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WHOLESALE & RETAIL

Our Story.

A Kitchen Colonel

(Continued.)

way to school this morning.

What you goin' to have?

daisies.

goin' to have it?

we go up the mountain Saturday.

and significant tone, and she laughed softly. Is pose that Page fellar will be morrow, said Ephraim, judicially; not goin' won't he?

I don't know. He was invited. Fanny also laughed with pleased confusion, the right quarter? Abel asked, anxious-She had been climbing the mountain with ly, young Page for the last hour in a dream, and she had worn the brown straw hat wind. Everything pints square to fair with the brown velvet and the yellow weather, cordin to my reck nin'. daisies.

see his father down to the store the other dow in the morning and his face was day, an' he stopped an' shook hands an' like a boy's. Directly after breakfast he asked how I was, and looked dreadful shaved himself at the kitchen glass and smilin' an' knowin'. I guess he's heerd blacked his boots. Then he went into his how his son's been carryin' you home bedroom to put on his Sunday clothes. from school. Well, I guess he's a good He was nearly ready—clean collar and likely young fellar, an' that's wuth more stock and all—when he heard Fanny's than his father's money. The old woman voice and Ephraim's daughter Abby's ou spoke the last words of her remark in a in the yard. He did not pay much attenlagging and drowsy voice. The two were tion at first; then he stood still and listensilent again. Presently there came a ed with a lengthening face. No, I can't long heavy breath from the grandmother's go any way in the world, Fanny was say

Grandma! called Fanny.

faintly.

Wake up; you're goin' to sleep.

I'd better rouse up an' go to bed. I him at home; and it's baking day, and wouldn't set up much longer if I was you, she's got the sitting-room carpet to put

Ephraim Cole came to the fence and hail- that's visiting up to Rhoda Emerson's signs. ed Abel as he was paring potatoes at the won't cut you out with Charley Page. I kitchen door.

Hullo, Abel! how air ye? Bout as usual, answered Abel.

Kitchen colonel this mornin'?

was cutting the specks from the potatoes appeared in the kitchen, and he had on with clumsy pains. He sat on the door- his old clothes. His wife faced around Ephraim stood watching him. He had you changed your clothes yet? an important look, and his smile was different from his usual one.

Presently he leaned over the fence. Abel! said he, in a confidential whisper. dishes, and she stopped and stared. What?

somethin'. red uneasily around at the kitchen window. Then he set down the potatoes, arose, and slowly I've got to ko as Maria Coles, an' I am't shuffled over and caught him by the sleeve Maria Coles. That's what it says in the when he came near enough. You know Marja an' me own two share in the railroad, don't ye? he whispered. Abel nodded. Well, continued Ephraim, next Saturday there's a stockholder meetin' to Boston, an' Maria she don't father. Persons who have been troubled care nothin' bout goin', 'cause she's goin' with the above distressing complaint to have company, an' Abby she don't want to, an' so if you want to go on Maria's stock you can.

ment. Go to Boston? Of course—go to Boston for nothin'; somethin' to eat. An' we'll go round an' see the sights. What d'ye say to't?

of an emperor tendering a royal bounty. fit for, 'cording to my way of thinkin'. He drew himself up, put his hands in his pockets, and smiled.

there ain't nothin' to hender.

I'd like to know what there is to hend- now. er! I guess you can quit bein' kitchen colonel for one day. The meetin' comes a week from to-day, an' that's Saturday, an' Fanny she'll be home to help Mis'

fully. Well, I must go and finish them take me but a minute to get ready. And potaters now, an' I'll see what mother Fanny's voice sounded sweeter than a says to it, an' let yer know.

Abel pared the potatoes with greater sink pains than ever he washed them faithfully, and carried them into the kitchen, and tremblingly broached the subject of the Boston trip to his wife. To his great delight it was favorably received. Mrs. Lee said she did not see any reason why he could not go. She had entirely forgotten about Fanny's mountain party.

All the next week old Abel was in a tremor of delight. He had long confer- betwixt 'em, whispered Mrs Lee. PHENIX SQUARE, F'TON, ence with Ephraim over the fence; do-

light."ul additions to the regular programme were planned; every day some new scheme was talked over. Abel had not had an outing for many years; he was like a child over this one. Still he did not neglect his household tasks; he Yes; I went into Miss Loring's on my worked with anxious zeal, he was so afraid that his wife might see so much to be done that she would veto the plan That brown straw I've been talking at the last moment. He was so anxious about. I'm going to have it trimmed and nervous over it that he did not say with some brown velvet and yellow much about it at home, for fear of having some damper cast upon him. Abel had It'll be real handsome. When you not much shrewdness, but he had learned that a casual acceptance of a situation Next week-Friday. I've got to have was much more likely than an eager one it then, for I haven't a thing to wear if to make it lasting when his wife was concerned. Friday night at sunset both The old woman's face was invisible in of the old men stood out in the yard with the dusk, but her voice took on a pleased uplifted faces and scrutinized the heavens.

It ain't goin' to be foul weather toif I know anything about signs.

Ain't you afraid the wind ain't in jest

H,m! I don't care nothin' about the

Ephraim was right. The pext day was Well, I guess he'll go, fast enough. I beautiful. Abel looked out of the win

ing. Her voice was perfectly sweet and uncomplaining, but there was a sad in-What? the old woman responded, flection in it. Grandma forgot all about it, and she says poor grandpa has been counting on going to Boston for a whole MODERATE. Well, I dun know but I be. I guess week, and it would be real cruel to keep down, and she can't get along alone. Of I ain't going to. But Fanny sat there course I'm kind of sorry about it. I'd

> saw him talking to her in the post-office JAMES R. HOWIE last night, Abby said. Her voice was like her father's.

Abel unwound his stock, and painfully I dun know what you call it. Abel unbuttoned his stiff collar. Presently he

I ain't goin', after all, I guess.

Ain't goin'! why not?

Fanny was standing at the sink washing

Well, said Abel, I've been thinkin' on't EXTRADROINARY VALUE. Come here a minute. Want to tell ye over, an' I've made up my mind I'd better not go, on several 'counts.

I'd like to know what.

Well, one thing is it's kinder cheatin' stiffikit. I've got to show the conductor Maria Coles. And it ain't just square, 'cordin' to my notions. I ain't thought 'twas all the time.

Well, I don't think 'twould amount to much anyhow, to tell the truth.

I would go, grandpa, said Fanny But Abel stood fast in his position. Abel stared at him in gentle bewilder- His wife, and Fanny, who was anxious to acquit herself honorably in the matter, handsome patterns and very cheap. pleaded with him to no purpose. He 'twon't cost ye a cent. An' I'll stan' the was proof against even Ephraim's re- Meakins White Granite, at dinner. We'll go in somewhere au' git proaches and sarcasms. Well, stay to home, an' be a kitchen colonel all your life, if you want to, shouted Ephraim, as Ephraim looked at Abel with the air he strode out of the yard; it's all you're

Abel went into the house and pushed Fanny away from the sink. If there's DIAN Abel looked pleased and eager. Thank any thing else you want to do, Fanny, ye, Ephraim. I'd like to go fust-rate if- said he, you'd better go an' do it. ain't got another thing to set my hand to

go an' get ready, said Mrs. Lee.

In a few minutes Abel heard Fanny's voice calling over to Abby: Abby, Abby, Yes, she will, assented Abel, thought- wait for me! I'm goin' after all. It won't bird's to her grandfather at the kitchen

Abel had a hard day of it. Putting down the sitting-room carpet was painful work for his old joints, and then there was churning to be done. When Fanny came home he sat in the old rocking-chair in the kitchen, with his head back fast asleep. Presently his wife came out and asreep. Freeding his with the aroused him. Wake up, father, said she; I want to tell you somethin'. Abel looked heavily up at her. I ruther guess KETTLES at low prices. Fanny and that Page feller have settled it

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That was on Thursday. It was the next day but one, Saturday, when old Ephraim Cole came to the fence and hailed Abel as he was paring potators at the said and dreamed quite a while after her grandmother had fumbled out of the grandmother had fumbled out of the grandmother had fumbled out of the grandpa at home for anything, and there isn't anything else for me to do but to stay myself.

Well, I hope that pretty Rogers girl that's visiting up to Rhoda Emerson's led Abel as he was paring potators at the led Abel as he was paring potators at the led Abel as he was paring potators at the led Abel as he was paring potators at the led Abel as he was paring potators at the led Abel as he was paring potators at the leave to the fence and hailed out of the course I'm kind of sorry about it. I'd be excelled. It consists of Hard and Soft Hats be excelled. It consists of Hard and Soft Hats of English and American make in all the Novelties and Staple Styles for Spring Wear, White and Regatta Shirts. Linen Collars, Braces Silk Handkerchiefs, Merino Underwear. Hosiery and a large and well-selected assortment of Fancy Ties and Scarfs in all the Latest Patterns of English and American designs. Rubber clothing a specialty.

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or anny away from the sink. If there's any thing else you want to do, Fanny, aid he, you'd better go an' do it. I in't got another thing to set my hand to sow.

Fanny looked at her grandmother.

If he ain't goin' you might jest as well to an' get ready, said Mrs. Lee.

In a few minutes Abel heard Fanny's

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