

ANN & TILL McCLELLAN have troubles

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Dalington Items -- Mrs. Anna McClellan has been compelled to ask for a legal separation from her liege lord, T. H. McClellan, after living with him for near thirty years. Now Till is a great big, good hearted old fellow and we believe loves his wife and family, but he has an uncontrollable appetite for whisky. But we have known him to keep sober for a full week at a time and know him to be all right when sober. His wife, a hard working woman, has been compelled to take in boarders to make a living for self and family and lately Till conceived the idea that if she was landlady he must naturally be the landlord and undertook to run the machine. and when an objection was raised Till proceeded to raise Cain and the marshal run him in the box. Now we would be glad to see these old folks compromise this trouble and continue down the hill together, but at the same time will say nothing for if there is any pity in our make up it should go to the woman who is compelled to live with a drunken husband. - transcribed by Kim H