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YOUNG MEN

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YOUNG MEN

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MARRIAGE,

reflect that a sound mind and body are the most necessary requisition to promote connubial happiness. Indeed, without these, the journey through life becomes a weary pilgrimage; the prospect hourly darkens to the view; the mind becomes shadowed with despair and filled with the melancholy reflection that the happiness of another becomes blighted with our own.

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ATTENTION! The War to be closed! The Country saved, and a grand lot of Ingrain Carpeting just received at Fosnes Virginia.

POETRY.

THE MILE STONE.

Along the road two Irish lads
One Summer's day were walking,
And all the while with laugh and shout,
In lively strain were talking.

About the fair, about the girls,
And who were best at dancing;
While at each pretty face they met,
Their eyes were brightly glancing.

And as they rode for many a mile,
They grew in time quite frisky:
And now and then, from lip to lip,
They passed the darling whiskey.

At length before them in the hedge,
The roadside view commanding,
They saw, its white side lettered o'er,
A mile stone lonely standing.

They read, and quickly doffed their hats,
With sorrow in their faces;
They turned with reverential awe,
And stepped back several paces.

"Speak low, we're near the dead," said one,
"His grave we'll not be troublin';
An old man, sure! 100, and
His name is Miles from Dublin!"

MISCELLANEOUS.

THE ECCENTRIC NABOB.

Some two or three miles from the little town of Aylesbury, England, there once lived three cousins, of the family name of Barrett. They were all married and settled on farms, within a few miles of each other, and each of them had grown up children around them. They were not rich, but in fair circumstances—each had expectations. An eccentric uncle had gone out to India when quite a young man, and rumor told them that he had become very wealthy, and would probably die a bachelor.

Who, then, but themselves would be heirs to the property—they, at the time his nearest kin?

One day the three families were thrown into great commotion, by each one receiving a letter, which contained, besides date and signature, only these words:

'I am rich. Fools here call me a nabob. I wouldn't give such a title to a cat. No matter—I shan't live always—and when I die my property must go to somebody. I am coming to find an heir. I shall come and see you, and hope you will please me. I hope you are not troubled with beggars. I do not like to see them about.'

One dark, rainy night, about three weeks after the reception of these letters by the cousins, the family of Moses Barret was thrown into a great state of excitement by the appearance at the door of two men in livery, who announced themselves as the *avaunt couriers* of his excellency, Joshua Barrett, of India, who would claim their hospitality for the night.

Saying which, the messengers put spurs to their horses and dashed away, without giving the astonished listeners time to ask even a single question.

Now, Moses Barrett was a hunks, his wife shrewd, and his three children chips of the two blocks, but all undertook to change them on the appearance of the rich uncle—for what was the use of acting with the curtain down.

'Now, Mose, you stingy old brute,' said his wife, 'if you know on which side your bread, is buttered, it's to be hoped you'll have some chickens killed for his excellency's supper, which is more'n you did for Christmas, and some of that wine fetched up that you've had in the cellar since the year 1, and a fire made in the best room, that hasn't been there this ten years, and all our nice clothes put on—that ain't much—for you never allow us anything decent to wear.'

'And it is to be hoped, old woman,' replied the angry husband, 'that you soften down that screeching voice of yours, and twist your wrinkles into smiles, and that'll be something I've never seen since the first week of our marriage.'

Great activity was displayed by all in getting ready to give the rich uncle the best reception possible, and all rejoiced as much as a hopeful family could rejoice, that they would be the first to receive a visit from him—hoping of course—that they might thus forestall the other relations in his good grace.

It would have been a strange way for any other person to have made his first visit; but, then, they knew the uncle was very eccentric, and his being so very wealthy made it all right in their eyes. He might come and stand on his head, provided he paid for his antics.

In the midst of their hurried preparations, appeared at the door an old, feeble looking, white-haired man, thinly clad, and with his soiled garments clinging to his shivering form.

'Will you pe kind enough, good people,' he said, 'to give me something to eat, and a place to sleep to night?'

'We've got nothing to spare,' and if we had we don't harbor beggars!' replied the master of the house in a coarse, brutal tone.

'But I'm old, and feeble, and hungry and wet, and tired,' said the aged applicant, in a pleading tone, 'and if you drive me away, I may perish.'

'Well, that's what you ought to have done long ago,' put in the cross old dame. 'When people get too lazy to work for an honest living, and start out begging, it's my opinion they're better dead nor alive. Besides, we expect company soon—a rich gentleman from India—and hain't got no room for the likes of you.'

'Well, then,' said the old man, with a sorrowful look, 'since you can't keep me over night, will you please give me something to eat and I'll go on further.'

The dame brought up a piece of brown bread, with an angry look, and was about to hand it to the mendicant more for the purpose, as it seemed, of getting rid of him, than from any feeling of compassion, but her miserly husband interposed, and said sharply:

'I told you we hadn't anything for you, and so travel on!'

'I'll set the dog on you if you don't you old beggar!' cried a lad of ten.—'My rich uncle is coming here to night, and he can't bear beggars, so you had better be going while your bones are whole!'

'May Heaven be more merciful than you,' sighed the old man, as he turned and disappeared in the darkness.

Some half an hour later, he knocked at the door of Stephen Barrett—another of the nephews—and asked for food and lodging.

'It isn't convenient for us to keep you to-night,' said the master of the house, in a mild dignified tone. 'Besides we don't like to encourage beggars. If you are poor and not able to work, the parish where you belong is bound to support you. No one need starve in this country, which the Lord, praised be His name, has so bountifully blessed.—I trust I am not wanting in charity—as an humble follower of the Lord Jesus Christ, I hope I am not—but what with taxes for the support of the government and the poor, donations to the benevolent societies and heathen missions, it is as much as I can do to live and give my family a respectable maintenance. Now my friend, if you are poor, and not able to work, (though I don't see why you may not work as well as travel,) you had better throw yourself on the parish where you belong.'

'But I am tired, wet and hungry,' said the old man, 'and all the parishes in the world can't do me any good to-night.'

'But you should have thought of that before you left home,' now chimed in the house wife, with a sanctified air. 'It is sinful to tempt Providence as it is called; and whoever sins must expect punishment. I never leave home without providing for the journey, and of course I don't expect anybody to feed and shelter me for nothing. It is a sin, too, to be idle when a man is able to work, and it is against my principles, as a true Christian to encourage any one in sinning.'

'Then, I suppose, I'm to understand that you refuse me both food and lodging,' said the old man.

'As to the food,' said the pious dame, glancing at her husband, 'If you are hungry; I supqose we can do something for you in that way; but lodging is out of the question—for two mounted couriers have been sent here to say that a very rich uncle of ours from India will be here very soon; and he wrote some time ago, that he didn't like to have beggars about where he was, and we would not like to offend him. True, we hardly expect him to-night; but then, he might, you know, and we wouldn't like to run any risks.'

'Well, then,' said the old man with a sigh, 'I will take the food if you please, and go on even if I perish.'

'Put your trust in the Lord, my friend, put your trust in the Lord!' said Stephen Barrett, solemnly.

'Yes,' echoed his wife, 'put your trust in the Lord!—that is what we do when in trouble. Sarah Jane, go down in the cellar and bring up a couple of those cold potatoes for this old man—they are very good eating when one is hungry—I like them myself. Yes, put your trust in the Lord! and don't leave home again without means. By-the-by, while I think of it,' added the good woman, laying down a cap frill, on which she had been at work while talking, and looking up with a bright twinkle in her eye: 'I do believe you can get a good night's lodging at Harry Barrett's, who lives only half a mile from here, on the road south. He's a great hand at taking in strangers.'

She looked at her husband, and both smiled knowingly, for both were thinking in case the rich uncle should find the beggar there, it might increase Stephen Barrett's chances of being the fortunate heir.

Sarah Jane now returned and handed the old man two little cold potatoes.—He took them, turned them slowly over, examined them on all sides, and murmured:

'They have eyes—but can they see? I think not—for if they could they'd blush red instead of keeping such a dark color.' Then glancing around the neat, tidy, cheerful room, taking in three prime girls and their pious parents, he quickly tossed the potatoes into the lap of the astonished mistress saying, as he did so.

'I beg your pardon, madam, but I did not intend to rob you.'

'Oh, you sinful, wicked old creature!' exclaimed the good dame, in holy horror, as the disgusted old man turned and went out and shut the door with a slam.

In less than half an hour the unfortunate wayfarer was trying his chances at the house of Henry Barrett.

'Come in,' said a strong, hearty, cheerful voice, in answer to his timid knock.

He entered a large, plainly-furnished apartment, and beheld a group of six persons—father, mother, two sons, and two daughters—seated round a pleasant fire, with a bright light on the table near them, and looking contented and happy.

On seeing his visitor was an old man and a stranger, the master of the house arose and invited him to walk forward and take a seat, and all the others drew back respectfully, to enlarge the circle and give him the best place at the fire.

'I have called,' said the old man, stopping and removing his hat from his white head, 'to ask if you would be kind enough to give me some food and lodging for the night.'

'Of course we will, my friend, and glad of the chance to help a fellow in need!' said Henry Barrett in a frank cordial tone. 'Sit down and make yourself at home! Here, give me your hat! Come, girls, hurry up something warm for the old gentleman, who is wet, tired and chilled through, as I can readily see. You ought not to have been out so late in this storm father.'

'No, I know,' returned the old gentleman holding his trembling hands to the fire; 'but the persons to whom I applied wouldn't take me in.'

'What! refuse lodging to an old man like you on such a night, in this Christian community?' exclaimed the indignant host. 'Who were the inhospitable wretches?'

The man described the house and people where he had called.

'I see,' said the host with a grim smile; 'I understand! The first family kicked you out.'

'Almost.'

'The second family prayed you out'

'Almost,' again smiled the stranger

'Well, they are both relations of mine, but I am ashamed to own them'

'They said, by way of excuse,' pursued the old man, 'that they were expecting a rich uncle from India, who wouldn't like to see a beggar about.'

'Aye, my friend, and we are expecting the same rich uncle, too—an eccentric old bachelor, who says he wants to make one of us heir to his vast possessions. Two gaily mounted messengers arrived this evening, to say that he would be here to-night, or to-morrow, probably to-morrow, probably the latter. But whenever he does come, he will find us as we are; and if he don't like our looks, or the company we keep he can take himself off again.'

'Nay, my friend,' said the aged stranger rising in some trepidation, 'do not, for the world, let my presence jeopardize your interests with your rich kinsman! I will merely get something to eat, and travel on till I find another lodging.'

'No, you won't,' said Harry Barrett, bluntly 'You won't leave this house to-night for all the uncles that the Indies can turn out. Sit down again, sir, sit down and make yourself at home. I know the duty of a man who has faith in God, and I am going to do it. What is his money to me? I can't eat it, nor drink it, nor wear it, nor carry it into the other world; and I'm sure it wouldn't bring me any happiness that I don't now enjoy, and I know it could never compensate me for one mean action. No! let Joshua Barrett settle his money as he chooses—I'll arrange my conscience to suit myself.'

'God bless you,' murmured the old man, in a trembling voice, and bowing his head upon his hands, he wept in silence.

He remained at that hospitable house during the night, and was entertained like an honored guest.

The next day being fair, he took his leave; as he was about to depart, Harry Barrett put a crown into his hand saying:

'Take it, my friend, and not a word. I don't know who you are, and I've not felt it my duty to inquire; but this I know—from your appearance, manner and language—that you are not a common beggar, and that you have seen better days which I sincerely hope you may see again. It's as much as my circumstances will justify, and may, perhaps, serve to keep you from starving some night or sleeping by the wayside.'

'God will repay you,' said the old man solemnly, and he walked slowly away wiping the tears from his eyes.

'He has already,' mused Harry Barrett placing his hand upon his heart.—'I have it here—principal and interest.'

Long, and in vain, did the selfish families of Moses and Stephen Barrett look for the apocarance of their rich uncle from India in a carriage and four, and great was their disappointment and vexation thereat.

Then came the intelligence that he was sick in London. Next came the news that he was dead and left a will.

What an intence desire to know the contents of that will! What a wild furious excitement when its contents became known!

To Moses Barrett he devised one pound to buy a coffin for the fine dog that his precious son had threatened to set on a beggar.

To Stephen Barrett he had bequeathed one pound three pence—the pound to be devoted to the parish poor—the three pence to buy cold potatoes for beggars, with the hope that he and his pious family would put their trust in the Lord.

To Henry Barrett and his heirs forever, he willed all the remainder of his vast wealth, some half a million pounds sterling, with a hope that they would sometimes recall with pleasure the visit of the old white-haired man they had once so kindly entertained.

The beggar of that dark, stormy night, was no other than Joshur Barrett himself.

☞Old Mr.——says marriage is like the general delivery at the post-office; if there's anything there for you, you give your name, but you don't know what you get till after you've found out, The old man himself has found out, so he says.

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