

A Home For Harriett.

By FRANK H. WILLIAMS.

Harriett was a peculiar name for a cat; but then, Harriett was a peculiar cat.

"You'd think so, wouldn't you?" answered Bessie Roberts. Bessie was very pretty and wholly charming.

Roger saw that Bessie was near tears. "Poor, lonesome kiddie," he thought. And, leaning over, he stroked Harriett very carefully.

"I only wish they allowed cats in my boarding house," he continued. "That's one of the troubles of living in a boarding house—you don't get the real, simple pure comforts of home."

"For us?" queried the girl, with a little laugh. "Sure," continued Roger, unabashed. "You don't think Harriett belongs to you alone, do you? I think Harriett would resent any such idea as that."

Roger helped the girl down the steps, and, calling to Harriett, they walked down the street. Harriett, big, sleek and black, followed decorously enough until they reached a small, rather obscure cross street.

Roger happened to be looking back as they crossed this street and discovered Harriett very sedately ambulating down the little thoroughfare.

"Come here, Harriett," Roger called and then whistled to the cat. Harriett paid not the slightest attention, but continued her sedate walk away from Roger and the girl.

"Well, I declare!" cried the girl in surprise. "Harriett has always been peculiar, but she has never acted like this before."

Now, however, they glanced curiously at the small, rather cozy houses which lined the sides. Although erected within recent years, they were almost old fashioned by comparison with the big buildings on the more important streets near by.

Bessie looked closely and gasped. There was Harriett, curled up tightly in the blaze of the sun, as if she had been in the habit of lying there just like that day in and day out for years.

"Why," she exclaimed as she reached the first step, "there's no one living here—the place is for rent!" She pointed to a sign that had slipped from its position in a window.

"Why, so it is!" cried Roger. "Harriett can't stay here, of course—unless—unless—" He looked at Bessie with a smile full of meaning.

"Of course she can't stay here!" cried the girl, making a grab for the cat. "I wish we could find a home for her, though, in a nice little place like this."

She caught the cat up in her arms. "How Harriett would enjoy the place," mused Roger. "Look, there's a big open fireplace in the front room, and there's a fine, dandy place where we could have our piano."

"Why, Harriett!" she exclaimed in pained astonishment. "What's the matter with her? She never acted that way before."

"Well, I never!" cried the girl. She hurried back to the veranda and, sitting down on the top step, began petting the cat. Roger lost no time in sitting down beside Bessie.

"Dear!" he cried as he managed to imprison one of her hands. "Dear heart, why not follow the road Harriett has pointed out? Why not let this dear little house be Harriett's home and at the same time a real home for you and me? Come, dear, it only needs a minister and a marriage license to make us all three happy."

"Oh, I will; I will!" she cried suddenly, throwing her arms about Roger's neck. "We'll none of us be lonely again!"

Harriett, with a sigh of content that appealed to the couple as almost human, rose from her spot and, purring loudly, rubbed her side against the arm with which Roger was clasping the girl.

Other Times, Other Manners. Sir Algernon West strikes a curious note on the ear of the present generation in the course of a book of reminiscences, "One City and Many Men."

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Far Reaching Decision by U. S. Supreme Court.

Washington, Feb. 2.—The case of the Continental Wall Paper company vs. Lewis Voigt & Sons, of Cincinnati, was decided by the supreme court of the United States in favor of the Voigts. The suit was brought by the company on a debt of \$57,000, the payment of which was resisted on the ground that the paper company is a trust.

In effect the decision holds that a trust, organized contrary to the Sherman anti-trust law, cannot use the court to collect debts.

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Feet, Hands and Ears of Centralia, Pa., Man to Be Amputated. Mahanoy City, Pa., Feb. 2.—John Harding, of Centralia, aged twenty-four years, was found almost frozen to death on the Schuylkill railway tracks on the outskirts of this city.

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Robbers Clean Out Saloon. Corry, Pa., Feb. 2.—Three masked men held up the Mohawk saloon, lined up twenty men in front of the bar and robbed the safe of \$3000. The robbers escaped.

Forty-niner Hanged Himself. Corry, Pa., Feb. 2.—Seur Woodin, eighty years old, who during the gold excitement of 1849 made the overland trip to California, hanged himself in his bedroom.

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