HUNTING THE SOAP.

A Tale of the Morning.

The other morning, while Mr. Brown was washing his hands, the cake of soap slipped out of his fingers, and, striking the wall, flew down behind the washstand.

Mr. Brown immediately got on all fours, and laid his head on the floor to see where the soap was. It was right against the wall, and about as far from one side of the washstand as the other.

When Mr. Brown began to reach under with his arm, he found he could not get half way to the soap, because he was on his knees, and his back was almost broken, and a sharp pain ran up his neck, and he felt as if he had been dropping potatoes all day

And then he lay on his chest as though swimming, and thrust his arm fiercely under, and took off about half a yard of skin. This caused Mr. Brown to foam at the mouth, and say to himself:

"By gracious! this is a test case, and I am going to see if a cake of soap is going to beat me, if I have to say home from business all day, and break the washstand up in the bargain.

So Mr. Brown rolled over on his back, and thrust his arm under as cautiously as though there was a hornet's nest under the washstand. On, on he went, and Mr. Brown smiled a smile that had every possible symptom of victory in it.

By this time his throat was full of dust off the carpet, and frequently he coughed. But now his finger—the very end of his finger—touched the soap, and that momentary touch vibrated through his soul like a gentle benediction, and caused a fresh crop of smiles to float as softly over his features as does the gentle summer zephyr across a field of bearded wheat.

That touch had a magic about it that thrilled Mr. Brown with divinest melody. It was to him, in short, what spring chicken is to the negro, and found as lovely a place in his dreams as does the razor in the negro's boot.

Then Mr. Brown turned on his side to see the soap that he might grab it; but when he got on his side, his reach was shortened, and he couldn't touch the soap. Then he turned over on his back, and felt the soap again, and attempted to grab it. In doing this he only sent the soap flying farther back, and out of reach.

In an ecstasy of rage, he thought he might get the soap by making a desperate crack at it with his hand, and striking it out on the floor. So he hauled off and let fly as hard as he could, and his hand missed the soap, and flew around like a compass, and struck the stone paper-weight that was acting in the place of the leg that was gone.

Before he could discover how many fingers had been knocked out of joint, he discovered that the paper weight had been driven against the wall by the force of the blow.

Ere he could utter the words that were on the end of his tongue, the washstand tilted and upset the basin of water on him; and while the water was in his eyes and ears, the basin followed, and lay on his stomach like a tombstone, and pretty near knocked the breath out of him.

Before he could express himself, although there were about four thousand words inside of him struggling to get out, the drawers flew out, and emptied a lot of tooth-powder, and razors, and lathering-brushes on him. Then the doors of the washstand flew swiftly open, and raised a couple of lumps on him that he will carry about for several weeks to come.

After this Mr. Brown turned over on his chest, and almost inhaled a lathering brush, he was breathing so hard. He saw the soap distinctly. The soap saw him, too. He looked upon it as the cat looks upon the mouse that is out of her reach.

And Mr. Brown grinned fiendishly at the soap and said:

"Just come out two inches from the wall, and give me a chance to grab you. I dare you to come out an even inch, you mean, miserable, five-cent cake of soap. So you'll take a dare, will you? If I were only half your size I wouldn't take a dare; I would face the music. You are a spiritess, plebeian cake of soap—you are only fit to wash a dog with. I believe you are only an imitation of what you claim to be, you——"

Here Mrs. Brown suddenly opened the door against Mr. Brown's head, and said.

"Why in the world don't you come down? The breakfast is getting cold."

"——— ———??——!!———???——!!!!" replied Mr. Brown, as he sat up and ran his fingers through his hair, to get out the razors and lathering brushes.

"What's the matter, anyhow, demanded Mrs. Brown.

"I want to get that cake of soap out from under the washstand."

"Well, why don't you?" inquired Mrs Brown.

"Because I can't" replied Mr. Brown. "I can't reach it; I can not get there."

Then Mrs. Brown said:

"Do you want me to get it?"

"I do," replied Mr. Brown, with a grin of contempt.

"All right," said the wife, who thereupon simply lifted the washstand out from the wall, picked up the soap, tossed it to her husband, and said:

"Men would never be able to get along at all if it were not for their wives. Anybody would think from the noise you just made that you were trying to reach under the bureau to get a collar-button out of a distant crack with your fingernail."

And before Mr. Brown could reply, Mrs. Brown had fled swiftly down stairs, and, as Mr. Brown scraped the dust off the soap with a tortoise-shell paper-knife, he felt very mean and humble to think that he had not thought of lifting the washstand out as his wife did.

And in his rage he banged the soap down on the floor like a base-ball, and then put his heel on it to crush it. But it would not be crushed. It simply flew from under Mr. Brown's heel, and landed him on the floor so hard that some of the filling were knocked out of his teeth. And at the breakfast table he had not a word to say, but felt the keenest humiliation, and secretly watched the clock and longed for the hour for his departure to buisness to arrive.—Puck.

How the Brooklyn Bridge Cables Were Made.

After the towers had been built and the anchorage made ready then came the strangest work of all. To make the cables and put them over the towers would be a difficult matter; very likely it could not be done at all. So the cables were made just where they hang, one small wire at a time. The cables are not chains with links, nor are they twisted like ropes. They are bundles of straight wires laid side by side, and bound tightly together by wires wound tightly around the outside. At the Brooklyn anchorage was placed a powerful steam-engine, and on the top of the anchorage were placed two large wheels and with the aid of proper machinery the engine caused these wheels to turn backward or forward. From each wheel was stretched a steal rope to the top of the Brooklyn tower, over the river, over the other tower, and down to the New York anchorage. Here it passed over another wheel, and then stretched all the way back again. The ends were fastened together, making an endless rope, and when the engine moved the rope traveled to and fro over the river. For this reason they were called the "travelers." There were, besides these travelers, two more ropes placed side by side. On these were laid short pieces of oak, thus making a foot-bridge on which the workmen could cross the river. There were also other ropes for supporting platforms, on which the workmen stood as the weaving went on. On each traveler was hung an iron wheel, and as the traveler moved, the wheel went with it. It took only ten minutes to send two wires over the river in this way. The men on the foot-bridge and on the platforms suspended from the other ropes guided the two wires into place, and thus the cables were woven, little by little, two slender steel wires each time, and carefully laid in place, till 5,434 wires were bound together in a huge cable, fifteen and three quarter inches in diameter. The work was fairly started by the 11th of June, 1877, and the last wire was laid Oct. 5, 1878. There are four cables, each 3, 578 1-2 feet long; and, if all the wires in the four cables were placed in line, they would reach over fourteen thousand miles. The work was long and dangerous. Sometimes the wire would break and fall into the water, and an hour or more would be spent in hauling it up and starting once more. The men on the foot-bridge or on the cradles, high in the air, watched every wire as it was laid into place To start and stop the engine, men stood on the top of the towers and waved signal flags to the engineer. Such a mass of wires would not very easily keep in place, and as the work went on, a number of wires were bound together into little bundles, or ropes, and at the end of all were bound together into one smooth, round bundle, or cable.

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