

CONTINUOUS PERFORMERS

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DEVELOPMENTS IN CAPE BRETON

N. S. Sept. 13.—A... about two acres... bounded by the Cape... at Sydney... A subscribed... of the best... are interested... the building... on the first... sh. J. Morrison... Union Steel Co... is mentioned... the Green... Barrachia and... the scene of... ayor Hayes... of his solicitor... are expected... with the acqui... and they... Carnegie... as superior... 30 per cent... sulphur or phosphorus... covers an area...

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BOWSER'S NEMESIS

THE MOTHER-IN-LAW... AN UNEXPECTED... EVENT

Mr. Bowser had been "good" for a week. He had picked up several clothes-pins in the back yard without twitting Mrs. Bowser of her... The monthly gas bill... and he had a nice... to the poor-house. The berry... molar peddlers had passed in front of his house and shouted and yelled and shrieked, but while Mrs. Bowser trembled in fear of a calamity he had simply smiled. Not one word of fault about his meals, about the cook, about the watermelon bought for dinner, and kept in the larder two days, and then found to be as green as grass. It had been a good one that almost frightened Mrs. Bowser. But Saturday evening was to bring a change.

On the contrary of that day she woke up with a headache, but she called the fact until Mr. Bowser had left for the office. Then she went to bed and thought that she would be rid of the thing before he came home at night. It was not to be, however. At five o'clock p.m. she was groaning and sighing and had some- thing of a fever, and just "Oh, that time he waited into the house. Some of his 'goodness' had worn off, but he had come home fairly good-natured. He had been his hat on the rack in the hall and said "Hello!" and began singing, and the cook came running up stairs to say:

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"I can't think of you taking the name of the Lord in vain, and I hated you from the bottom of the heart. If I was you, sir—"

Woman, don't talk that way to me!" he shouted.

"Stop right there, Samuel. Don't you shout and call me woman!"

"But this is my house."

"That doesn't make the slightest difference. A mother-in-law can go and come as she pleases. I want some mustard and ginger from the drug store, and if you slam the door when you go out, you'll find me at your heels."

Mr. Bowser shoved back from the table with a glint in his eye, and two minutes later he was out of the house. He got the ginger and mustard and bent them back by a small boy, and then he started off for a walk. He had determined to assert his independence of that woman. He would either return and bluff her out of her shoes or remain away for a week.

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"What you gwine to do, Tilda? I says."

"Oh that cat's pett," she says as she rises up and walks over that way.

"I stands up and calls to her to come back, but she laughs and keeps right on."

"When will over that she ascended a tree, and while picking big apples for baking."

"The limb it gave way, and Martha went down."

"Again as she wandered o'er meadow and lea, she found before her, she fell into a ditch and struck on her head, and it took weary months to restore her."

"Once more, in the dusk of an evening in Spring, as thither she skipped like a fairy, she stepped on a hoe, and the handle and the marriage again had to tarry."

"But the longest of lanes has a turning, they say, and the lane's had a turning for you, be patient, be loving, be truthful and kind, and life will speed happy and true."

But good Mrs. Jordan choked up as I finished and read the verses, and after handing me out half an apple and a glass of milk she managed to control her voice sufficiently to say:

"Abe, anybody who'd mention Shakespeare in the same breath with you ought to be kicked by a cross-eyed cow. Martha will boo-hoo right out when I read her that poetry, and if Jim hasn't tears in his eyes then I'll tell him he's no son-in-law of mine."

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verses will be hanging in... scorn frame, and read them aloud and then kiss and ask forgiveness. Lord! but I'd spread butter and sugar on him and eat him up!"

There was one more matrimonial trap waiting for my careless feet. At Farmer Green's I found the husband sitting on the back doorstep with a solemn look on his face, and with her head on the kitchen-table the wife was giving way to sobs and tears.

"You see, Abe," explained the husband, when I asked what was the matter, "our gal Hannah was married to Henry Fennell about two hours ago, and he's taken her off."

"Well, why should he take her?"

"But she's left us. She hasn't our gal no more."

"You booby of a father and you ally mother! You ought to be rejoicing instead of crying. All the looking girls are sure to get married, and most folks don't want the son-in-law around the house. Hannah has done the right thing, and now you get me a sheet of paper and let me write some poetry on the occasion."

"By gosh, Abe, if you only will," exclaimed the father.

Thereupon I wrote the following and escaped without being crippled for life.

"Oh, Hammer!" said Henry, as together they sat on the porch well hidden with roses; and the whippoorwill sang his sweetest of notes, and the nightingale took up his pipes.

native, her face was scarcely more than sunburned, and that was what any one would call handsome. She was only about 30 years old, and in the best of health. Her story was a good one. She was a resident of Saigon, the capital of French China.

Four years previous she had married a Frenchman named Du Cliff, and al- most at once had set out with him in a sailing vessel for Singapore. Two days after sailing they had encountered a typhoon. She was not very clear as to what followed, being very ill at the time. She thought the ship struggled with the storm for two days. She then sprang a leak, and foundered. The woman had been brought on deck and lashed to the bulwarks along with her husband, while the crew were trying to con- struct some sort of a raft. A great wave suddenly overwhelmed them, and the next that Mrs. DuCliff re- membered was waking up on the shore of an island. She was still lashed to the wreckage, but she was alone. When she was able to move about she found fresh water and plenty of wild fruits, and in the forest she constructed a hut out of limbs and bushes. Every day for long months she expected rescue. She could see ships sailing up and down the bay, but none with passengers. One day, after six months had gone by, and while inspecting the hill to see if she could not set up a signal there, the woman made a great discovery. She found a depository for the plunder of the Sulu pirates. What she told us I believe to be the truth, because she verified it in many ways. She visited the cave twenty different times—in fact, lived in it for the last month of her stay, and so she had plenty of time to overhaul the plunder. She found in that cave gold, silver and pearls; money to the amount of \$30,000; there was gold dust which she estimated at \$10,000 more. There was jewelry worth thousands of dollars. She also found some diamonds, rubies and other precious stones. There were bales and boxes that she had not meddled with and did not know their contents. So far as she could judge, no one had been there for years. When we plodded her down to particulars she remembered that a ship's chronometer she had found among the stuff bore the name of "Antasia," and she gave us the markings of several bales.

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To the south of the big Island of Palawan, which is one of the Philip- pine group now owned by the United States, there is a group of over one hundred small islands dotting the waters before the north coast of Borneo is reached. Very few of these islands are named on the charts, and in this day the channels between them have not been surveyed, nor is the group known to any but the natives and such trading vessels as may have visited them.

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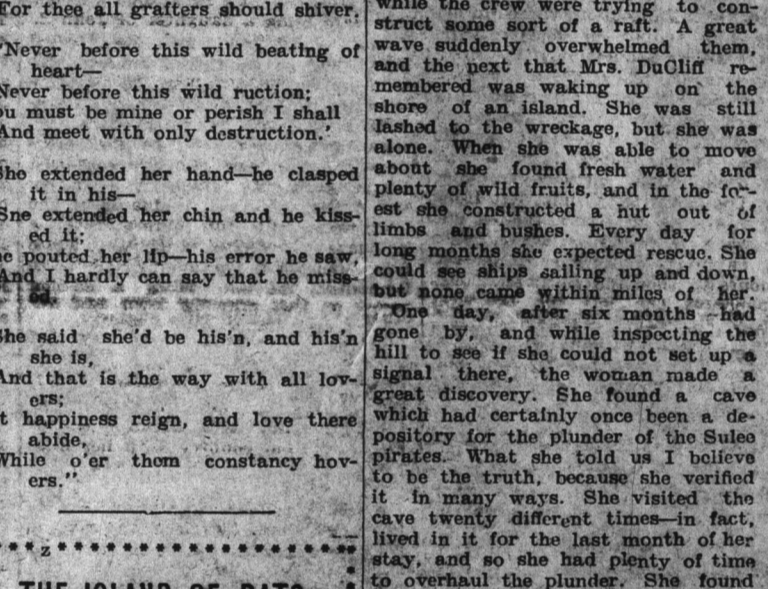
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