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JOHN'S COUNTRY CUSTOMER.

John Harvey had been a clerk in a country store in Vermont since he was fifteen years old, and he was now over twenty.

John was a handsome country lad, active, obliging and courteous. These qualities attracted the attention of a New York merchant who was spending a summer month in Vermont.

Although John's mother knew how more than lonely she would be without her boy, she felt how valuable the change would prove to him, and gave her consent to his going.

"I know my boy will not forget his mother," she said. "And one thing, my child, let me impress upon you. You will be surrounded by giddy fellow clerks, many who will look with contempt on the humbly-clad people who come to buy, and only serve them with reluctance—perhaps rudeness.

But now and then came customers from the country; there was no mistaking them. Their dresses had a home-made look, and their bonnets utterly lacked the peculiar suavity of city hats.

After considerable delay in making up her mind, the old lady wanted to see how some furs would look over a velvet cloak valued at two hundred and fifty dollars.

PROVIDE FOR THE FAMILY.

The man who neglects to provide for his own household is worse than an infidel. We have scripture warrant for the assertion. Now the idea which is advanced and enforced in some quarters that to take policy of insurance as one life or property is to show a want of confidence in our bounteous Heavenly Father, is a reproach to us as for the farmer to neglect to sow and plow relying on the provision of Providence to bring about a harvest.

Two years later he wowed and won the girl "sweet as the pinks and roses," who brought him, besides her sweetness and beauty, a snug little fortune, which seemed all the better from having been accumulated where the pinks and roses bloom.

That was the mother's advice and it turned out that John heeded it. The great iron drug goods shop in Broadway, with its white facade and its counters inside heaped high with marvellously beautiful fabrics, was indeed a change to John, and the richly and astonishingly dressed women in great contrast to the country dames in sunbonnets and gingham gowns that he had been accustomed to serve.

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But one day the country woman missed the very obliging clerk, and upon inquiry were told that he had been transferred to the clock department. Very well! one old lady who had a young girl with her, she wanted to buy a cloak.

So up-stairs they went a quaint looking pair that set the clerks in a giggle, and they slyly winked as they sent around the password: "Harvey's friends."

A Printer's Dream.

A printer sat in his office chair, his boots were patched and his coat threadbare, and his face looked weary and worn with care.

"Come in, my dear, it shall cost you nothing, and never fear, this is the place where I cook the ones who never pay their subscription dues, for though in life they may escape, they will find when dead it is too late."

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With these last words the printer awoke and thought it all a practical joke, but still at times, so real did it seem, that he cannot believe it was a dream, and often he thinks with a chuckle and grin, of the fate of those who save their tin and never pay the printer.

THE "DESTROYER" DEPRIVED OF HIS PREY.

In the long records of human misery, disease and death, Consumption has, for ages, occupied a prominent and dreadful distinction as the "fell destroyer," and to this ominous prominence this tenacious and deadly disease is well entitled.

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