A man and his wife had arranged to have a holiday at the seaside. They were waiting at the railway station for their train when the man saw a weighing-machine near the bench on which they were sitting. It was one of those weighing-machines that give cards on which one's fortune is printed as well as one's weight.

The man decided to weigh himself, so he went to the machine, got on it, put a penny in, and a card came out. The man took it back to his wife, and she read it out to him, because he had not got his glasses.

On the card was written, 'You are a leader of men and have a masterly character. You have great intelligence and are attractive to women.'

After she had read this out, the man's wife turned the card over, looked at the back for a moment and then remarked, 'It's got your weight wrong too.'