

do, which both she and her visitor worked at for some time, until all was finished. Then they walked about and viewed the situation of the land which the W-'s had settled on, and were talking away in a lively manner, while the load of willows came in sight. Only George came with it, saying the other boys stopped to fish, and would come on Bet. After a while they did come; and as they came, Annie was reminded, and told Kate, of what John had said about the horse not being willing to carry two, if she were tired. For she came rearing and plunging as if she wanted to rid herself of her double burden. The girls screamed; Phil slipped off the back of the horse, and stood up unharmed; but John was pitched forward on to the butt end of the load of willows, and rolling to the ground, lay motionless and apparently lifeless.

Phil had a string of fish in his hand; and after running to John, and bending over him, to ascertain, if he could, how badly his friend might be injured, he hurriedly reached the fish to Kate, and calling to George to come and help him, he lifted John's head and shoulders, while George took his limbs, and they carried him into the house. The girls flew about, and prepared a couch upon which he was carefully and tenderly laid.

"It's his head, see!" said Phil, pointing to spots of blood on John's forehead.

"It must be other injuries besides those," said Kate, examining closely. "they are only slight scratches."

"It's heart failure, that's what it is," said Phil. "Heart failure often follows sudden jerks or falls of that kind, and is exceedingly dangerous in such cases! Annie, will you gather some of the wild sage growing at the back of the house? It is particularly good for bruises. George take care of John's horse. I will run over to Mother C-'s and find out what she thinks best to do under the circumstances; and Kate, you must stay by John, and if you think of anything, that might help to revive him, try it."

In another moment, Kate was alone in the house with a sick, perhaps a dying man. She did not appreciate the position very highly, but her brother had told her to do whatever she might think of to revive him. She must do her duty. First, she felt his pulse. If she understood anything of that concern, he must be in a high fever, for his pulsation was very quick and heavy. Then she watched his face intently for a moment, and a strange significant smile played over her own. She bent over him, putting her nose, (not her lips,) very close to the spots of blood on his forehead. Then she smiled again, and whispered in a tone too low for unconscious John to hear, "Fishy."

She thought it time for Annie to come in. Surely they were not going to need a bushel of wild sage. She went and looked through a crack in the back of the house to see where Annie was.

Annie was there; not gathering sage, however, but resting contentedly in Phil's arms, while he whispered something in her ear, and then kissed her two or three times. "Wild sage, oh yes!" said Kate, mentally. "Mother C—, eh, heh! Annie must have fainted from excitement or gone into hysterics; Phil has thought of something that would help to revive her, and is trying it. I've thought of a remedy for heart-failure of this kind, too, and believe it will cure in one second."

She seized a pail of cold water, and dashing it into the face of her still prostrate patient whirled quickly round and started for the door. But she had not taken more than three steps, when John caught her.

"Don't stop me!" she exclaimed laughing and struggling to free herself from his clasping arms. "That's cold water

cure for heart-failure; let me get you some more."

"No thank you, Kate, that is quite sufficient," returned John; and he laughed too, but would not release her.

Hearing the noise inside, Phil and Annie came to the door.

"What, up already, John!" exclaimed Phil. "I expected Kate would have to nurse you for a week, at least."

"I'm cured," said John, still holding Kate with one arm, in spite of her attempts to get away from him.

"He's cured of heart failure, but he's out of his head; come and take care of him, Phil!" laughed Kate.

Phil shook his head and his hand at them and answered:

"Oh, no! Your treatment seems to be just what he requires. He would rather have your services than mine. Be good to him, Kate, that's a dear. Come on, Annie, I'll show you where your house is to be built as soon as mother's is finished."

John seated himself and his captive Kate on the couch from which he had arisen so suddenly, and it did not take them long to come to an understanding after that. He was cured of his faint-heartedness; and she admitted, in answer to his avowed love for her, that she had loved him always, but had never known it until that moment.

"Did I wash all the fish-blood off, lifting his hair very gently. "Who put up that joke on me, anyhow, was it Phil or Annie, or all of you?"

"Annie thought of it first, but we were all in it," replied John.

"And didn't make much off from me, with all your smartness combined, did you?" and Kate laughed again.

"Yes, we have made a great deal; made all we had any hopes of making; made my girl come to terms and agree to marry me, and that's all I want for the present," said John, as he insisted on seating her beside him again.

But they heard foot-steps just then, and laid their love-making aside until another opportunity should present.

"That finished the story," said Grandma B—.

"Was that girl's name really Kate, grandma?" inquired Aggie. "And was the man's name John, or was it Seth?" asked Grace.

Their grandma shook her head at them, and said, reprovingly, "You should be satisfied with the plain facts, as I have given them to you, and not stickle for unimportant particulars."

But the real gist of the little romance came to Grace and Aggie the next morning before they left their room. Hearing low voices under their open window, they looked out, and down, to see who was there. It was Rex, their good-natured gardener, and Mete, their pretty, Danish housemaid. Rex was stopping down, training up the climbing rose tree, and honeysuckles, while Mete stood by talking to him.

"You didn't hear Grandma B—'s story last night, did you?" she asked.

"No," replied Rex, "what was it?"

"All about the young folks, and how they courted in Pioneer times," said Mete. "I was helping to serve refreshments, and heard it all, or most of it; it was fine."

"Well, what about it, how was their courting done in Pioneer days?" asked Rex.

"Do you want to learn, shall I show you?" Mete questioned, slyly picking up a bucket of water, which Rex had standing beside him for the plants.

"Sure," replied he, innocently.

"Well, then," said Mete, raising the bucket; "when a young man was slow to speak, like you, the girl did this to him." And she suddenly threw the water over Rex, who as suddenly bounded to his feet, spluttering and

spitting, and blubbering out, "And—and—then—and what then, Mete?"

"Why, then," answered Mete, "the man took the girl in his arms, and kissed her; and they were engaged to be married."

Rex took just a minute to think it over, while he brushed the water from his hands and face; and then, gravely approaching the girl, who stood in fond expectancy, all smiles and blushes, he cautiously put his arms around her, and after a prolonged kiss upon her ready, upturned lips, he said in a tone of perfect satisfaction, "There, then, Mete; it's all finished now; all but getting married."

The two girls, who could not help watching and listening, the little episode was so charming, now turned away from their window to have a good laugh over it.

Rex and Mete were married on "Jubilee day," and the B-'s arranged to give them a handsomely, appropriate reception and wedding outfit.

Love seems still to flourish in fresh young hearts, about the same as it did fifty years ago.

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### SPECIAL SCHOOL TAX.

Attorney General Bishop has transmitted an opinion to J. Wesley Warf, county attorney for Carbon county, on the following questions: Can a county treasurer collect a special school tax on real property and improvements situated in the school district and on personal property situated therein but fifteen miles from the school house. Also upon horses and cattle which range interchangeably in two counties, and in neither of which the debtor or owner lives?

Mr. Bishop holds that all property in the district, without respect to distance from school house, is subject to assessment, and that transitory herds of cattle, horses or sheep, may be assessed in either county. It is further held that the school district levying the special school tax must have the exclusive benefit thereof. The opinion in full is as follows:

I would call your attention to section 13 of the Revenue Act, providing that "all of the taxable property must be assessed in the county, city or district in which it is situated."

Also to section 22 of the same act, which provides that "the assessor, as soon as he receives a statement of any taxable property situated in another county, must make a copy of such statement for each county in which the same is situated, and transmit the same, by mail, to the assessor of the proper county, who must assess the same as other taxable property therein."

It would seem from these sections that the legislature intended that the situs for all property for assessment should be determined by its situation at noon on the first Monday in March, as provided in section 14 of the revenue act. As concerns the real property in your inquiry, there can be no question but that it is assessable in the place where it is situated, with reference to the taxation of the personal property referred to, I am of opinion that the provisions of the revenue act supra are conclusive upon this point; that is, any personal property found by the assessor in the county, city or district is subject to assessment and taxation, and therein for all purposes, and as respects the distance from the school house of the property so assessed, that would make no difference, provided the property was situated within the county, city or district levying the tax. As to the tax on cattle and horses ranging interchangeably within two counties and in neither of which the owner lives, permit me to say, that the school tax upon the same