

A BOARDING HOUSE COMEDY

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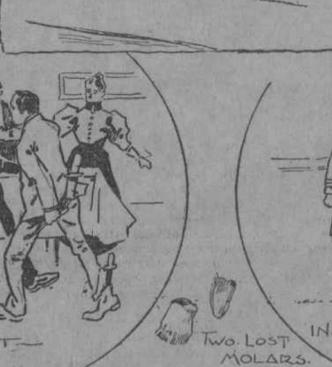
W.H. RUFFHEAD
MRS. RUFFHEAD
DR. T.C. CHALMERS
MR. S. CHALMERS

LANDLORD
HIS WIFE
OBJECTIONABLE BOARDERS

STAR BOARDER, OTHER BOARDERS, SERVANTS, POLICE

FINAL SCENE

YORKVILLE POLICE COURT



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Major Cirujales, having received information that a force of rebels had arrived in the vicinity of Punta Brava, in the Havana Province, started with his company, in the direction in which the rebels were believed to be. The Spanish troops met the main body of the insurgents, 2,000 strong, at San Pedro, and dragged them in battle. The insurgents entrenched themselves behind stone fences, where they held their positions until nightfall, when they were dislodged and compelled to retire.

COMING EVENTS. The second musical concert of the Arion Society will be given in the clubhouse, Park avenue and Fifty-ninth street, on December 20.

THE WATER. Rain, clearing in southern portion of New York by evening; southerly winds, shifting to westerly; warmer in northern portion of State.

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Act I. Scene: Mr. and Mrs. William H. Ruffhead's very fashionable boarding house, No. 606 Park avenue.

Act II. Scene: The Ruffhead dining room on Monday evening. All the boarders at dinner. Dr. and Mrs. Chalmers sit silent. The other boarders strive to pay.

Act III. Scene: The Yorkville Police Court, yesterday morning. Magistrate Crane on the bench. Dr. Chalmers as witness. Mr. Ruffhead testifying. Mr. Ruffhead minus two teeth. His lip and face are cut.

MRS. CHALMERS (deliberately)—So am I, my love. Did you notice that motto over the mantelpiece in the parlor, "God Bless Our Home"?

THE FUNNY BOARDER (whispering)—Have your teeth filed before you tackle that steak again, Miss Musical. There's Dr. Chalmers over there. He's a dentist or something of that sort. He wants to make \$5 for old Ruffhead told me to-day he had raised him \$5 a week.

THE FUNNY BOARDER (sotto voce)—Like a regular orphan asylum.

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