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## The Deacon's Experiment.

"I hope the children haven't been any trouble to you Miss Peck ?" said Deacon Grinder, as his own horse chaise drew up on the green in front of Miss Philena Peck's

Miss Peck hurried out all smiles to greet the portly widower.

"The little darlings," cried she, effusively. "Trouble indeed! Why, deacon how you talk! It's a positive pleasure to have'em here. I should like to keep them a week," The deacon smiled and shook Lis

head. "That would be a little too much," said he. "Come children, jump into the wagon."

Grinders-two girls and a boywere kissed and hugged, and lifted time the wagon by the beaming spin-

"I shall be lonely when they are that the gooseberries will be ripe mext week, and that your own Pecky dren a home-" will be only too happy to see you

The widow Clapp came hurrying tin pail in ber band.

"Dear are, Deason Grinder," said she, "you are always in such a hurage. Herèlsespail offeur new honey in the comb. Himow the darlings will like at on their bread and | Clapp's door. A slip shod servant butter of an evening. When are they coming to spend the day with me ? 1 declare Josie is growing to be a perfect beauty !"

"Tut, tut, Mrs. Clapp !" said the deacon, his face shining all over with satisfaction. "Handsome is that handsome does, That's my

"And nobody can't do bandsemer than my little Joe," said Mrs. Clapp. "And there's Tommy grown as never was, and Dolly the very picture of you; drop in to tea some evening this week,"

The deacon had hardly guided his ald berse around the corner of the village green when Miss Barbara make a home for my motherless Boyer tripped out of the millinery little ones, while I endeavor to re-

"I do hope you'll excuse me Deasummers, "but I was so edified with your be-yu-tiful remarks in prayer meeting. Monday night, that I can do to support myself, let alone a And here's a collar I've stitched for for 'em or-" dear Tommy, and a handkerchief I've embroidered for Josie, and a doll as I've took the liberty to dress for Derothy. Oh, don't thank me, your precious remarks !"

But Naon i Poole, sitting at her needle work, by the old red farm house window, had only a smile and a nod for the party as they drove

"Pa," said Josie, who was a shrewd sallow faced child of eleven, don't Miss Poole love us as well as Miss Peck, and Mrs. Clapp and Miss Barbara Boyer ?"

"I hope so, my child," said the benign deacon. Why do you ask the question ?"

"Because she never gives us anything," said Josie.

"She is poor child-she is poor," said the deacon. "But I am sure

you all have her good wishes." "I'd rather have her honey," said

"And gooseberries and dolls," added little Dorothy.

But when the deacon sat alone by his hearthstone, that evening, his sister, Miss Mahala Ann Grinder expressed herself on the subject with great plainness and perspicacity.

"If you have really made up your mind to marry again Joshua-" said

"I think it would add to my domestic felicity," said the deacon se-

"In that case," said Miss Mahala Ann, "I do hope you'll make a sensible choice, and not allow yourself to be imposed upon by a pack of selfish widows and schemeing old

"Sister," said the deacon mildly, "you are severe."

"No I aint," said Miss Mahala Ann. "If you wasn't well to do in the world, and hadn't a nice home

and farm, and money at interest, they wouldn't none of 'em look twice at you.

"Don't you think so ?" said the eacon; and be pondered the question long and earnestly in his own mind. "Upon the whole, said he, bringing down this palm upon the table, "I em't sorry that those investments of mine in the Mariposa Silver Mining Company have proved a faflure."

"What do you mean ?" said Miss Mahala Ann, curiously eyeing him over the top of her spectacles. But the deacon only shock his

head and smiled. "Time will show," said he-

'time will show." The news that Deacon Grinder was wrecked in Maripesa Silver Mining stock flew like wildfire Fitchville Four Corners.

"Well," said Miss Thilena Teck, "I am beat !"

money matters," said the widow Clapp.

is to become of them? said Naomi

Poole, wistfully. The next day the deacon made his appearance at Miss Peck's homestead, pale and rather shabby, with a child in each hand and one follow- me so deeply that I found courage

news ?" "Yes," said Miss Peck, dooking vinegar and tack nails. "If it's your failure as you mean."

"I think of going to 'California," gone," she said. "I do so dote on said the deacon, "to see what I can children! Remember, darlings, do, and if in the meantime, you could be induced to give my chil-

"Oh, dear no !" I never could get along with a pack of children. I dare say you can find some half orout, as the chaise went by, with a phan asylum, or place of that sort, by ivquiring around a little."

Miss Peck sat se very upright and glared so frightfully out of her light ry. Dostop a minute, can't you? | blue eyes at the descon that he was I haven't seen the children in an fain to beat as rapid a retreat as

> He knocked next at the widow maid opened it. "Is Mrs. Clapp at home?" he

> A head was thrust over the stair railing and the widow's shrill voice

cried out: "Is that Josiah Grinder, with his swarm of young one's? Tell him I hear, Betsy ?-particular !"

Miss Barbara Beyer was arranging trimmed hats and rolls of bright boy, that, for his age! Case of precolored ribbons in her show window as the deacon entered the shop.

"Miss Boyer," said the deacon, "you were ever a genial and charitable soul, it is to you that I trust to trieve my fortunes in the Far West."

"I couldn't think of such a thing!" con Grinder," said she, with all the said Miss Barbara, dropping a box pretty confusion which naturally be- of artificial rosebuds in her consterlongs to a maiden of six and thirty | nation. "And I really think. Deacon Grinder, you haven't no business to expect it of me! It's all I couldn't belp setting myself to work pack of unruly children! I dare say to think what I could do for you. the poor master could do something

> "I thank you," said the deacon with dignity. "I shall trouble neither you nor him."

"Well," said Miss Boyer with a pray. It aint nothin' compared to toss of her head, "you needn't fly the peace o' mind I got, listening to into a rage because a neighbor offers you a bit of good advice !"

But Naomi Poole ran out to the little garden gate as the forlorn dea-

"Deacon Grinder," hesitated she, turning rose-red and white by turns "is this true?"

"About my Mariposa investment? "And that you are going to Cali-

fornia?" "I am talking of it," said the dea-

"Would-could you let me take care of the little one's while you are the War Department, giving the gone ?" said Naomi, tenderly draw- number of men furnished the Union ing little Dolly to her side. "I am army by each State and Territory fond of children, and I would take and the District of Columbia, from the best of care of them. And you April 15th, 1861, to the close of the have been so kind to mother and me, Deacon Grinder, that we should the total number of volunteers was

something for you." And poor, soft hearted little Naomi bust into crying.

There was a moisture on the deacon's eyelashes, too.

he. "You are a good girl-a very good girl." "Aint it true? said Philena Peck. "Well," said Mrs. Mopsley, "it is and it aint. He did lose what he

invested in them Mariposa mines, but it was only a thousand dollars : and the rest of his money is all tight and safe in United States Ink, Pens, Photograph and Autobonds and solid real estate."

"Bless me !" said Barbara Boyer. "Well, I never !" said the widow Clapp, with a discomfited counten-

with evident relish in the conster- cash. Call and see.

nation she was causing, "they are building a new wing to the house, and he is to be married to Naomi

Poole in the fall," "A child like that I" said Mrs.

"With no experience whatever?" said Barbara Boyer, scornfully, "I only hope he won't repent of his bargain," sighed Miss Philena

And Miss Philena's charitable hopes were fulfilled. The deacon never did repent his bargain."

Amplying the Sermon.

The Rev. Mr. Blank, of the Unitarian Churchin a neighboring State, preached a sermon a few Sundays since on the importance of saying "No," and in the course of it dwelt impressively on the moral courage through the peaceful community at required to use that monosyllable at the right time. After the sermon a a collection was taken for a very deserving charity. When the congre-"He never had no judgement in gation was dismissed a certain unan waylaid the pastor in the vestibule, and seizing him by the hand, thank-"T've thought all along he was ed him effusively for the sermonliving too fast," said Barbara Boy- one of the most effective he had heard. The master modestly re-"Those poor little children-what | plied : "I'm glad you think so, but cannot see why you should."

"Why," replied the man, "when went into church I was fully determined to give five dollars to that charity, but your sermon impressed ing him. "Miss Peck," said he, to resist the temptation, and let the And the three apple-cheeked little "I suppose you have heard the plate-passer go by with an emphatic 'No."

> HARDLY TWENTY .- Census-Taker of 1880 to sprightly widow of uncertain status as to age, but nevertheless youthful in feeling:

> "Madam, will you be so kind and condesc-that is, will-will you have the urban-I mean the very great obligingness to indicate your -your-present age ?" (Blushes at every stop being a youngish man and recalling the elder Weller's advice to Samuel).

Sprightly Widow, not at all ahashed, but with just the softest little coo in her voice, warbles: "Twenty !"

Census-Taker, squinting uneasily at a faint crow's foot on the widowed brow and an urchin of at least five summers, who is tugging ferociously at his coat tails:

"What! twenty?" Sprightly widow, whose last jaunt with poor dear John was to New York to view H. M. S. P.:

"Well-hardly twenty," Exit census-taker with gallant bow, but meanwhile revolving certain theories of probabilities very anxiously in his mind. "Powerful mature breaking down from grief at her great loss! Hardly twenty! Dear ! dear ! who ever would have

thought it ?" NO SMOKING IN HERE .- "YOU can't smoke in here," said a conductor to a countryman, who was pulling away vigorously at a fivecent cigar in a car half full of ladies.

The man didn't seem to hear. "I say," cried the man of the bellpunch, in a louder key, "if you want to smoke come out here on the

"All right," returned the passenger, and he stepped out. "Didn't think it would hurt nothin'," he said, apologetically; "seein's there aint any straw in the car to catch

fire." "But there are ladies there." "Oh, yes; didn't think nothin' bout that. Might get ashes on their

gowns and spile 'em." "It isn't so much that," explained the conductor, "but ladies object to smoke."

"Well, I didn't ask any of them

to smoke, did I? They nee in't object before they're invited." "You don't understand. Smok-

ing is disagreeable to ladies." "Best reason in the world why they shouldn't practice it. Catch me smokin' if it was disagreeable to me." And he tranquilly puffed away at his five-center.

A statement has been issued by war of the Rebellion. It shows that feel it a privilege to be able to do 2,678,967, of which New York furnished 467,047, and Pennsylvania

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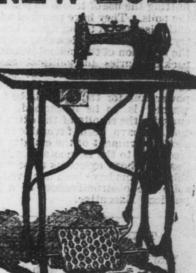


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