

DON'T WAIT. The world will find worth out, they say...

THE RISE OF A RELATIVE.

It was about 10 o'clock when Mrs. Hopkins hastened to her front door in response to a sharp knock.

"Why, Miss' Jones, how do you do? I'm proper glad to see you, now, I tell you," said she, cordially, to a diminutive woman on the doorstep.

"No, I ain't been over for quite a spell," acknowledged the newer one as she untied her bonnet strings.

"Well, he is," asserted the other with new courage. "And some of her folks have left 'em a lot of money, too, and they are buildin' a new house, all pillars and piazzas!"

"Up for representative?" she asked sharply. "Yes, he is," asserted the other with new courage.

"How do you do, Miss' Widdings?" No thank you, I ain't goin' to stop. I'm on my way to Spencerville to see my cousin, Mr. Simpkins.

"Well, Cousin Hetty, I thought 'twas time I see you to see you. It seems ever so long since I set eyes on any of you? How's Lou and the girls?"

"You're real good, I'm sure," said she, the corner coming into her cheeks as she nervously dusted a chair with her apron.

loose thread in her dress in some embarrassment.

Susan Hopkins gave a little hitch to her chair. She was beginning to feel a vague uneasiness; there was an indefinable something in her hostess' manner which some way she had not expected.

"Well, how's Lou?" she began again, courageously. "I s'pose he's bearin' up bravely under his new honors."

"Of course he bears up as well as he can," snapped Hetty shortly, a vivid red spot flaming up in either cheek.

"Why, Hetty Simpkins—what's the matter? I was only in fun! Ain't you pleased? You don't seem to half appreciate bein' a representative's wife!"

A great light burst through the befogged vision of Hetty Simpkins. A mist gathered in her eyes.

"I guess you've made a little mistake, Mrs. Hopkins. There's another man in town by the name of Lorenzo Simpkins, and he's runnin' for representative, I understand. He is also havin' a new house built. This house is goin' to be sold next Friday to pay the mortgage."

"Do most of us, I wonder, ever stop to think of the origin of what is now a great national festival? Of late years Thanksgiving has become, with some of us, little more than an occasion for indulging in unbridled turkey and plum pudding, perhaps going to the matinee or a foot ball game or some other sort of junketing in the afternoon."

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Send Both Kinds.

Little Dot—Mamma, Mrs. Schmidt has two little new babies, an' one is a boy an' one is a girl.

"They are twins," said she. "Little Dot (after reflection)—Mrs. Schmidt doesn't talk very good English an' I suppose the angels couldn't understand which kind she wanted."

A STARTLING SURPRISE.—Very few could believe in looking at A. T. Hoadley, a healthy, robust blacksmith of Tilden, Ind., that for ten years he suffered such tortures from Rheumatism as few could endure and live.

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