

THE EVENING NEWS.

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CHOOSING A WIFE.

John Harlow, a young New York lawyer, told his partner that he wanted to go home for a week. He said he wanted to see his father and the boys and his sister, but that he especially wanted to ride old Bob to the brook once more, and to milk Cherry again, just to see how it felt to be a farmer's boy.

"John," said the old lawyer, "be sure you fix up a match with one of those country girls; no man is fit for anything till he is well married; and you are now able, with economy, to support a wife. Mind you get one of those country girls. The paste and powder people here aren't fit for a young man who wants a young woman."

The next morning John had a letter from his sister. Part of it ran thus:

"I've concluded, old fellow, that if you don't marry, you'll dry up and turn to parchment. I'm going to bring home the smartest girl I know. Of course, she don't know what I'm up to, but you must prepare to capitulate."

In the old home they were looking for the son. The family proper consisted of the father, good deacon Harlow, John's two brothers, ten and twelve years old, and Huldah, the "help." This last was the daughter of a neighboring farmer, who was a poor and helpless rheumatic, and most of the daughter's hard earnings went to help out the scanty subsistence at home. Aunt Judith, the sister of John's mother, "looked after" the household affairs of her brother-in-law, by coming over once a week and helping Huldah to mend, and make, and by giving her such advice as her inexperience was supposed to require. But when Deacon Harlow's daughter had left her husband to eat his turkey alone in Boston, and had brought her two children home to receive the paternal blessing. Not that Mrs. Amanda Holmes had the paternal blessing chiefly in view in her trip. She had brought with her a very dear friend, Miss Janet Dunton, the accomplished teacher in the Parnassus Female Seminary. Why Miss Janet Dunton came to the country with her friend was hardly to be told. Not a word had Mrs. Holmes spoken to her on the subject of matrimonial schemes. She would have repelled any insinuation that she had ever dreamed that marriage was desirable under any conceivable circumstances. She often declared, sentimentally, that she was wedded to her books, and loved her leisure, and was determined to be an old maid. And all the time this sincere, Christian girl was dying to confer honor upon some worthy man of congenial tastes, which meant in her case, just what it did in John Harlow's—some one who could admire her attainments.

Mrs. Holmes and her friend had arrived twenty-four hours ahead of John, and the daughter of the house had already installed herself as temporary mistress, by thoughtful and judicious management, and turning inside out all the good Huldah's most cherished arrangements. All the plans for the annual festival that was and practical Huldah had entertained were vetoed, without a thought that this young girl had been for a year and a half in actual authority in the house, and might have some right to be wrong in having a guest for a week over her plans for the next month. But Mrs. Holmes was not one of the kind to think of that. Huldah was hired and paid, and she never suspected that hired people could have any interest in their work or their home other than their pay and their food. But Huldah was patient, though she confessed that she had a feeling that she had been rudely "trampled all over." I suspect she had a cry at the end of the first day. I cannot affirm, except from a general knowledge of woman.

When John drove up in the buggy that the boys had taken to the depot for him, his first care was to shake hands with the deacon, who was glad to see him, but could not forbear expressing a hope that he would "shake that hair off his upper lip." Then John greeted his sister cordially, and was presented to Miss Dunton. Instead of sitting down, he pushed right into the kitchen, where Huldah, in a clean, white apron, was baking biscuits for tea. She had been a schoolmate of his, and he took her hand cordially, as she stood there, with the bright, friendly smile, while baking biscuits for tea.

"Why, Huldah, how you've grown!" was his first word of greeting. "You mean more than he said; for, though she was not handsome, she had grown exceedingly comely as she developed into a woman."

"Undignified as ever," said Amanda, as she returned to the sitting-room.

The next day the ladies could get no good out of John Harlow. He got up early and milked the cow. He cut wood and carried it for Huldah. He rode old Bob to the brook for water. He did everything he had been accustomed to when a boy, finding as much pleasure in forgetting that he was a man, as he had once found in hoping to be a man. The two boys enjoyed his society greatly, and his father was delighted to see that he retained his interest in farm life. John was not inattentive to Janet Dunton's charms. She could talk fluently about all the authors most in vogue, and the effect of her fluency was really dazzling to a man. John was infatuated with the idea of marrying a wife of such attainments. How she would dazzle his friends! How she would make him like to talk to her! How she would shine in his parlors! How she would delight people as she gave them tea and talked at the same time! John was in love with her as he would have been in love with a ten-acre farm and a fine book. During that week he walked and rode in the sleigh with Miss Dunton, and made up his mind that he would carry this brilliant prize to New York. But, with lawyer-like caution, he thought he would put off the commitment as long as possible. If his heart had been in his attention, the caution would not have been worth much. Caution is a good break water against reality, but it isn't worth much against the spring-tide of love, as John Harlow soon found.

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