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Florence Warden, Author of 'The Mouse on the Marsh,' etc.

CHAPTER XI

Continued. The worst of it was that the sentimental little old maid, under the pretext of curing her protegee of her unfortunate attachment...

she faltered, turning her head away to escape the gaze of the beautiful eyes, but keeping a sharp eye on his movements all the time.

She felt her resentment against Miss Theodora, vice in her unstable folly, and exposed her to this persecution. Luckily that lady herself appeared a few seconds later, and the Nell at once made the excuse of going to fetch the tea-things to get out of the room.

Once outside the door, however, she ran through the passage to the back of the house, slipped on into the garden, and ran home across the fields as fast as her feet little feet could carry her.

She felt that she must have some advice of a more solid, more worldly kind than that of kindly, sentimental, narrow-minded Miss Theodora. So she wrote a little note, the first she had ever sent him, to Clifford King and sent it by a safe hand to Strawn to catch the night mail.

Her note was very short, containing as it did, only the following words: 'Dear Mr. King: It is not too inconvenient for me to come down to Strawn to-morrow. I should be very glad of the opportunity of asking your advice upon a matter in which I do not dare trust my own judgment, and do not dare to consult my uncle.'

With apologies for my audacity in asking such a great favor, 'Believe me, yours sincerely, 'NELL CLARIS.'

Then she passed a sleepless night, torturing herself by wondering what Clifford would do, and whether or not she could count on his aid.

And on the following evening, just when she had given up all hope of seeing him, and just when the time appointed by Jim Sticksels for her to meet him was approaching, she saw Clifford, from her seat by the open door of the sitting-room, walk into the bar.

Nell sprang up with a little cry, and Clifford, catching sight of her, flushed a deeper red than his walk had given him, and going quickly through the bar and along the passage, pushed open the door of the little sitting-room, and stood before her.

The girl had been so anxious for his coming that all her little maidenly arts of affected surprise, of indifference, of reserve, were in abeyance; and he saw before him the girl he loved, with love confessed in her blue eyes.

For one moment he stood looking at her, a little awestruck, as a lover ought to be, at discovering how much more beautiful she was than he remembered her. Then, not unreasonably taking her summons for just a little more than it was intended to be, caught her in his arms, and pressing her against his breast, covered her face with kisses.

'What do you want?' she said at last. 'What do you want?' 'I want you to give me a kiss.' The girl started and made a gesture of abhorrence. 'Come,' persisted Jim; 'it isn't much, considering, specially as I could take one myself if I had a mind.'

And as he spoke he took another step, threatening to fulfill this menace. But Nell was too quick for him; she was at the other side of the table before the words were well out of his mouth.

'Miss Bostall,' she said, quietly, as if his proposition had been unworthy of remark, 'advises me to let you make what use of your information you please. She says no one would believe you.'

AGRICULTURAL

Tarred Paper For Roofs. In using tarred paper for roofs consideration must be given to the fact that unless the paper be securely fastened, so that the wind cannot get under it, the roof will be easily destroyed during the prevalence of a very high wind.

A Field Nuisance. Sassafras is a nuisance in any field, but it cannot be destroyed very easily except by grubbing it out, removing all the roots. Being a hardy and persistent plant, it must be killed in its younger stages.

A Good Practice. Almost always it is a good practice to harrow plowed land as soon as possible after it has been plowed. In turning the furrow there are inevitably large air spaces left under it, which, except in very early spring time, dry it out much too quickly to make it good, mellow and moist for seed beds.

Expect poultrymen claims that after a hen has laid her second year she is less fertile for laying purposes, and should be sold to the market. This may be so in many cases, and no one will question the fact that the best egg results come from birds two years old and under.

Short legs, appearing in plum and cherry orchards, is evidenced by red or rose spots on under surface of young leaves. The spots turn brown, white areas are developed, and in the case of plum leaves, the spots become a hole, the diameter of small shot.

Tomato Culture. In growing tomatoes for the winter factory it is best to plant as soon as danger of frost is over. Break the ground good and deep, and as early as possible. A good clover soil that has been pastured one summer and broken in the fall and well worked in the spring is O. K. for tomatoes.

Whitewashing Apple Trees. Forty or fifty years ago it was a very common custom of farmers in New England, at least, to whitewash the trunks of trees in their apple orchards.

GOOD ROADS

Endorsing National Cooperation. CONGRESSMAN CROWN, of Tennessee, says that his good roads bill is the most popular measure introduced in Congress since the Civil War.

Common Diseases of Stone Fruits. One of the strong scientific points of a recent convention of Western fruit growers was devoted to the diseases of stone fruits, such as Cherry Trees and Plum Trees.

Orange Broad Pudding. To make a broad pudding with oranges, take two cups of unbleached bread-crumbs and soak in a pint and a half of warm milk.

Home-Made Furniture Polish. The use of oil, turpentine and vinegar mixed in equal quantities makes an excellent furniture polish.

Elephant Stealing in Spain. The Spaniards are not the only people to whom one would not expect to find any sense in the idea of stealing an elephant.

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HOUSEHOLD MATTERS

Lamb Stew With Turnips. Put three pounds of lamb from the shoulder or forequarter in a stewing pan over one quart of water and one tablespoon of salt and a little pepper.

Chicken Souffle. Put one tablespoonful of butter in the frying pan and when it is hot add two tablespoons of flour and cook until golden brown.

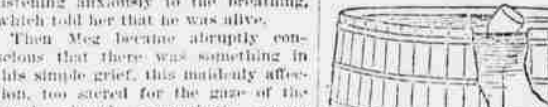
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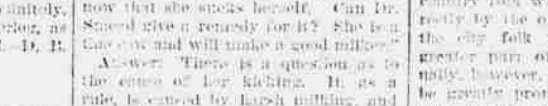


BOAT IN POSITION.



A KICKING COW TO CARE FOR SHEEP.

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