

THEIR NEW RECTOR.

Happenings in a New Garden of Eden.

By J. A. HOLLES.

Rev. Henry Wright had been assistant rector in a city church for a year, and was about to assume charge of his first independent parish, its nucleus being in a small country village.

had her own disagreeable topic in readiness and introduced it while her father was absent for the purpose of attending to his late chores.



MR. WRIGHT IMPULSIVELY CAUGHT ONE OF THE GIRL'S HANDS.

manifested a lively interest in him, but his modesty and experience led him to believe that they sought his presence for spiritual guidance rather than for any worldly reason.

not quite the thing in our church, and I take the liberty to give you a friendly word of caution.

One morning Miss Almira Thoroughwheat, daughter of Simon Thoroughwheat, first vestryman of St. John's church, met Mr. Wright at the store and in a gracious manner invited him in behalf of her father and herself to take tea with them in the evening.

The answer delighted the infatuated clergyman, and he accepted the invitation for the sake of the beautiful woman who had made an admission so flattering to himself.

Already aware of this fact, the new rector was haunted with the feeling that if he insisted on his full rights he would be likely to offend his haughty parishioners and bring upon himself much trouble.

"I have not offended you, I hope?" he anxiously asked.

"But you believe in progress. You use a mowing machine and hook and tackle for removing hay from the cart to the mow of your barn. Your father used scythes and pitchforks."

"I believe in maintaining the regular doctrines of the church, but you must know that nowadays our thoughtful clergymen favor a broader and more intelligent interpretation of the scriptures than that which was permitted in a less enlightened age."

fate of a young clergyman who gets into trouble with many women? "Yes, but I did not scorn them. I treated them all politely."

Among the first promotions we made, writes Theodore Roosevelt in the Century, were two which illustrated the attitude of the board toward cases of this kind, and which also incidentally illustrated exactly what we mean by "taking the force out of politics."

It is worth while mentioning that he kept on saving life after he was discharged from the service. On October 21, 1896, he again saved a man from drowning. It was at night, nobody else was in the neighborhood, and the ship from which he jumped was in absolute darkness, and he was about ten minutes in the water, which was very cold.

In a divorce case which has been in progress out of the Washington Post, the delicate question arose as to whether a man could love two women at the same time. The perplexing problem was not settled, because the erring husband was guilty of a long list of other sins, and the pleading wife secured separation with comparative ease.

The evidence on this interesting point is unfortunately divided. Biblical judgment is to the effect that no man can serve two masters, can love God and Mammon at the same time. The same line of reasoning would indicate that a lady cannot love the Lord and the Lady Isabel much flourish at separate intervals.

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