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The day had dawned unpleasantly and the young man paused in the act of buckling his suspenders, gazed out of his small window at the dreary landscape and sighed. This cheerful trait was inherited from his father, who had sighed through a life whose low. Thus little Simeon was left to the care and jurisdiction of his ma- ferson's Dry Goods Store. ternal grandfather, Zachariah Gayley. Simeon was a young mannow. Grandfather Gayley, despite the weight of

of his depressed grandson. "Chirk up, Simmy," he would cackle. 'Git a gal an' spark her an' go round smilin', same as I use ter when I was a Watches, Clocks,

One vital cause of the present gloom a girl, and she had lately shown an alarming tendency toward more cheerful society. So Simeon looked out of the window and sighed.

"A nice kind of Sunday this is going Cut Glass, Spectacles, o be," he groaned. "Looks like it will rain by church time. That means we can't set in the graveyard after serv-



"THERE'S A BIRD," STAMMERED SIMEON. The Lord ain't no hand at makin' weather lately. An' I s'pose Tewk will ROOFING MATERIAL. I'm goin' to speak to Roxy about him. She favors him too much lately."

self at the breakfast table. "Quite tageously for CASH-offers to sell for dressed up, ain't ye? Goin' to meetin'. CASH for the next Thirty Days, at low of course?"

"I s'pose so," answered Simeon wearily. "I don't feel quite like it. Looks like a pourin' rain to me."

"'Twon't rain," observed Mr. Boddy. the gentleman who did duty at Zachaclear by 10 o'clock—you see! I'll bet ye Sim'll be a-settin' in the cemetery 2-Ply Felt Roofing, with nails and along with Obed Frogg's gal, jest ez

"I orter be," remarked Simeon dolefully, "but there's too many fellers around Roxy lately. Like as not she 'Il get ketched up by one of 'em before get a chance."

"Sho!" said his grandfather. "You don't wanter let 'em, Simmy. Now, ef 'twas me I'd hev a spell o' coughin' endurin' the long prayer an' go out so's come out I'd be right thar, I would. for all purposes. I'd bustle right up to Roxy in the vestibool, an' I'd say, 'Miss Frogg.' I'd say, 'there's a little bird a-singin' out oc31. in the churchyard, an' he's app'inted me to fetch you over to hear him. was out thar, an' he says to me, "Tweet, tweet, she's sweet!" Why, Simmy, she'd fairly run ye out to git away from the other gals. That's the way I useter do, an' they was all wild

"Oh, you'd say a lot, you would." replied his grandson disrespectfully. "S'posin' you had a sadness come over EDWIN WARFIELD, President. you on account of the sermon an' felt all pulled down an' mournful, you wouldn't feel like doin' no bird act.

"There'd hev to be more fire an' brimstone in a sermon than what old Pleasants puts in his'n to discombobbolate me, Simmy. I useter be an awful heerful listener, didn't I. Abel?" "No one would set with yer,"

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Zachariah chuckled. "No sech thing," said. "Don't ye believes him, Sim. GEO. W. McWHORTER. Chestertown, Md. "You've kep' company with Roxy now comin' on two year, an' ye don't The FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT CO. wanter let nobody git her away from ye. She's a nice, purty young woman," put in Boddy warningly. "Tewk Col-

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