

Story of a Bashful Man And Demure Maiden.

Commences in Virginia and Ends in Plymouth.

A REALISTIC ROMANCE.

In a remote hamlet in northern Virginia lived a demure maiden and a bashful man who had for some years been living with but one and the same object before them. Both were hopeless victims of "love microbes," that were doing most effectual work under the direction of Cupid himself.

Finally Harry suddenly woke up one day, and decided that procrastination was the thief of time and bliss and he immediately set about to bring matters to a focus. Very soon there was a wedding, and it wasn't much longer before their Uncle Bill Taylor, of Plymouth wrote effusively of what he termed "gilt," and proposed that if they would locate here, he would start them up in life. Very soon they began to bid loved ones adieu and were soon speeding in this direction.

When the train pulled in, generous Uncle Bill was at the depot to greet them and welcome a much elated couple, and after hearty congratulations, he conducted them straightway to the Branch Hotel. It was at breakfast that morning while partaking of a tempting menu that was being served, that Uncle Bill outlined his plans to the prospective new-comers, telling them, first of all to build and furnish for them a modern home. "I'll do it in the meantime," he said, "you will find this hotel a pleasant and most agreeable place to live, since it is widely known as our best appointed and most zealously managed hotel, and a favorite with the Knights of the Grip, under the good management of Nathan Tucker who personally looks after the welfare of those sojourning under its roof."

"Come," said the generous uncle, rising from the breakfast table, "the pleasure is now mine to introduce you to our town, your future home. Then, too, I want to arrange to build the new house right away. And of course it is important that we select a pleasant and healthful location, where we have agreeable environments about us." Uncle Bill was soon astride, and the young couple eager and beaming with expectancy. Then they went over and bought the lot from W. F. Ausbon.

The plans for the new home is a renaissance of Corinthian effect symmetrical in appearance and commodious to a degree in its interior arrangements, and is just what the bride had longed for—a real modern up to the minute home.

"Good lumber and good workmanship go hand in hand when it comes to building a house to last and look well," said Uncle Bill "too much depends upon the quality of the mill work used in obtaining a pretty effect. Now, about the lumber, millwork and sundry requisites coming under this heading, I am going to see The Sullivan Lumber Co., our live and best exponent of lumber and building material. The yards and warehouses are always fitted with rough and dressed lumber of all dimensions, and the manifold items in building material, adequate to meet the demands of the exacting public. It is needless to say that E. J. Conklin, the manager, did furnish the bill of lumber and every item for the whole job. Uncle Bill remarked that he found these people very prompt and agreeable to do business with.

"About the plumbing," remarked Uncle Bill, "we can't use too much care; for good health and many comforts are dependent upon sanitary plumbing and scientific ventilation and roofing, and when coupled with the use of porcelain bath tubs, good sinks and handsome and appropriate fixtures, to say nothing of the conveniences, they combine a pleasing interior finish which is most desirable. Now for a dependable job and to avoid encountering any trouble in after years, I am going to have Geo. W. Harrison to do the plumbing and roofing," said Uncle Bill. "Then we can expect a square deal, and every thing done right, for this is the kind of reputation that the firm of Owens & Harrison has, for doing things where every facility is at hand for ex-

ecuting the best class of work and to do it promptly too."

"In my earlier days," remarked Uncle Bill, "the practical use of electricity was unknown. It did not enter into the construction of a building at all, but it is different today, it is used for lighting, heating and cooking and the conveniences are manifold. Now, about the electrical equipment for our new house, I am going to see L. C. Willoughby & Bro., who will wire and install the fixtures, put on the door bells and give us chandeliers and fixtures exquisite in taste and appropriateness and do everything right. I expect Hettie will want electric curling irons and flat-irons, too. Willoughby & Bro. do everything electrical and are equipped for subserving the best interests of the people of electrical engineers and contractors.

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"Well it is up to me to furnish your new residence," remarked Uncle Bill, "and it shall be furnished in just as good taste and completely as your judgement and taste will permit or dictate."

"How grand," she exclaimed, beaming with joy and expectancy. Uncle Bill then bade the young couple come with him to W. H. Hampton & Son our live exponents of furniture, and well-informed house furnishers, where is handled every thing that is smart, useful and dainty, needed to fit out the cottage or mansion on whatever scale desired. The trio was politely received at the store, where after conferring with the conversant and assiduous salesman, Hettie soon selected some exquisite furniture for her parlor, her living room and her bed rooms, as well as dining room and kitchen furniture; also tapestries, carpets, rugs, matings, etc. Her purchases, in fact, included all essential requisites. Hence the progressive Hampton Department Store got the order to fit out the house from top to bottom.

"Yes, I did promise you a nice watch and silver service," quoth Uncle Bill to the bride as they emerged from the furniture store. Then he directed them to O. R. Leggett, where he soon acquitted himself of the obligation, adding to the handsome clock and some articles in cut-glass ware. O. R. Leggett never holds out false lights to make a sale, either.

"Well, the next question on the docket," ventured Uncle Bill to Hettie, is to arrange about supplies for the larder. It is the housewife's sequel to maintaining the good graces of the men folks. Now for select fancy and table groceries, provisions and toothsome table delicacies, imported fruits, fine cheeses, condiments, and vegetables of every kind. I'll escort you to L. C. Nurney, conducting a well appointed and completely stocked fancy grocery, where there is always shown a varied assortment of the most tempting good things to eat in town. Patrons come here from every nook and corner hereabouts, and presumably for a reason. Perhaps it is because they appreciate the superior and correct ways that characterize the business dealings of L. C. Nurney our wide awake and well versed grocer and purveyor of the larder. His store has a large clientele that depends on it daily.

"Well, I've named the grocer," said Uncle Bill, "but equally important is the baker, for it is considered that bread is the staff of life and it is not only a daily need, but a luxury, if you get your bread, cakes and pastries from Hassel Bros. The many varieties of bread turned out at this bakery are wholesome, nut-

ritious and deliciously sweet and eatable, and when you want cakes, pies or pastries that are delicate and dainty Hassel's Bakery can supply your wants promptly from the store-products that are skillfully mixed and baked in a scrupulously clean and hygienic bakery. A line of eatables that are original in taste, flavor and goodness, the secret of the success and popularity of this bakery whose aim has ever been to merit the confidence of the people, by making everything a "little better."

"Next I want you to commend a good market," said Hettie. "Well, for good meats, honest weight, and a nice, all-round place to trade," advised Uncle Bill, smiling good naturedly. "It's The Sanitary Market you want to trade with. There you will find every day in every week the choicest and best fresh and cured meats that money, experience and vigilant effort can obtain. The best and fattest cattle, veal and lamb are bought on the hoof and are carefully slaughtered and dressed by skilled help with a view to meeting in every particular the demands of the long list of exacting patrons.

T. S. Lucas is equipped with ample cold storage and maintains good delivery service. And considering all in all, the basis upon which this market is catering to the public, it fully merits the run of business accorded it, and the good name that so many give it," said Uncle Bill assuringly.

By the way, prompted Uncle Bill, with evident seriousness, "since we have spent all this money in building and furnishing a new house, it would be a great oversight for us to delay the matter of insurance. I think we had better go post haste and see The Insurance Realty Co., who will relieve us of all apprehension and suspense, who represent many of the best and staunchest fire, health and accident companies in the world, from which we may choose. The Insurance Realty Co., the alert and wide-awake underwriter who yearly writes a large volume of business in the respective branches of insurance, from which we may judge that every policy holder has been dealt with in a fair and liberal way in the adjustment of all honest claims.

Before the trio left the office a policy fully covering the newly furnished home was written.

"By the bye," remarked Uncle Bill, as they reached the street, "I must go over to the Washington County Bank and get another check book. Come along with me and meet the cashier and the president as this is the bank for you to open an account with, and it is proper for you to be introduced by some one well known to the bank. I mention the Washington County Bank because the management is agreeable to do business with and will extend to you at any time any courtesy compatible with sound banking rules. Then, too, it is officered by conservative, yet progressive men with unquestioned integrity that are at all times alert to our city's best interests. This bank has ample resources aggregating \$165,000.00 and does a general banking business in every sense of the term, rendering to trade and commerce a service in every way commendable. And I may add, it is an institution in which our citizens feel a just pride."

Hettie next asked Uncle Bill where the best millinery store was. "You just mentioned it in time," rejoined Uncle Bill, "for this is the principal one right here," pointing to the millinery parlors of Clyde Cahoon. "It's an inviting and pleasingly appointed millinery parlor, and men's and women's furnishing goods store and considered a leader in these lines in Plymouth where the same new effects and latest creations appear simultaneously with Paris and metropolitan cities so zealously do the milliners in charge guard the interests of their clientele." The varied and attractive lines of millinery and ladies' accessories were so tasty, dainty and reasonable that Hettie soon succumbed to a nobly and exquisite new hat and a beautifully embroidered shirtwaist. "This establishment is held in high esteem by a circle of ladies and gentlemen who recognize and respond to meritorious effort," said Uncle Bill, assuringly.

"Oh, where is a good drug store?" asked the bride. "I must have this prescription filled and I need some tooth powders and face cream, too."

"Right here," replied Uncle Bill, just then the trio happened to be in front of Thos. L. Smith. "This is a well appointed and

most reliable drug store, and it is conducted along progressive lines, too," he said. "I get my prescriptions filled here, because I know the prescription case is in charge of a painstaking and efficient prescriber, who is ever prompt and accurate to all alike. Thos. L. Smith is always replete with a large and varied stock of drugs, medicines, chemicals and the manifold accessories to this branch, including fine box candies, in fact everything that is needed to meet the demands of the people. The house enjoys the confidence and esteem of a large acquaintance-ship, and it's here you will always want to deal," said Uncle

Bill. "Another thing said generous Uncle, and what is that," asked Harry and Hettie in unison. An auto, an Overland, said he. "How grand" said she. "Yes," he continued, "it will be indispensable to your future, both for business and pleasure, as well as for healthful recreation, and of course you know it is the best machine made for the money. A strictly high grade, beautiful, serviceable auto, universally recognized by autoists who know. Handled here by the Plymouth Garage & Motor Co. who has placed them with so many people, who also conducts our best garage where is installed every fac-

ility to meet any exigency of the local and transient autoists alike, employing expert mechanics for making repairs as well as carrying in stock all necessary accessories.

The purchase of the latest model Overland from L. W. Gurkin delighted the joyous couple beyond words.

"Of course you will wish to learn about all the people of your new home," remarked Uncle Bill "and you will naturally want to keep up with them and their doing, so to make my part of the agreement complete, we'll go around to the Beacon Office and have Harry's name properly enrolled on their mailing-list."

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