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Friend Decker's Reward.

'The days are shortening,' sighed Friend Decker, as he folded up his spectacles and replaced them in their tin case.

'I hope she is better of her rheumatism,' 'Yes, she is better. But—but—she will not buy the apples, father. Mean, stingy old thing!' cried Leah, wrathfully.

'Friend Anastasia is under a misapprehension,' said he. 'Eighty cents a barrel is what they are paying at the cider mill.'

'I am sorry, dear,' said Friend Decker. 'Friend Anastasia is very old, and people are apt to be merciful about trifles.'

'The Joker Outjoked.' From the St. Paul Globe. A thrilling though true story relating to a prominent merchant of St. Paul.

'December sixth,' he read. 'Hum,' this was the latest document she had executed.

'I don't think I quite understand this, Friend Johnson,' said Decker. 'But Leah's face brightened like a rose.'

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'Do you want to sell your farm?' was asked of an old fellow. 'Wouldn't mind it.'

'What do you think now?' I asked. 'Well,' said he, 'that's the last time I shall point a gun at anybody if I live 100 years.'

'No; never had a stump. Was born with only one leg. Do you know that there ain't a man in this country that draws pension from the government?'

'No; is that a fact?' 'A flat-footed fact. Their arms and legs have grown out till the government has refused to give them pensions.'

'Good fruit country?' 'Well, tolerable, but it ain't very good for apples, for the trees grow so high that the young apples die of the cold.'

'Yes; I have seen here they had just been set out. They were telegraph poles at first, but shortly after they were put out, although they were dead when they were put out, they commenced growing and they just had to take the wires off 'em an' let 'em rip.'

'That's certainly cheap.' 'Reckon it is. What do you say? It is suspiciously cheap. Why are you so anxious to sell?'

'Well, as I tell you, they are going to build a town here an' I don't want no noise and confusion about me. What do you say?'