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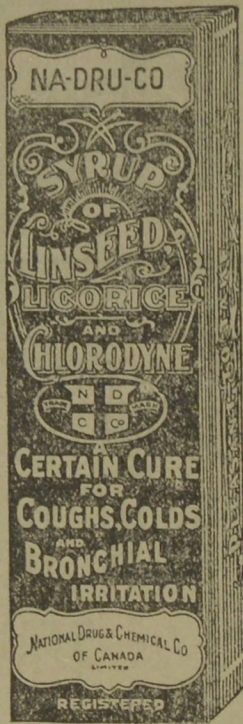
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A STORY OF A POET

It was John who called her Penelope. Her real name is Emily. I cannot myself see anything funny in calling a person out of her name, but John is very fond of doing it, and I can always tell by the way that his eyes laugh when John means to be funny. He always calls me Lamia, though my real name is Minnie. John is my husband, and a poet.

Emily is our maid-servant. When John does not call her Penelope he calls her our handmaid. She is, as a matter of fact, a general. She is not at all bad on the whole; in fact, when I am comparing servants' faults with my neighbors, I really can't find anything to complain of in Emily; I generally end up by saying, 'I think that our Emily would be just perfect if it weren't for her young men.' Then the neighbors say:

'Young men! Of, dear, does she have so many? I hope you don't allow them in the kitchen; it is a most unwise plan.' And then I have to explain: 'Well, it really is very difficult, because there do seem so many of them, and yet—and yet—we do find them so useful, you know, I don't like to be disagreeable about them, but it is very confusing sometimes.'

But John thinks it delightful. 'What more can you ask of Providence?' That is the way he puts it. 'Here you have a maid who does all that you require from her in the way of cooking and cleaning and all that, and she is also a constant source of mystery and delight, a perpetual surprise. My dear, beloved Lamia, is the very source of life, change in it is very essence.' Then when he sees that he is puzzling and confusing me and making my head go round, John comes down to the level of my intelligence again and says: 'Remember the time when the Suitor was a Farmer.'

COUNTRY LIFE AND POETRY

For that is why I hesitate when I talk to my friends and why I do not like to speak too strongly about Penelope's young men. We live in a very little house on the edge of a little country town. John says that it is much the cheapest way to live, and that we must manage like this while the public expects to have its poetry purveyed to it for nothing. I had always lived in a suburb before, and I thought that life in the country would be so ideal—all flowers, and fruit, and chickens, and eggs, and things. But I find that it is most difficult to get things in the country—vegetables, and flowers, and things, I mean.

We have only a tiny piece of garden—just enough for John to sit out in when he really feels like writing. We did sow some seeds in it, but they don't seem to have been the right kind, for they have not come up into the rows of nice vegetables that we had hoped to see. But one morning when I had gone to the kitchen

to talk about meals to Emily and I had said, 'Can you think of any one, Emily, who grows lettuce?' she had produced the most lovely one, so green and succulent and tender. 'Oh, Emily,' I said, 'how did you get it?' 'Please m'm,' it was a friend of mine brought it, he begged your acceptance of it, m'm. You may have heard him a-talking at the back door m'm.'

I could not help jumping at the lettuce, but I felt that I was making a compromise with my principles and with Emily. When I saw John munching the lettuce with every sign of enjoyment, when he praised me for having secured it for him, I felt quite ashamed. I knew that Granny would have considered it most wrong of me to allow 'followers,' and yet how could I upraid Emily when the follower had proved so useful? That was not the last lettuce; he brought more, and then he brought other vegetables—cabbages, cauliflowers, and even some asparagus.

'Don't you think, Emily,' I said, 'that we ought to pay that young man if we eat all the nice things he brings you?'

But Emily said: 'Bless you, no, m'm; they're presents like—that's what them lettuces are. He says he don't miss 'em; they've got so much up at their place. It 'ud hurt his feelings to offer to pay, that it would. I dursn't do it, that I dursn't, m'm.'

So I compromised again by telling John about it. John was not the least shocked; he only talked about the power of love and how it makes the world go round and how it is everything and includes everything—green lettuces, said John. Then he walked out with his composing face on. I never disturb or talk to him when he looks like that. And he came back and ate the asparagus and enjoyed it enormous.

THE COMING OF THE FLOWERS.

Then flowers began to come. It seems to me just as difficult to get flowers in the country as it is in the town—more difficult really, because you can get them in a town if you can afford to pay for them, but you can't get them in the country—except just wild ones in the spring and summer—for love or money.

'But you see,' said John, 'we are getting them for love of Penelope. Love's better than money any day. Now Emily's happy, we are happy. Let's all be happy together, and blow the conventions.'

So I did feel fairly happy about the vegetables and the flowers. But then it began to be other things. Somehow things always seemed to want mending at our cottage and it was always a suitor of Emily's who knew how to mend them. I came to be a regular formula. I would say:

'Dear me, Emily, the clock has gone wrong,' or 'Dear, dear, there's that

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screw loose again,' or 'Oh, dear, what shall we do—the pump is out of order, or the fence wants mending or the hinge of the gate is broken again.'

Whatever it might be, Emily always replied:

'So 'tis, m'm; there's a friend of mine would be glad to come and put it right this evening, or tomorrow at the latest, m'm.'

And then there came a day when I was taken ill and John had to be sent off to find a doctor and a nurse all by himself.

'Oh, John, I said afterwards 'how did you manage, because we have never left you to do anything by yourself? How did you know where the doctor lived and nurse too, and how to ring them up in the dark morning all by yourself and you so dreamy and so absent-minded John?'

And John said:

'Oh, I got along all right. I found a man going to work—it never had occurred to me that anyone went to work at five o'clock on a winter morning—and the man said to me:

'"Do 'ee come along o' me, sir; I'll take care o' 'ee. I'll knock 'em up right enough and bring 'em back for 'ee."

'The kind man,' said I. 'And do you know who it was, John?'

'Can't you guess? he said. 'It was one of Penelope's suitors.'

I. H. B., in Manchester Guardian.

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BUB ROGERS

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was good enough to let them off,' a statement received with jeers and ironical laughter.

Dr. Neely arraigned Premier Borden and Mr. Rogers on the character of the civil service 'reform' they had introduced throughout the west. The member for Humboldt instanced first the case of Arthur Smythe, a homestead inspector, who was appointed by Mr. Rogers following the summary dismissal without trial of his predecessor. Smythe came to Humboldt and using the name of his minister proceeded to engage through his official position in the Saskatchewan provincial election on behalf of the Conservative party. An information was sworn out against him for intimidation of voters and, unlike the case of the men arrested in MacDonald, he was brought to trial and convicted on all counts. A fine of \$50 and costs was imposed, which was promptly paid, no appeal being taken. Notwithstanding this fact, Mr. Rogers retained the man in his position.

'Surely the prime minister will dismiss him,' put in Mr. MacDonald of Pictou.

But Premier Borden had again prudently left the House.

SARAH BERNHART ON VAUDEVILLE TOUR

New York, Dec. 2—'This is not my farewell to your beautiful America,' were the words of Sarah Bernhardt as she stepped off the La Savie from Europe with her company for a vaudeville tour of the United States.

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