

Madame la Rose, both of whom had been despatched on sundry errands.

The absurd joy of Carey may be conceived! How he shook Travers's hand, and slapped him on the shoulder, avowing that he was deeply in his debt, but swearing he'd clear it off everything—everything, my boy, but the height of obligation, and, faith, I'm willing to lie under that all the days of my life!

"No, my dear sir, you are going, I hope, to oblige me to a degree that will far outweigh any small service it may have been a my power to render you. I am going to ask you for one of your jewels—to be my crown jewel—to be my jewel—to be my life from henceforth."

"Begad, I am ready to give you the best I have!" returned Carey, with a puzzled look, "but—" he paused.

"You'd never guess," said Kate, slipping her hand through his arm, "but he means me, and you won't refuse?"

"God bless my soul, why, I never thought of this. Never! Sure—" He paused.

"I confess I did," said Albie, who had greeted Travers with quite cordiality.

"And I was quite persuaded of the devotion of M. Travers," added Madame la Rose. "Ah! we shall hear no more of Africa, and its life-destroying climate."

"I am not so sure," said Travers. "I fear I am in honor bound."

"Unless you can find a substitute," said Kate. "Surely among all the hunting adventures you know someone can be found to fill your place, unless you are conceited enough to consider yourself unquelled. If you are determined to go, you must take me."

"Go, no, by all that's impossible!" cried Carey. "You must find a substitute."

"And Travers, shaking hands with his future father-in-law, said sympathetically, 'I'll try, for I am no longer my own.'"

The End.

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Champagne Dealers Say that Method of Advertising Doesn't Pay Now.

The days of the wine agent, the well-dressed convivial man of leisure, whose business it is to make himself conspicuous in public places and order in a loud tone the special brand of wine that he is hired to boom, seem to be numbered. It was a gaudy profession at the best, and now the importers of champagnes say that this method of booming wines has become so well known that it is no longer demoralizing. Moreover, they say that it is demoralizing to the agent, and he is very apt to buy wines only for an exclusive circle of friends who would drink any kind of champagne that was offered to them. This means that the firm employing him are under the expense of keeping a dozen or more of the agent's friends supplied with champagne, and from this they get no advertising.

When the wine agent was a novelty and his methods new several men in this town whose club and social connections were good made good incomes booming special brands of champagne. They ordered it in their clubs and they bought it in large quantities at the best bars in town, and for a time his acquaintance wondered how young Brown or Smith or Jones could afford to buy so much champagne, and they marvelled at his fierce anger when a waiter dared to serve any but his special brand of champagne. One of these men was unfortunately enough to get hauled up in supplementary proceedings, and in the course of a stiff cross-examination he gave away his snap. He bought champagne because he was paid to buy it, and he said that he was heartily sick of it. The wine importers now say that it pays them better to advertise in the newspapers than to hire bloomers.

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THE BARN OCCUPANT.

"Father! father! Do you hear?" One could easily detect a trace of anxiety in the almost pleading voice.

The robins, this fresh spring morning, in the apple-trees across the road, were madly caroling after their long winter absence, a glad "sweet home."

Mrs. Whipple halted in the narrow path crookedly leading to the well-stocked barn.

"Father!"

No answer from the barn greeted her, as she stood there with one hand under her plain gingham apron.

"Father, do you hear?"

This time she called from the partly open door.

"Well, s'posin' I do, what'd you want?" came gruffly from the lower end of the narrow lean-to.

"I've been waitin' for breakfast this half hour; aren't you 'most ready?"

"No! What'd I tell you! When I say a thing I mean it, an' that's the end of it. If you are bent on turnin' the house topsy-turvy every spring, sake of havin' a house-cleasin', when there's no earthly need of it, you can, an' eat alone! You needn't waste your breath to call me again, either; 't won't do no good. I can get my own victuals. The barn's good 'nough for me, an' I'm satisfied to live in it, if it isn't cleaned an' ransacked over every year since 't was built," and he let down the calf pen bars with a thud, as though to settle the argument.

"Don't, don't be so set, father; you know I ain't give that house a thorough goin' over since sister Emily died, goin' on eight years, now. The neighbors haint said nothin' 'bout it before, but they are talkin' 'bout it this spring, an', father, I can't stand it no longer. You know," she continued, quickly, "'t won't take long, for 'Manda Pratt has engaged to help me, an' 't will seem so much more homelike, father."

"'T is homelike 'nough as 't is, an' besides," continued her husband, angrily, "'t wears things things out to be eternally scrubbin' them. It stands to reason that so much water doused on them floors will rot them all down, an' then you will want new floors, as though money's plenty 't cost stubble. If you want to destroy things, an' then settle down a 'town boarder,' p'rhaps you'd like that—you can. The barn's good 'nough for me, an' here I'm goin' to stay!"

"Father," after a moment's silence, "what do you suppose Willie'd say to see your place empty, an' no one at the table to help him to victuals 'cept me?" and Mrs. Whipple pictured to herself the happy condition of things, before the little mound had been made under the orchard trees, and when father hadn't such queer notions.

"You know how lonesome 't was for us two eatin' all alone after he was gone, an' I can't eat all alone, father. I can't! Won't you come in?"

"How many times do you want me to tell you! I mean what I say; the barn's good 'nough for me!" With this, she yoked the oxen to the plow and started for the hillside potato patch.

On her way back to the house, Mrs. Whipple turned aside into the little beaten path leading to the orchard. By a little mound stopped.

"Oh, Willie, can't you somehow tell father not to be so grasin', an' to be more as he was when you were here. Liddy take all his love with you when went away? Did you, Willie?"

"Mis' Whipple!" called Amanda Pratt from the low kitchen door. "What shall I do with the front-room window shades?"

With a sigh Mrs. Whipple hastened to answer the call.

"I s'posed you'd begin in the front room, so I jist laid aside my wraps to go right to work, but what you wanted done with them shades I didn't exactly know," was Amanda Pratt's salutation, as Mrs. Whipple entered the kitchen.

"I guess you'd better put them in the kitchen chamber, while you are washing the windows; they might get soiled. I've had them shades ever since I was married, an' I might never get another set havin' no much wear in them as these," she added, slowly.

The table was soon cleared of the untasted food. "I don't feel as though I could relish anything," thought Mrs. Whipple, sadly, "I made them fritters purposely for father."

Before noon she noticed her husband drive into the barn with his team. After unyoking the oxen, he started down the sandy road leading to the village.

"He's never seemed the same, father haint, since Willie went away," faltered Mrs. Whipple, as she stood by the kitchen window, watching him out of sight beyond the bend in the road. "Father's growin' sort of close late years; perhaps so as to leave me in comfortable circumstances if anything should happen," she added quickly, as though to apologize for her hasty thought.

About an hour later, she noticed Mr. Whipple turn hurriedly into the yard. He carried a basket partly filled with brown paper parcels, and a small oil stove.

"Father!" set that barn on fire, sure's I'm alive," exclaimed Mrs. Whipple, realizing at once the danger of a lighted stove surrounded by straw and hay. "Not a single cent of insurance is there on even a shingle, an' if the barn should catch fire, the wind would blow the flame right on to

the house, an' what would become of father without a home?"

She went to the table-drawer, and greatly agitated, took from it a dark red tablecloth. She held it for a moment irresolutely in her hands, and then replaced it in the drawer.

"There's no need fixin' up any, father isn't comin'!"

She went to the window, just as her husband was leaving the pump with a small can of water.

"Father don't realize how much danger there is, havin' that fire in the barn. When he gets set, he don't listen much to reason."

She turned from the window and called Amanda. "I reckon, 'Manda, you're gettin' to feel the need o' victuals. It's a master long time from breakfast to dinner, these early spring days."

"I wonder where he can be," thought Amanda, as she began eating her nooning lunch from the pantry shelf.

"We'll jist run into the pantry, an' not mind about settin' the table," suggested Mrs. Whipple. "'T will save time an' we can get more done."

"I won't ask where he is," continued Amanda's silent soliloquy. "I'm glad of one thing, an' that is, no livin' soul never had no chance to call 'Manda Pratt a gossip. If Mis' Whipple has anything to tell me, she'll tell me, an' if she hasn't, 'tis none of my business!"

Mrs. Whipple scarcely spoke while Amanda was eating. She seemed too deeply absorbed with her own thoughts. After Amanda had returned to her cleaning, Mrs. Whipple opened the door of the china-closet. She took down from the topmost shelf a figured blue bowl, and turning it over in her lap, carefully counted its contents.

"I've saved it little by little, so's to buy a cross for Willie, to put out there." She hesitated a moment, and then continued decidedly, "But if anything like that should happen 't would jist about kill father! P'rhaps there is not not enough for more'n a year's insurance; anyway, by that time, father'll come 'round; 't ain't nothing likely he'll stay there after the frost comes." She returned the bowl to the closet, just as Amanda came into the room for a pail of hot water.

"After you've finished the windows," began Mrs. Whipple, "you might 's well wash the hall stairs. I've got to run down to the village on an errand, an' there's no knowin' when I shall be back. I'm not here by supper time, you set the teapot on the stove. You'll find some raised bread in the pantry, in the next to the largest firkin, an' there's some tomato preserves on the hang-shelf in the cellar. They might's well be eaten—I never like to keep any kind of sweets over a second year."

"She's got something on her mind, an' it's about him, or I'll miss my guess," said Amanda, sympathetically, to herself, as she heard the click of the little weather-beaten gate at the end of the walk.

"I hope there'll be enough," thought Mrs. Whipple, anxiously, as she stood for a moment hesitatingly at Squire Noble's office door. "If it's only enough to pay for one year! Father says though, that insurance's way up these times."

As she left the office an hour later, Mrs. Whipple carried in her trembling hands a large official looking envelope.

"'T was jist enough," she mused, while a happy smile flitted over her still anxious face.

On Wednesday—the cleaning began on Monday—the house had received a thorough "going-over." Just before sunset Mrs. Whipple sat down nearly exhausted in the little chintz covered rocker by the west window. Every moment or two, she leaned out, shading her eyes from the lingering rays. "I hope father'll come, back now; everything is so sweet an' clean, too!"

When she saw him come through the bars leading from the orchard, she hurriedly left the room, and met him just as he was turning into the barn. "It's done father, an' it's so clean an' homelike. Supper's all ready and waitin'; lay your hoe down on the bench an' come."

She waited a moment but he did not move.

"Father, you don't mean you're not comin', do you?" and she took him gently by the arm.

"Seems to me your memory's precious short," he answered, roughly. "If the house's cleaned to satisfy you, go in an' enjoy it," and with that he entered the barn and closed the door.

Again Mrs. Whipple cleared away the food untasted. "I thought he'd come," she faltered.

During the spring days that followed, Mr. Whipple never entered his own home, but true to his word, found the barn "good enough" for him. That he would change his mind before cold weather, was the one thought that cheered Mrs. Whipple in her loneliness.

Many a dish of which Mr. Whipple was particularly fond, found its way to the rough work-bench, which now served the purpose of a table, while each week, an entire change of clothing was carefully arranged on the back of an easy chair which "father" always used. This he found one evening on the newly swept barn floor.

After dinner, one warm afternoon, in the early part of August, a neighbor from the village called at Mrs. Whipple's door. "I came to see if I could get you to come down and watch with Nancy to-night; she's pretty bad off."

Before leaving the house, Mrs. Whipple

went into the front room, and taking an envelope from the old family Bible, dropped it into her little black bag. "If anything should happen, I must have that safe," she whispered.

That night as she sat by the bed, listening to the heavy breathing of the sick woman, she gently drew aside the curtain and peered out. She uttered a startled cry. In the direction of her own home, the sky was all aglow. Dark figures were hurrying on up the hill. Realizing what had happened, she sank upon her knees.

"Lord, save—father!" was her broken prayer.

She hastened to the stairway door, and after calling the sick woman's husband, she hurried out into the street. She felt sick and faint!

"The envelope, that's safe!" and she reassured herself by feeling the precious contents of the little hand-bag. The light from the fire was already growing dim.

"Only—save—father!" was her hardly audible appeal, as she stumbled along in the dark.

When she reached the top of the hill she met the foremost of the men returning.

"Lard alive! If this isn't Mrs. Whipple, to be sure!" exclaimed Squire Noble, as he came upon the trembling woman. We couldn't save the barn nor the ell, but the main part of the house is standing safe as a brick."

"I told your husband 't was lucky for him that he got that insurance jist's he did. He was too much troubled about the fire, I reckon, to take much notice of what I was sayin. Is there anything I can do for you, Mrs. Whipple?"

"I think not, thank you," and she hastened on.

The ruins of the barn were still smouldering, but the effective work of the village folks had saved the house with the exception of the older ell whose charred timbers were still standing.

"If it hadn't gone, I shouldn't have cared with father safe!" and she looked above in prayerful thankfulness.

Seated on the door-crock, with his face buried in his hands, was a partly clad figure.

"Father!" she whispered, as she tent over him.

His frame shook with sobs, as a pair of loving arms lost themselves about his neck.

"Martha, I've—been—"

"There, there, father!" she said, gently, "don't take on so. Come into the house, an' see how nice an' clean it is, an', father, I've got something in this envelope to show you!"—Adelbert F. Caldwell.

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Gone.

"How about that money Roberts invested. Was it a go?"

"I guess so. Roberts is looking for a situation."

In Blissful Oblivion.

We sat in the same pew. I hung in rapture on her chiding frown. I found the hymns, but neither sung—I held the hymn book upside down.

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Truro, May 19, to the wife of J. A. Hughes, a son.

Yarmouth, May 19, to the wife of Eugene Porter, a son.

Torbrook, May 21, to the wife of Robert Condon, a son.

Nictaux, May 6, to the wife of Allister Mosher, a son.

Guysboro, May 13, to the wife of Albert E. Moore, a son.

Truro, May 14, to the wife of Eli Archibald, a daughter.

Truro, May 10, to the wife of Judson Wall, a daughter.

Truro, May 14, to the wife of Charles Barrett, a daughter.

Bedford, May 22, Marcella, child of Wm. A. and Mrs. Emerson.

Moncton, May 19, to the wife of M. B. Jones, a daughter.

North Sydney, May 15, to the wife of R. Dooley, a daughter.

Digby, May 11, to the wife of Edgar Warner, a daughter.

Yarmouth, April 23, to the wife of Emerald Roberts, a daughter.

Hantsport, May 11, to the wife of Abijah Pearsons, a daughter.

Kingson, N. S., May 2, to the wife of George C. Power, a son.

Fort William, May 19, to the wife of A. W. Hodgson, a son.

Dufferin Mines, May 17, to the wife of Clarence Gladwin, a son.

Sheet Harbor, May 6, to the wife of Alfred Mc Innis, a daughter.

Torbrook, N. S., May 17, to the wife of W. C. Bar leaux, a daughter.

St. John, May 22, to the wife of Rev. T. F. Fotheringham, twin sons.

Fort William, N. S., May 19, to the wife of A. W. Hodgson, a daughter.

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Halifax, May 12, by Rev. Father Fraser, Allen D. McDonald to Lizzie Boyd.

Tabusintac, May 10, by Rev. Jas. Crisp, Thomas J. Joffe to Margaret Dick.

Truro, May 14, by Rev. T. Cumming, Evan Morrison to Christina Campbell.

Chatham, May 14, by Rev. D. McIntosh, Joseph Jardine to Maggie Murray.

Canning, May 18, by Rev. Edwin Crowell, Douglas Parker to Clara E. Metzler.

Weymouth, May 8, by Rev. H. A. Griffin, Ephraim Brooks to Margaret Wagner.

Windsor, May 7, by Rev. J. L. Dawson, Ezra E. M. Tully to Agnes Hathburn.

Cloverdale, May 18, by Rev. H. D. Worden, Samuel Nason to Isabella Morgan.

Halifax, May 7, by Rev. N. Lemoine, W. W. Chisholm to Amelia Grace Quirk.

Truro, May 20, by Rev. T. Cumming, William L. Henderson to Ellen Halliday.

Yarmouth, May 18, by Rev. J. H. Foshay, Spurgeon Nile to Edwin Nickerson.

Halifax, May 20, by Rev. F. H. W. Archibald, Frank P. Simpson to Ida Brunt.

Bathurst, May 12, by Rev. A. F. Thomson, Frederick C. Shirley to Etta Matson.

Farmerston, N. S., May 1, by Rev. J. L. Read Kleizer to Abbie Hubley.

Mc. Denison, May 21, by Rev. J. L. Dawson, Edward Joffe to Laura A. Bigney.

Chegoquin, May 18, by Rev. B. H. Thomas, George Cann and Miss Annie M. Corning.

Bath, Carleton Co. N. B., May 14, by Rev. A. E. LePage, Elton Maki to Sadie Eyles.

Jorgins Mines, N. S., May 4, by Rev. Wm. Ryan, James B. Colwell to Maggie Downey.

Roxbury, Mass., May 10, by Rev. A. S. Gumbart, Horatio B. Ruggles to May Vincent of St. John.

Gloucester, Mass., May 10, by Rev. J. A. McIlwain, John W. Lawson to Alice Wilson of Nova Scotia.

DIED.

Oxford, May 16, F. W. Black.

Halifax, May 23, Lily Conway, 30.

Halifax, May 21, Wm. Murphy, 39.