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To you gentlemen, who may never have been introduced into the sanctum of Milady's Salon, this little tale may sound like the veriest nonsense, but you ladies will recognize in it the most dire tragedy.

The scene takes place in The Daisy Beauty Parlor, which is conveniently, but sometimes unfortunately, located on the balcony of a small, high class ladies' ready-to-wear shop. Daisy, the operator, has dashed out for a cup of coffee, and left two very good friends, Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Johns, drying their newly acquired finger waves under a pair of those noisy dryers which make their victims forget that voices carry.

Mrs. Clark speaks: "Did you notice the frumpy looking dress which Mrs. Snyder had on at the Sibleys' party last week?"

Mrs. Johns pops her head out from under the dryer: "What did you say?"

Mrs. Clark shrieks: "Did you notice the frumpy looking dress Mrs. Snyder had on at the Sibleys' party last week?"

MRS. JOHNS: Oh, yes. (Pokes her head back under the dryer) I think she must have the blacksmith make her clothes.

As an unkind fate would have it, below stairs, Mrs. Snyder, herself, is shopping with her neighbor, Mrs. May, and her very good friend, Miss Morris, who rooms at Mrs. May's home. Mrs. Snyder looks up indignantly: "What's that? Why, of all the impertinent—"

Mr. Davis, the clerk who is waiting on the ladies, tries desperately to cover the situation: "I think this shade of pink would be most becoming to you, Mrs. Snyder. And this style—a ruffly type—is lovely on you too."

The conversation above stairs goes blissfully on as Mrs. Clark yells: "Imagine a woman of her type trying to wear ruffly clothes and pinks!"

MRS. JOHNS: Yes, thinks she can turn back the years, I guess. Suppose she thinks it will help her snare another husband.

By this time Mrs. Snyder is weeping hysterically with Mrs. May and Miss Morris trying to comfort her. Mrs. May speaks consolingly: "Consider the source, my dear. You know what gossips those two are. No one pays any attention to them."

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