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**OVERWHELMING A PARSON.**  
I'm real glad you've come, Miss Purdy, exclaimed Miss Betsy Marvin, opening the door to the village dressmaker. I've been expecting you for this three weeks. My place is getting so rusty I'm ashamed to wear it. When'd you get home?

Last night, answered the little woman, shaking out the folds of the large figured drape before her. Then you haven't heard the news, maybe—about Parson Noble's leaving, hey you? asked Miss Betsy, with an air of mysterious importance.

Not a word except what I saw in the newspapers. You see I've been over to Florence, sewing for three months; Cousin Maria's youngest daughter was married last Tuesday. How will you have your dress cut, Miss Marvin?

You don't say! Well I never! What luck she does she marrying off her girls! Get it for long behind—it's a dreadful sin to waste cloth so, I think. Well, I'm glad you're here. I don't see you so often. He always put me in mind of those men that St. Paul tells about of whom they would be worthy, answered the dressmaker, measuring Miss Marvin's dress with a smile.

Oh well I s'pose most people was pleased with it at first; maybe you'd change your mind when you hear about the donation. I can't say but what he has a pleasing way with him, but I always thought he was a little loose in his doctrine. I mistrusted from the first that he was not a sound man. Some how his preaching wasn't strong enough—there wasn't theology enough about it.

Possibly not, remarked Miss Purdy, looking at the lining, but it seemed to me he reached the gospel and that was good enough for me. Do you think he was very spiritual? asked Miss Betsy, waving the contested point. He's been seen more'n a dozen times sliding down Dragon hill with the boys on their double buggies, they call them. What do you think of that?

I think most likely he enjoyed it, and I'm sure the boys did. I never say a man has such a faculty for making everybody happy around him—it was really wonderful. Miss Marvin laughed a low laugh which had in it neither mirth nor scorn. I'm sure the boys did. I never say a man has such a faculty for making everybody happy around him—it was really wonderful.

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