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Billy had been turned down more times than a boarding school blanket, yet he persisted in going down on his knees - it was a very bad habit.

Ethlyn, the lady who kept him awake at night, lived at a girls' home where they had to give the cuckoo clock black coffee to keep it awake.

Billy went to see her, gave the butler a tip, presented her with a bouquet of flowers and got down on his bended knee. She spurned him - immediately he collected the flowers, took back the tip and walked out. His Rival, who was so tough that he bit himself in his sleep, walked in. Billy could not leave so clear a field for so tough a rival. So disturbed was he that unconsciously he found himself scrapping with his Rival's chauffeur. Billy invited him to smell his buttonhole and squirted a disagreeable solution in his face. The chauffeur chased him, cornered him on the verandah and Billy fell through the window onto the chesterfield where the Rival was proposing to Ethlyn. Down on his knees Billy went - his Rival, however, would stand no nonsense and Billy bolted, the Rival after him.

Seeing Ethlyn sitting on a garden seat, the Rival abandoned the chase and Billy arrived just in time to hear him passionately appeal to his red hot mama to kiss her icebound papa. Very disconsolate and contemplating suicide, Billy was about the head for the River when Henry, the butler, who narrowly escaped being labelled Henrietta, informed him that he didn't know how to make love and he (Henry) would teach him.

So - he became Billy's Piggly Wiggly and was demonstrating the arts of love very well indeed, when the Rival and Ethlyn come in. Alas! Billy's chances seemed nil but Billy got even by spraying his Rival with the obnoxious fluid from his buttonhole. Filling the spray with green ink, the Rival was about to revenge himself by squirting it on Billy, but having adjusted it backwards, he got it himself and a Ha! Ha! from Billy. The Rival vowed vengence.

Ethlyn had made steak sandwiches which she declared they must eat to the last crumb if they loved her. The Rival substituted his was of tobacco for the steak in Billy's sandwich. Billy gallantly struggled throggh it but was at last obliged to make a very hurried exit.

Billy told Ethlyn to put her hand under the table he had a solitaire to place on her finger, but the Rival also put his hand under the table and got the ring. Triumphantly producing the ring, he guided Ethlyn to the garden and was about to place it on her finger but Billy jumped on him and put the ring on Ethlyn's finger himself. Billy and Ethlyn decided to get married right away and Ethlyn was to meet him at the church at 2 o'clock the next day.

At exactly two o'clock Ethlyn was waiting at the church. Billy coming out of his home all dressed up was jerked off his feet - the Rival with a dozen or so yeggs, was lying in ambush. Bundled in a sack he was pushed in a car and taking his trousers from him, the Rival and yeggs left him there. The driver of the car indignantly refused to drive such an object and Billy was stranded in the center of all the traffic, trouserless. He hastened to take refuge under

a newspaper stand but a policeman ordered the stand placed further back off the sidewalk and Billy was discovered. The policeman gave chase, Billy ingenuously cut the trousers from a poster advertisement - all would have been well had not a careless passerby lighted his pipe and thrown the match at Billy's feet - Billy's impromptu trousers caught alight. He fled and took refuge in a shack - stacking every conceivable piece of furniture against the door; he was congratulating himself on at last being safe when he turned to find the grinning countenance of his hated rival and the yeggs gloating on him - he was again lifted up by the rival and carried away to be pulverized - the yeggs put their hands over their ears, but a few moments later Billy emerged with the air of a triumphant opponent wearing his rival's trousers which were many sizes too large every way.

He resumed his journey, but the rival had recovered quickly and grabbing the trousers of one of the yeggs, pursued him - Billy took refuge beside a policeman and aggravated his rival by snapping his fingers in his face and then leaning near the policeman - the copy got wise and placed a dummy cop which was handy and beat it. Billy was again obliged to run. After numerous narrow escapes, Billy arrived at the church, followed closely by his rival - they were just in time to see Ethlyn coming out accompanied by another man and shaking hands with the Minister. Ethlyn had tired of waiting Billy's arrival and had taken an interested looking lounger who happened to be leaning against a lamppost.

Dumbfounded, Billy and his rival gazed at each other and shaking hands went off down the street, arm in arm, Billy's trousers getting too tired to hide his B. V. D.'s dropped as he faded from view.

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