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What a pleasant thing it is to be disturbed by the following language from your better half after dinner while you are endeavoring to enjoy yourself with a newspaper and fragrant cigar:

"My dear, I wish before you return to your business that you would bring up a few armfulls of wood; then take the tub down to the cooper's shop and have a hoop put on it; then hunt up a drayman and get him to haul a barrel of soft water from the river; then go over to Ankeny & Dart's and get a supply of sugar and coffee; then go to the different stores in town, and keep hunting around until you find some eggs; then take this shoe to Mr. Corning and have it repaired; and then if you have time, you may bring in a pail of water; and before you get up from your chair if you have a handkerchief in your pocket, you will be so good as to wipe that child's nose!"—*Daily State Register*, Des Moines, February 21, 1864. (In the Newspaper Division of the Historical, Memorial and Art Department of Iowa.)

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