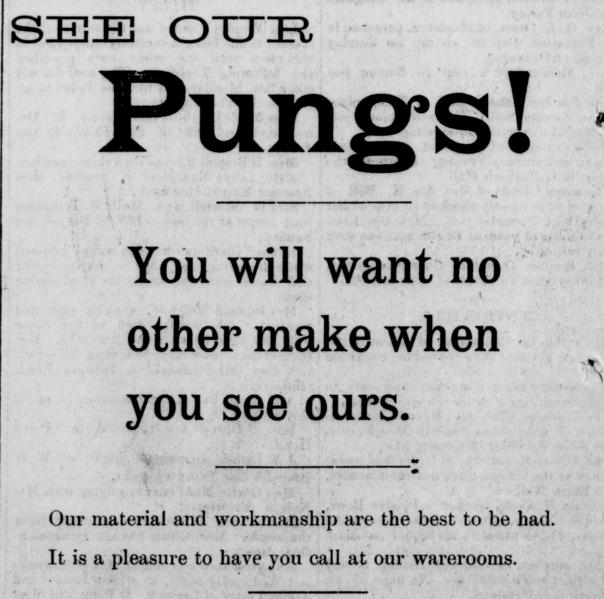


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