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Septagerian's Troubles

The Sedalia Democrat has a long account about the troubles of J. F. C. Rennison, who owns the noted Elk Lick Springs of this county, and a store, farm, and bank account in addition, and started off to Sedalia in search of a wife. The Democrat says he put up at a hotel run by a negro, one Counce.

There he found a Mrs. Prewitt, well-known in police circles, and she promised him her fair daughter Marguerite, who would play the matrimonial part in this parody of Faust. Marguerite was then in Illinois on a jaunt to "visit relatives" but dutifully hied her home at her mother's bidding to become a wealthy old man's darling. Everything was lovely except that Marguerite had in an unguarded moment allowed herself to be legally annexed to a traveling female impersonator whose last name (that he used) was La Cross. La Cross had skipped and Marguerite needed a divorce before marrying anymore at present. So Mr. Rennison went home to his store and his farm and his bank account and his famous Elk Lick Springs in Saline county disconsolate and alone. But soon he came back and was captured by the cook of the hotel run by the colored caterer, Miss Nettie Stokes, better known in certain society as Nettie Hunter. No sooner had Justice Burr spliced them than the fair Marguerite came on the scene to fight for her Faust. She threw one arm around the old man and with the other attacked his new bride with a knife. The police were called in and the happy pair repaired to other quarters and soon escaped from the wicked City of Sedalia to bucolic scenes and quiet seclusion of Elk Lick there to enjoy the sweetest of retirement and incidentally the health giving waters, the store, the farm, the bank account, etc.