

KEEP A-GOIN'.

If you strike a thorn or rose, Keep a-go-in'.

When the weather kills your crop, Keep a-go-in'.

When it looks like all is up, Keep a-go-in'.

HOW I WON MY WIFE.

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I was, as I have said, in low water. I had sent my latest comedy—"Sobersides, the Funny Man"—to the actor-manager of the Theban, and was a little more than doubtful of the result.

Well, Uncle Joe came, and if I did not exactly welcome the coming, I was certainly delighted to speed the parting guest.

I went to Euston to see the old boy off, softened toward him almost to the degree of offering to return like a prodigal to Birmingham and its buttons.

On the way to my lodgings I resolved the question: What shall I do now? I determined to husband my means so that I might live on the \$250 as long as possible.

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first prize, and at the very least as a kind of talisman which was to pass me along the road to good fortune.

Such, indeed, it was to prove, in a manner I could never have imagined.

During my stay I was determined to do Brussels thoroughly. I spent my mornings in work, my afternoons in wandering in all quarters of the city.

On the first visit my eye was taken by an obviously English couple who sat near me—an old man and a young woman.

She blushed at my remark, seeing, I supposed, with feminine shyness, that I was merely there on the chance of meeting her.

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and was startled at hearing a sweet, familiar voice say: "Mr. Drummond, what are those children doing?"

I rose at once, to the disturbance of their playthings. "Good-morning, Miss Mortimer; this is an unexpected pleasure."

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the Funny Man," and asking me to call, as he would like to put the piece in immediate rehearsal!

When we were speeding from Brussels I showed by newly-made wife the letter, and she said, with affected indignation:

"I am afraid that I have married a comfortable home after all!"

Two or three days after we reached London I got a letter from Uncle Joe—I had announced my return, but not my marriage—saying: "Congratulations! I kept the number of that ticket I gave you, and now see by the paper that you have won the first prize."

"Dear Uncle Joe—The lottery ticket which you kindly gave me—how can I ever be grateful enough?—has brought me something better than the prize—it has given me a wife."

As for the fate of my comedy, every advertisement boarding in London informs you that it is "still running."

THE ISLAND OF SPITZBERGEN. It Was Once Famous for its Whale and Shark Fisheries.

Spitzbergen has been crossed at last! From Tromsø, Sweden, came the intelligence recently that the expedition organized by Sir W. Martin Conway has accomplished the feat so frequently attempted by others in vain.

The fisheries are still valuable, though not nearly so important as in former days. One marine animal sought by the pelagic hunters is the great northern shark.

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BICYCLING FOR WOMEN.

WHAT IT HAS DONE TO THEIR PHYSICAL CONDITION.

Wheeling Possesses Charms. No Other Forms of Sport—The of Attempting Too Much at First.

After a close study of the game for five years, I am ready to say my belief that the use of the bicycle will do more to improve the physical condition of American women.

The only possible danger in the use of the bicycle for women lies in the fact which sometimes tempts her to effort.

A mistake commonly made by both sexes, is that of undertaking much at first. Overexercise, discouragement, and recollection of tiresome ride has been known to new riders from repeating the same error.

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Advertisement for Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, featuring a large illustration of a woman and child, and text describing the benefits of the medicine for various ailments.

Vertical text on the far right edge of the page, including a small advertisement for a lady artist and other notices.