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JOLLY OLD UNCLE JOSH.

HIS GREAT GENEROSITY TOWARDS HIS NEWLY MARRIED NIECE.

A Realistic Romance of Williamston in which a Number of Business Men take a Conspicuous Part.

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Miss Summers—Polly—I—I er I—" But the speaker took a header over bashfulness, only to hear a sweet: "Yes Charley." "Can I aspire to—er—to—that is—"

Again the lapse in to silence, followed by an encouraging: "Yes Charley."

"Oh, if I might only hope to er—"

Another failure of language. It was seemingly a hopeless case, and might have been, only for a demure: "Charley, I have said 'yes' twice, and if you mean it, I mean it 'too,' and—"

And to this day the young man will insist that he popped the question.

All this happened away "down East," and it wasn't long before there was a wedding. Not much longer before there came a letter from Polly's uncle, Josh, down here in the Old North State, who wrote effusively at her exhibition of what he called "grit," and he proposed that if the young people would locate at Williamston he would start them up in life as a wedding gift, and at the same time give them a lot of good practical advice. Of course they accepted, and were bidding their friends adieu.

Subsequent to the above invitation Uncle Josh visited Williamston and called on A. E. Whitmore, the president of the Williamston Land and Improvement Company, who, with a diagram of their concessions, easily convinced the old gentleman that their lots are choice residence sites, and as the terms were very favorable Uncle Josh was not long in striking a trade.

His next man to see was Mr. Latham Throver, the Contractor and Builder. Having seen so much of the handsome work in that line, executed by Latham Throver, he was easily convinced that he would make no mistake by entrusting the building of his niece's home to Mr. Throver. After carefully examining the plans, made Uncle Josh an estimate which literally took the "old man" by surprise, as he had no idea that work executed in the manner and style as Latham Throver is reported of doing, could be guaranteed a turn key job—at any such price. Mr. Throver gave him to understand that he was prepared to make contracts for building all classes of houses, either wood or brick, and that his prices are as reasonable as is consistent with first-class work, suffice it to say that Uncle Josh awarded the contract to Mr. Throver.

The next thing was to see a first class tinner and of course George R. Dixon was the man, he being an expert in this line of work. He was given the contract to do all the roofing, roofing-painting and guttering for Polly's House. Uncle Josh also left an order for a supply of Tobacco flues for his own use, the low price and superior work having convinced the "old man" that Mr. Dixon leads in the flue business. Mr. Dixon gave Uncle Josh to understand that his headquarters were at Rocky Mount, but that after April the first, next year would be permanently located here.

Early next morning a travel-stained party arrived at Williamston. Our friend, Uncle Josh, was in charge and he led the party straightway to a hotel. "The Hassell House," said he, "is a typical Southern Hotel of the best class. I have known W. A. Jones, the proprietor, for years and he is mine host after mine own heart. A thorough business man, endowed with that delightful intuition that makes a guest feel at home, comfortable, contented, and in mighty good luck. The house is one of convenience, the apartments are

well furnished; the cuisine all that a superior chef and unlimited orders on the market can make. I have engaged rooms here for you to occupy until your house is in readiness. "After breakfast," said the old man, "I am ready to go and buy your outfit. To expedite matters I have ordered a carriage from Gus Johnson, our enterprising liveryman." When the handsome carriage, with elaborate trappings and prancing horses drew up in front of "The Hassell House," Polly declared it the finest turnout she had ever seen. "Yes," replied Uncle Josh, "the three S's, 'Speed, Safety and Style,' is Gus Johnson's motto. So, young folks, when you want to take a drive, either for business or pleasure, go to him for a rig every time. He also sells every kind of vehicle, can furnish harness in a bargain and is satisfied with a moderate profit, too." (Charley afterwards paid a visit to his establishment and found things just as Uncle Josh predicted.

"I have already provided you with a cage for your bird," said Uncle Josh, "and now the first thing we'll look after will be the furnishings for it." Hereupon Polly energetically declared that she had heard so much about C. D. Carstarphen, the up-to-date Furniture dealer, that she had decided to go there. The result was that they were ushered into such a bewildering display that the girl was at first at a loss how to select. But she soon yielded to the seductiveness of a magnificent parlor suite, a bed-room set, golden oak finish, that would have done credit to old Antiquity herself. To this she added a dining room set with all accessories, and didn't forget a most convenient and ornamental writing desk for "Hubby" Charles.

"A pretty good start," said the old man, "and now we'll go to the establishment of Eli Gurganus." Polly's housewifely instincts had full play in marvels of kitchen apparatus. Every possible piece of kitchen furniture, from a tin dipper to a cooking range is here in all styles and variety. If Polly fails to accomplish wonders in the culinary art, it will not be for want of superior cooking utensils, for she purchased an up-to-date cook stove with all equipments needed in a well regulated kitchen, besides a Standard sewing machine. After Polly had finished her purchases Uncle Josh talked with Mr. Gurganus about builder's materials, paints, glass, farming implements, guns, ammunition and general hardware in which this firm deals.

"By the way," said Uncle Josh, "let me step down the street and see Geo. W. Newell about the deed for the lot I presented to you," and turning to Charley the old man continued: "Mr. Newell is the most conscientious lawyer I ever had to deal with. Upon his advice you can rely every time. He practices in all State and Federal courts, and makes a specialty of securing bonds for guardians and administrators." The handsome law office of Mr. Newell was visited by the entire party and Charley seemed to be very much interested in "Points of Law," which volume he borrowed from the large new library of Mr. Newell. After securing the deed, properly recorded the visitors took their departure, well pleased with the lawyer and the neat office.

Passing up Main street Uncle Josh cried: "Halt!" as the party came in front of S. R. Biggs' drug store. "Walk right in," "Why Uncle, we're not sick, and—" "Guess I know that, but I suspect it won't be long before this young man begins to take an interest in matters of paregoric and—" "Uncle!" "Well, go in anyway; Polly may find some toilet articles she wants."

Sure enough before leaving she was loaded down with combs, brushes, face powders and ounces upon ounces of fine imported perfumes. Don't forget," added Uncle Josh, "to come here with your prescriptions as this firm has a competent pharmacist and uses pure and wholesome drugs."

"Let's see—I promised you a gold watch didn't I," queried Uncle Josh of Polly, "and Herbert Peeler's jewelry store is the very place to get one cheap." Thereupon the old man gallantly acquitted himself of the promise and then directed Polly's attention to the superior stock of silverware carried by this house.

"There is no other such house in town," said the old man, "and I will guarantee the quality to be the very best. Pick your family clock while here," he added, "Herbert Peeler carries a magnificent line."

"Don't forget another fact," he continued, "if ever you unfortunately need optical goods this is the place to come. He has everything required to improve affected eyes and Charles, if that old 'timp' of yours breaks down bear in mind he can fix her up as good as new."

At this point, somewhat to the confusion of Charles, the old man indulged in a half serious criticism of his personal appearance. "You are decidedly off style for a townsman," said he, and we'd better go to Eli Gurganus," the men's and boy's outfitters, in the new brick building." After Charles had fitted himself in a new suit Uncle Josh declared: "Now you look like a newly married man." Before leaving, having found goods and prices irresistible, Charles also invested in a complete outfit of gent's furnishings, from the late style hat to a dozen shirts. Upon leaving Pol-

ly remarked about the handsome display, which was supplemented by Uncle Josh that there is nothing like it in town. Uncle Josh had his measure taken for a fine overcoat by W. S. Harris, who with samples and fashion plates convinced the old man that Strauss Bros. fine clothing is a pleasure to wear.

Continuing their movements the party was attracted by a handsome display of shoes at N. S. Peel & Co's, and upon Uncle Josh's suggestions all went in. "Their stock of shoes can not be equalled in the country," he remarked. It might have been policy not to have extended that invitation had not Uncle Josh known what wise economy it is to trade there, for Polly found goods and prices so seductive that she purchased an outfit from a walking slipper to a handsome walking boot of the celebrated "Juana" make; Charley invested in a pair each of "William Richardson's" "Top Notch" and "Rancocas" gent's fine shoes, while Uncle Josh indulged in a stout farm boot. No one needing footwear can resist the styles and prices offered there. Uncle Josh told Charley that N. S. Peel & Co. are buyers of country produce, also cotton and peanuts, for which they pay highest market prices.

"All these manifold bargains remind me," remarked Uncle Josh, as they reached the street heavily loaded up, "I must go across to the Bank of Martin County and get another check-book. Come with me and get acquainted with J. G. Godard, the cashier, for of course you do business with him and it is always more pleasant to be personally acquainted with the people you do business with. The bank is as solid as the base of the universe, and has a strong working capital. You will find them ever ready to extend any accommodations compatible with business principles."

Passing up Main Street, Harrell's barber shop was a veritable curiosity to Uncle Josh, who thought that a barber shop, although patronized by whites, could only be run by white employes. S. W. Harrell, the proprietor, convinced the old man to the contrary, he having all efficient barbers, trained in their work, consequently everything about the shop is conducted in an orderly and business-like manner, with the utmost particularity as to cleanliness and service. "You're next!" was the welcome salutation which greeted Charley, and a few minutes later Polly and Uncle Josh were of a like opinion that "Hubby" Charles had improved in looks no little.

"Say, Uncle Josh, would it be asking too much of you to get us a driving horse?" asked Polly. "Well, I reckon not, I'll honor your draft for anything you want. The Martin Live Stock Co. run a sale stable opposite from here and we can depend on them for a good driving animal, if one is to be found in the market. They wouldn't sell a defective horse without telling us. The most conscientious men in business you ever met." They luckily happened to have a nice animal on hand, and Polly got it. The old man made himself a present of a span of mules and a Studebaker wagon, with a solid steel axle, the best on the market. Their supply of buggies was inspected and found to be of superior make, both home-made and western, all of which were fully warranted.

At this point the old man waxed philosophical. "Never neglect your larder," said he. "That important adjunct to house-keeping controls masculine temper. To that end you must patronize a grocer on whom you can depend for honest goods. Through a long term of years I have found W. M. Wilson perfectly reliable. You will find him a trying-to-please dealer, always full stocked with every possible thing in groceries, fresh and first class—no shelf worn goods there. A provider always buys his food there because he not only gets the best of everything, but the best value for his money. The longer people trade with W. M. Wilson the better they are satisfied. His place is also headquarters for Santa Claus, as thousands of Christmas presents can be found there."

"Law Sakes!" suddenly exclaimed Uncle Josh, "all this trading and shopping round town has caused me to forget one of the greatest essentials to future existence. I have heard it said that newly married folks could live on love and scenery, but an old man of experience knows better—your table would look slim without meat. Now to locate a meat market where you can get fresh, wholesome meats at all times. G. W. Harris is the one to supply you. This is the boss meat market in the town and is popular with everybody who is particular to have the best. The reason for all this is because he is very careful in the selection of stock and gets the freshest of everything and keeps nothing but the very best."

You may want something in the line of fine printing," said Uncle Josh to Charles, "and likely as not Polly must have some fine visiting cards. The Enterprise Printery conducts a first-class Job Printing business and you will be pleased with both their work and prices. Every merchant and business man should use good, neat stationery—something that will 'catch the eye,' so to speak, of his customers. It is necessary, in order to get good printing, to go to those who are

prepared to do it in the best manner, with a touch of beauty, and in style that is up-to-date in every particular. It requires material and experience to do these things and The Enterprise Printery has both.

"And in the matter of insurance," he continued, "that is of importance. You will want a builder's risk on your new house, and fire, lightning and tornado insurance on your farm property; then you can't do a more sensible or satisfactory thing than to give your wife a paid up policy in life insurance and take out accident for yourself. Whitmore & Newell not only has lines of the solidest and best companies, but are expert and trustworthy underwriters." They were visited at their office in the Enterprise Building, and Charlie had six of the most reliable insurance companies in the land to select from.

En route to their home they called at the Enterprise office. "You'll want the news every week," said Uncle Josh, and as this is the favorite paper of this section, I'll subscribe for it."

At last the day's work was finished, so they repaired to the hotel, somewhat wearied, but a bottle of "Old Forrester" Uncle Josh had ordered from R. M. Brown's saloon soon revived them into a cheery mood. While enjoying the exhilarating beverage Uncle Josh warned the young folks against the evils of over-indulgence in drink of any kind, but vouchsafed the information, however, that on certain occasions, brandies would doubtless be necessary—also to have something strictly pure about the house for medicinal purposes like "Lake Drummond" and "Apple Brandy; that Mr. Brown was the proper person to apply to for these extras, and any one could easily see that Uncle Josh had a friendly feeling for Mr. Brown. Charley, too, took a decided interest in this part of the old man's remarks.

Upon summing up the wonderful events of the day Polly began volubly to express her thanks. "You have bought us everything," she exclaimed.

"Only one thing," replied Uncle Josh, reflectively, but I can remedy that. C. D. Carstarphen & Co., the furniture dealer, always has a nice line and you can get one whenever you want it; I'll pay for the best."

"W-h-y," exclaimed Polly with great surprise, "Uncle, what can it be?"

"Well, it's a baby carriage" and But Polly had fainted.

HOW TO CURE COUGP.

Mr. R. Gary, who lives near Amelia, Duchess County, N. Y., says: "Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the best medicine I have ever used. It is a fine children's remedy for croup and never fails to cure."

When given as soon as the child becomes hoarse or even after the croupy cough has developed, it will prevent the attack. This should be borne in mind and a bottle of the Cough Remedy kept at hand ready for instant use as soon as these symptoms appear. For sale by N. S. Peel & Co.

SHE'S A "BIRD."

The wife of a Methodist minister in West Virginia has been married three times. Her maiden name was Partridge; her first husband was named Robin, her second Sparrow, and the present one's name is Quail.

There are now two young Robins, one Sparrow, and three little Quails. One grandfather is a Swann and another was a Jay, but he's dead and now a bird of paradise. They live on Hawk Avenue, Eagleville, Canary Islands and the fellow who wrote the above is a lyre bird, an interested relative of the family.—Exchange.

A WORTHY SUCCESSOR.

"Something New Under The Sun."

All Doctors have tried to cure CATARRH by the use of powders, acid gases, inhalers and drugs in paste form. Their powders dry up the mucous membranes causing them to crack open an bleed. The powerful acids used in the inhalers have entirely cut the same membranes that their makers have aimed to cure, while pastes and ointments cannot reach the disease. An old experienced practitioner who has for many years made a close study and specialty of the treatment of CATARRH, has at last perfected a Treatment which will faithfully and permanently relieve at once, but permanently cures CATARRH, by removing the cause, stopping the discharges and curing all inflammation. It is the only remedy known to science that actually reaches the affected parts. This wonderful remedy is known as "SNUFFLES THE GUARANTEED CATARRH CURE" and is sold at the extremely low price of One Dollar, each package containing internal and external medicine sufficient for a full month's treatment and everything necessary to its perfect use.

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Send request to any address in the United States or Canada for a copy of One Dollar, Address Dept. C-91, EDWIN B. GILES & CO., 233 1/2 Market St., Philadelphia.

One of the greatest boons a girl can have is a sensible old-fashioned mother.—December Ladies' Home Journal.

An inch of rainfall, the drops frozen as they form into delicate crystals, will make ten inches of snow.—December Ladies' Home Journal.

Fruit cakes may be made two or three months in advance of Christmas. In fact they are better when a year old.—December Ladies' Home Journal.

No holiday joy can be complete to those who have not tried to make other hearts happier. This is Christmas etiquette.—December Ladies' Home Journal.

It was Charles Lamb who said: "Presents. I often say, endear absence." That is the whole duty of a gift. If it does not recall the giver in a pleasant way, it has failed its mission.—December Ladies' Home Journal.

Gas is the cheapest and most easily managed of all fuels, provided care is given to its use. A good gas stove well managed will counting in the time for care and lack of dust, cost one third less than coal.—December Ladies' Home Journal.



HOUSEWORK

Too much housework wrecks women's nerves. And the constant care of children, day and night, is often too trying for even a strong woman. A haggard face tells the story of the overworked housewife and mother. Deranged nerves, leucorrhoea and falling of the womb result from overwork. Every housewife needs a remedy to regulate her nerves and to keep her sensitive female organs in perfect condition.

WINE OF CARDUI

is doing this for thousands of American women to-day. It cured Mrs. Jones and that is why she writes this frank letter:

Glendale, Ky., Feb. 19, 1901. I am so glad that your Wine of Cardui is helping me. I've had better health since I have felt for years. I am doing my own work without any help, and I washed last week and was not one bit tired. That shows that the Wine is doing me good. I am getting fatter than I ever was before, and sleep good and eat hearty. Before I began taking Wine of Cardui, I used to have to get down five or six times every day, but now I do not think of going down through the day. Mrs. BRUNSON JONES.

HEALTH AND BEAUTY.

A poor complexion is usually the result of torpid liver or irregular action of the bowels. Unless nature's refuse is carried off it will surely cause impure blood, pimples, boils and other eruptions follow. This is nature's method of throwing off the poison which the bowels failed to remove. DeWitt's Little Early Risers are world famous for remedying this condition. They stimulate the liver and promote regular and healthy action of the bowels but never cause griping, cramps or distress. Safe pills.

Do not forget that there are always two parties in every conversation, she who talks and she who listens. A good listener is invariably popular, and to listen well one must pay attention and be interested in what is said.—December Ladies' Home Journal.

Congressman Hepburn and Dalzel ought to have been ashamed to yell "cheer" at each others speeches on the House rules; even if the speeches were being made to do the same old duty. Everybody might not have remembered them.

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COUNTY STATEMENT "B."

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 2, 1901.

Table with columns for Receipts and Disbursements for the year ending Dec 2, 1901. Includes items like 'To cash from T. C. Cook for lumber' and 'For holding election in Coxe Nest'.

Total receipts for year, \$7798 12

Table for Sheriff's Sale listing property for sale in various locations like Hamilton, Rock Hill, and Cross Roads.

Legal Advertisements. SHERIFF'S SALE. By virtue of an execution in my hands for collection, returnable to Spring Term 1902 of the Superior Court of Martin County, against Mattie E. Taylor and in favor of W. L. Stallings, serving pastor of C. S. Stallings a C. I. shall sell for cash before the Court house door in Williamston, Martin County, on the 6th day of January 1902, Mattie E. Taylor's interest in the following land, to wit: The Northern half-sec. Nos. 29 and 30, situated in the town of Jamestown and being the same land deeded to Martha Taylor by J. R. Ellison by Deed dated January 28, 1892 and duly recorded in the Public Registry of Martin County in Book A. A., page 38 to which reference is hereby made to satisfy said execution. Witness my hand and seal this 7th day of November 1901. J. C. CRAWFORD, Sher.

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