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Not Always Music In a Kiss.
I hev hyar'n all sorts o' music
From the banjo up an' down;
Hev hyar'n it in th' country
An' hev hyar'n it in th' town;
Hev hyar'n th' redbird whistle
An' th' wild canary sing;
Hev hyar'n th' cowbells jingle
An' th' ax o' th' woodman ring;
Hev hyar'n th' chickens cackle;
Hev hyar'n th' rooster crow;
Hev hyar'n th' pigs a-squealin';
Hev hyar'n th' south winds blow;
Hev hyar'n th' cattle lowin';
Hev hyar'n th' horses neigh;
Hev hyar'n th' sheep a-bleatin',
An' th' music o' th' siegh.
There's music sweet in all o' those,
But music sweeter still
As th' partin' o' two pair o' lips
When everything is still,
Provided that th' gal is your'n
An' you furnish half th' lips,
But th' fountain has no music
When th' other feller sips.
—Jesse Phillips in Louisville Post.

He Registered.

An amusing incident was witnessed at one of the precinct polling places recently during registration while an effort was being made to keep out of town students from registering. A big, awkward medical student presented himself. He looked as though he could be easily tripped up on questions, and he was picked out for a "soft mark," but right there was where the challenger made a mistake, as results proved. The student was brighter than he looked. The following dialogue ensued:

"Where do you live?"
For reply the student gave his street number.

"Yes, but where is your home?"
"Columbus."

"Well, where would you go if you were sick?"
This was intended to make him give the name of the place whence he came to Columbus, but it didn't. He promptly replied:

"Why, I would go to bed."
He registered.—Columbus Dispatch.

Two of a Trade.

Reed—Scribbles is quite a poet, isn't he?
Wright—No, not quite.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Reading Room
House of Commons

NOTICE TO DEBTORS

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HER LETTER DIDN'T GO.

It Was Her Husband's Fault, and It Netted Her Nearly \$20,000.

Years ago a Cleveland man gave his wife a piece of what he supposed was worthless Missouri land, a tract which he had taken in settlement from a debtor. It was a 240 acre section, and from year to year he sent the few dollars which were required for taxes. If it hadn't been for this small outlay, he might have forgotten all about it. The property had been put in his wife's name, and a few weeks ago she was surprised to receive a letter from an attorney at Jefferson City making her an offer for the land. It was a long letter, in which the writer said he had found a man who would take the tract for the timber that was on it and was willing to give \$600 for the property. The lawyer went on to say that he considered it a very fair offer. Half the farm was swamp and the other half rock, and it was positively the first bona fide inquiry regarding the property that he had heard of. "The man who makes the offer is an erratic and touchy sort of fellow," wrote the lawyer, "and I think it would be well to nail him before he changes his mind."

The wife showed the letter to her husband, who shared her pleased surprise. "That's pretty good," he chuckled. "I never expected to get the taxes back on it. It's just as bad as he says it is—half swamp and half rock. I had a man who was prospecting out that way go over and look at it. He said it was worth about \$2 an acre. Sit down and write the lawyer that you'll accept his offer, and ask him to forward the papers at once."

So the wife sat down and wrote the letter, and just as the husband was starting for the office in a great hurry—he always fancied he was late—she gave it to him to mail. He slipped it in his inside overcoat pocket, grasped his umbrella and was off.

Once or twice thereafter his wife alluded to the farm transaction and wondered when the papers would be along. The husband replied in an absentminded way—he was full of engrossing business at the time—and when two weeks had elapsed they both began to think that the deal had fallen through.

One morning, just as the husband was starting for down town, the postman brought a letter for the wife.

"Why, it is the Jefferson City postmark!" she cried. "Let's see what he says."

She tore the envelope open, hastily skimmed over a few lines and then looked up with a little shriek.

"Read that, George!" she cried.

And this is what George read:

"Dear madam, of course I knew what it meant when you failed to answer my proposition. You were investigating, and I don't blame you. I made my offer in the hope that you would snap at it, but it is evident you haven't snapped. I didn't dare to put the offer any higher for fear of arousing your suspicions, and perhaps I got it too high as it was. Having made my little confession—your husband will tell you it was all a trick of the trade—I will come down to business. I represent a mining company, and we are developing a tract south of here and need your farm. We will give you \$20,000 cash for it. That's the limit we are willing to go. I will admit there is another company in the same field, but I feel sure that your advice from here will convince you that the offer we make is a very liberal one. The moment we hear from you favorably the cash will be deposited to your credit here in the First National bank. Kindly advise me as to your intentions at the earliest possible moment."

The husband looked at the wife.

"Well, by George!" he said.

"A wild light was in the wife's eye.

"Wh-what does this mean?" she cried.

George fumbled in his inside pocket.

"There," he said as he drew forth the letter which never went, "that's what it means."

"I'll have to forgive you this time," she said.

"Try it again," he cheerfully suggested. "Accept the second offer, and after I send a telegram or two I can guarantee that it will go."

"I'm afraid I can't trust you."

"I'll carry it in my hand to the office."

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