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Well, Uncle Abel, you are off for home, I suppose; trading all done, eh!" and John Dare lifted his hat and pushed back his thick hair as he stood on the hotel steps talking to a plain country farmer.

"Wa'al, no, not quite yet, John. I want to get Betsey a bunnit; a real nice one; just as good as a Yorker might want. 'Cause Betsey's worked hard this spring. Times are good, too. S'pose you don't want to go with me, do you?"

"Let me see—4 o'clock—yes, I'll go, Uncle Abel. I'll look at the pretty girls, though you won't mind that. Come on."

So they walked up the street, the fashionable attire of the young lawyer contrasting strongly with the antiquated cut of the farmer's garments, which at home were wont to lie in solemn state in the spare room all the week, only to be worn on Sundays. There was little likeness in the face—a trifle too fair for manly beauty, with its blonde mustache and setting of close crown curls—to the bronzed and beardless one, with the few locks spare and gray, beneath the well-brushed hat, but the blue eyes were the same in both, and like those that were closed forever under the sod, where his dead sister was laid when John was a tiny child. It troubled John not a whit to be seen with the plain countryman; in spite of his perfumed and well-gloved hands his heart was as true as steel to the good friend of his boyhood.

They reached Madam Rozette's at last, and John lounged in the doorway, and straightway engaged in the laudable employment of finding out the prettiest face of the girls in attendance. Josie Molliet, radiant with smiles, and I think, a little artificial blood, came forward the most bewitching glances to wait upon the farmer who brought so attractive a person with him; and, fancying that she would show her superior quality by so doing, made up her mind to quiz Uncle Abel unmercifully.

"Now, young woman, show me some of your best bonnets—real good ones. None of your old fashioned things for my wife!"

Having said this, Uncle felt that he had had stated the case clearly and should have no more trouble.

Miss Josie sailed about and returned with a white gipsey, trimmed with a rose on it, and a gray straw trimmed with scarlet poppies.

"Now, that will be just what you want, I am sure; only $25, too—so cheap and so becoming."

Uncle Abel confessed afterward that he felt quite confounded at the price, but he did not mean to let that Frenchined girl know it, so he said, "Oh, that's the style, eh! It ain't a bit like Betsy's old one, though."

"Oh, no, sir; the fashion has changed entirely. Now the gipsey is the newest thing out, and your wife would set the fashion, I don't doubt."

She looked up at John Dare merrily, but could not interpret the look in his eyes; so taking it for granted that it was an expression of admiration, she pursued that same train.

"Just fresh from Paris. I am sure your wife would like that. Shall I try it on for you?"

"Wa'al, yes, I can tell better how it will look then. Now it looks just like a dish."

There, it goes this way," and Josie pitched the little thing over her rosy face, tied the little strings in a big bow knot and swept down the length of the room. Don't you like it?"

"Wa'al, it's kind o' purty, but it's awful queer, ain't it, John?"

John could only answer that he "knew nothin' in the world about women's bonnets," and took up his reverie, whatever it was, just where it was broken off. But looking idly in the mirror opposite, he saw Josie making signs to another girl, and he soon found that they were amusing themselves vast at the perplexity of their customer. He saw, too, that a pale, quiet girl, with smooth brown hair, looked indignantly, and he rather saw than heard her say, "For shame!" and grow crimson as he spoke.

His own face flushed a little as he became aware that Uncle Abe was being made the butt of their jokes—good Uncle Abel, who was looking at the fabrics incompensible to him, his heart only full of the thought how he should make its present worth of the patient soul for whom it was intended.

Then John was greatly perplexed, for as he said truly, he knew nothing about the mysterious and bewildering arrangement of dress that he saw every day.

Still he knew that Aunt Betsey's spare locks, thinly sprinkled with gray, were not dressed in modern style, and he could not see whereabouts on that dear old head any of those gipsies or fanchons would rest. He remembered that long ago Aunt Betsey was wont to twist her hair with the same energy that distinguished all her movements, and that this operation resulted in a hard knob at the back of her head like a door handle, which certainly would not harmonize with those capeless head dresses.

Just as his brow was overcast with this thought, the pale girl came near Uncle Abel, blushing as she did so in defiance of the other girls, holding in her hand a plain leghorn bonnet trimmed with violet ribbons.

She wore a mourning dress, and the plain brooch at her throat held a lock of gray hair.

"I think this might suit you, sir," she said. "If your wife doesn't dress her hair in these fashions, these bonnet would not do. This is rich and p'ain, and covers the back of the neck."

"Wa'al now, tell me, for I have got so bothered with these things. I want to get a bonnet for Betsey, and I mean to. Now jest tell me if you would like your mother to wear one like this? Oh, I beg your pardon, ma'am; I—I—am sorry!"

The young girl brushed off a tear quickly as she said:

"I have no mother now; but if you will trust me, sir, I think this will suit."

She had stood hitherto just out of the range of John Dare's vision, and had not seen him at all. Something in the sound of her voice attracted him, and when Uncle Abel called, "Here, John Dare!" he stepped hastily toward them.

The girl thrust the bonnet into Uncle Abel's hands, and would have been out of sight if her dress had not caught on one of the branching tables.

"Amy!" and John Dare, with a hot flush on his face, caught her hand. "Amy Egbert, have I found you at last?"

The girl's face grew white and red by turns, and the words she spoke came so low and broken that only John could catch their meaning.

Uncle Abel pushed his spectacles up on his forehead, still holding the hat in his hand, looking open-mouthed from one to the other.

"I guess you must have knowed this young woman afore?" but John was too busy with questions, and Amy was trembling and flushing as she tried to speak calmly, and so his question was answered. Pretty Josie was dividing her attention between a new customer and the scene beside her, and between anger and mortification she looked in no need of help from rogue as she tossed her head and muttered varied uncourteous remarks in regard to "that Amy Egbert and her beau."

Uncle Abel held the hat a while longer, quite patiently, but at length despaired of the interview being ended, so she coughed and then said:

"I'll take this bunnit. Twenty dollars is a good deal. Betsey's worth it, ain't she, John?"

John needn't have started so, or said "very," which wasn't a sensible answer at all; but Uncle Abel laughed a little to himself, and said "Oh, boys will be boys!" and he was obliged to tell Miss Egbert the direction over twice.

Outside the door John turned to leave his uncle, and looking at him as shy as a girl as he said: "It's all right, Uncle. You've found a new bonnet and I've found an old, old friend."

Uncle Abel held his hand fast, and looking a moment without speaking in the young man's eyes, said: "She's a motherless girl, John."

"Uncle Abel!" and John turned argrily away, or would have done so if the detaining hand had not held him.

"Look here my boy, I meant no offense. None of my blood turn villains," he added proudly, "but you see she's young and purty and forlorn, and maybe if you see too much of her she might get to thinkin' more of you than would be good for her, and if you ain't in earnest I guess it would break her heart. Shake hands with your uncle, my boy. I mean no harm, but I promised 'Liza' when she was on her dying bed that I would allus try to give you good advice, and the last words a'most that she spoke, says she, 'Abel, watch over my boy.'"

"My dear, kind uncle, I thank you—indeed I do—but I could not bear to think that you should misjudge me. I knew Amy long ago, when her parents were both living, and she had all that wealth could give. I loved her then in a quiet way, but I was too poor to tell her so. Then came reverses and death, and in her poverty and pride the girl hid herself resolutely until now. She tried to earn her bread by her accomplishments, but failed, and took this means to do so. Now, if I can win her for my wife, I shall bring Mrs. John Dare to see you some fine day this summer—may I, Uncle Abel?"

"Wa'al, wa'al, if things don't turn out queer!" soliloquized Uncle Abel, homeward bound, with a bandbox placed on the seat before him. "To think how near I came to gettin' one of them gipsies for Betsy. Why she'd have laughed a week about it. And then to think that painted pictur' of a girl was making game of me all the while. And then the other one taking the trouble to tell a stupid fellow like me what was the right thing to buy. I guess she would make our John a good wife, and after Betsey and me has passed away there'll be a nice bit of property coming to John, and that'll help him on."

How pleasant Aunt Betsey was when the old man gave her the new bonnet! How fair and young she looked in the fresh ribbons and soft blonde around her face! And how she laughed at the idoe of wearing "one of them dish-covers on her head!"

Just when the country was in its June glory John Dare brought his bride to the farm house where he had spent so many childish hours, and he led her to all the old familiar spots. But as long as a straw and ribbon may endure to keep them both in mind how John Dare found his wife, they tell the story of the time when Uncle Abel bought Aunt Betsey's bonnet.

IMPIETIES.

There is a sort of Lenten affinity between the haddock and the hassock. Davotees will take first a kneel in church and then an eel for dinner.—[Philadelphia Bulletin.

A Philadelphia clergyman assisted a woman to tie on her bonnet, and the verdict of the council which tried him for it was: "It was a brotherly act, but he'd better let 'em tie on their own bonnets after this."

A negro entered a lawyer's office and asked for a private consultation. He then stated he wanted a suit brought against his wife for divorce. "On what grounds?" asked the lawyer; "on account of infidelity?" "Yes, boss, you hit it first pop. She goes to pra'r meetin' fosh times a week, and don't come home till way late in the night.

"Now, I suppose," said a pious New Haven woman; "they'll fix up the Bible so nobody will know it with this new version. I shall expect to see Joseph's coat of many colors changed to a 'rep dressing gown with a gold cord and tassel,' and the song of Miriam made over into a 'Pinafore' chorus. Religion is getting to be awful secular these days." The good woman was assured that the Old Testament would remain undisturbed, and she joyfully put on her best bonnet and went over to the parson's to give some of the sisters a "going over" for the benefit of his new wife.

Mr. Sam Wilkeson—who exclaimed when he heard of the celebrated tripartite agreement between Beecher, Tilton and Bowen,—"God! that knocks the 'Life of Christ' higher than a kite!"—has now started Rev. Henry Ward Beecher on a new installment of elevated work by suing him for breach of contract, laying his damages at $20,000. It is rather rough on the reverend gentleman, in the midst of his attempt to galvanize Plymouth church, to be awakened to memories of the time when Wilkeson sat up in his red flannel night shirt and swore till all was blue at Moulton's tidings that Theodore could be held in no longer. The biography completed under these circumstances will have a peculiar interest for future collectors of curiosities of literature.

PEPPERMENT DROPS.

Missouri has a five-legged mule which can reach one octave further than the most accomplished pianist.

A medical journal says garlic cures hydrophobia. It can hardly to that; but it may keep a person from being bitten by dogs, or in any way approached by living creatures.

It is said that love conquers all things; but a jumping toothache, that knows its business and strictly attends to it, can for the time being make a man forget that he ever loved at all.

When a member, in the course of a long speech yesterday, called for a glass of water, a member sitting near exclaimed sotto voice to his neighbors: "This is all contrary to the laws of mechanics—a windmill running by water."—Hartford Courant.

A book publisher, upon returning from a party given by a member of the "best society," remarked that some of the expensively attired young men present reminded him of a dime novel bound in Turkey morocco, with gilt edges.—Norristown Herald.

A Philadelphia society is wrestling with the question, "when a man has his life insured for $100,000, is his wife justified in refusing to prepare a mustard plaster for him when he is seized with a sudden and severe attack of the cramps?"—*Philadelphia Chronicle*

"Soon," remarks an editor in the Wabash valley, "will the twittering of the birds and the sight of the daisies and forget-me-nots remind us that spring has come." This is undoubtedly true, but for the dead sure thing you had better depend on the gentle ha haw of the canal mule.

There is more need of a revival in medical than religious circles. We look confidently forward to the day when a man can get his tongue examined, his pulse felt, his case diagnosed, and his little pill put into his mouth, all for a charge of one dollar. As the matter now stands, sickness in the family is far more expensive than a divorce suit.—Nycom Advertiser.

The wonders of telegraphy.—The principal (from the city), through the telephone, to the foremen at the "works:" "How do you get on, Pat!" Irish foreman (in awe of the instrument): "Very well, sir; the goods is sent off." The principal (knowing Pat's failing): "What have you got to drink there?" Pat (startled): "Och! Look at that, now! It's me breath that done it!"—Punch.

The farmer's oldest boy now puts on his heaviest boots, gets a grip on the plow handles, and with the "lines" around his neck, yells and shouts and swears because the span don't "haw" and "gee" just right in turning corners. You'd never suspect that he was the same fellow who had been raising havoc among the girls all winter with his stunning plaid neckties and stand-up paper collars.—*New Haven Register.*

Wilkinson came into the parlor the other day and sat down upon a chair which he thought had a larger cushion than usual. He hadn't sat dozn more than than two seconds when he was lifted in the air and came down upon his face. He asked his wife what was on the chair. She said her new bonnet. "It has a few pins in it." "Oh, I see," said Wilkinson; "that's your new spring bonnet."

Jim Webster sighed heavily: "What's de matter Jim?" asked Uncle Mose, in a sympathizing tone. "I has made up my mind to quit the chicken business. I's tired being arrested and hiring lawyers, and habin' folks ask, 'Whar's my chickens?' when I pass down on Galveston avenue. I am gwine to go inter bizness whar I'll be respected and whar de police won't nebber bodder me no mosh." "What bizness is dat, Jim?" "Gambling."—Galveston News.

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ORDINANCE No. 450.

An Ordinance vacating the alley in block two hundred and two (202), in the City of Omaha. Be it ordained by the city council of the city of Omaha, as follows:

Sec. 1 That the alley intersecting block number two hundred and two (202), in the City of Omaha, being the alley between Marcy street and Leavenworth street and running from Eleventh street to Twelfth street in said city be, and the same is hereby vacated.

Sec. 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

JAMES E. BOYD, (Signed.) Pres't City Council

Passed April 5th, 1881.

Attest: J. F. McCARTHY, City Clerk.

Approved April 6th, 1881.

(Signed.) CHAMPION S. CHASE, Mayor.

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PROPOSALS FOR INDIAN SUPPLIES AND TRANSPORTATION.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, Office of Indian Affairs, Washington, March 23, 1881.—Sealed proposals, indorsed Proposals for Beef, Bacon, Flour, Clothing or Transportation, &c., (as the case may be,) and directed to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Nos. 65 and 67 Wooster Street, New York, will be received until 11 a. m. of Monday, May 2, 1881, for furnishing for the Indian service about 800,000 pounds Bacon, 40,000,000 pounds Beef on the hoof, 128,000 pounds Beans, 70,000 pounds Baking Powder, 2,300,000 pounds Corn, 750,000 pounds Coffee, 8,300,000 pounds Flour, 212,000 pounds Feed, 300,000 pounds Hard Bread, 75,000 pounds Hominy, 9,000 pounds Lard, 1,650 barrels Mess Pork, 233,000 pounds Rice, 11,200 pounds Tea, 72,900 pounds Tobacco, 200,000 pounds Salt, 200,000 pounds Soap, 6,000 pounds Soda, 1,250,000 pounds Sugar, and 839,000 pounds Wheat.

Also, Blankets, Woolen and Cotton goods, (consisting in part of Jeans, 36,000 yards; Standard Calico, 300,000 yards; Drilling, 25,000 yards; Duck, free from all sizing, 175,000 yards; Denims, 17,000 yards; Gingham, 50,000 yards; Kentucky Jeans, 26,000 yards; Satinet, 4,500 yards; Brown Sheeting, 218,000 yards; Bleached Sheeting, 9,000 yards; Hickory Shirting, 12,000 yards; Calico Shirting, 5,000 yards; Winsey, 2,600 yards); Clothing, Groceries, Notions, Hardware, Medical supplies; and a long list of miscellaneous articles, such as Harness, Plows, Rakes, Forks, &c., and for 475 Wagons required for the service in Arizona, Colorado, Dakota, Idaho, Indian Ter., Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada and Wisconsin, to be delivered at Chicago, Kansas City and Sioux City.

Also, Transportation for such of the Supplies. Goods and articles that may not be contracted for to be delivered at the Agencies.

Bids must be made out on Government blanks.

Schedules showing the kinds and quantities of subsistence supplies required for each Agency, and the kinds and quantities, in gross, of all other goods and articles, together with blank proposals and forms for contract and bond, conditions to be observed by bidders, time and place of delivery, terms of contract and payment, transportation routes, and other necessary instructions will be furnished upon application to the Indian Office in Washington, or Nos. 65 and 67 Wooster Street, New York, Wm. H. Lyon, No. 452 Broadway, New York; and to the Commissaries of Subsistence, U. S. A., at Chicago, Saint Louis, Saint Paul, Leavenworth, San Francisco, Omaha, Cheyenne, and Yankton, and the Postmaster at Sioux City.

Bids will be opened at the hour and day above stated, and bidders are invited to be present at the opening.

CERTIFIED CHECKS.

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THOMAS M. NICHOL, Acting Commissioner.

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W. SIMERAL, Special Master Commissioner.

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