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### The Story of Waitstill Baxter

[Continued from page 6, Col. 4] There'll be some-thing to do.

There'll be some-thing for chil-dren to do! On that bright, blessed shore Where there's joy evermore

There'll be some-thing for chil-dren to do Patty's young existence being full to the brim of labor, this view of heaven never in the least appealed to her, and she rendered the hymn with little sympathy: The main part of the verse was strongly accented by jabs at the unoffending dandelion roots, but when the chorus came she brought out the emphatic syllables by a beat of the broken knife on the milk pan.

This rendition of a Sabbath school classic did not meet Waitstill's ideas of perfect propriety, but she smiled and let it pass, planning some sort of recreation for a stolen half hour of the afternoon. It would have to be a walk through the pasture into the woods to see what had grown since they went there a fortnight ago. Patty loved people better than nature, but failing the one she could put up with the other, for she had a sense of beauty and a pagan love of color. There would be pale hued innocence and blue and white violets in the moist places, thought Waitstill, and they would have them in a china cup on the supper table. No, that would never do, for last time father had knocked them over when he was reaching for the bread and in a silent protest against such foolishness got up from the table and emptied them into the kitchen sink.

"There's a place for everything." he said when he came back, "and the place for flowers is outdoors."

Then in the pine woods there would be, she was sure. Star of Bethlehem. Solomon's Seal, the white spray of ground nuts and bunch berries. Perhaps they could make a bouquet, and Patty would take it across the fields to Mrs. Boynton's door. She need not go in, and thus they would not be disobeying their father's command not to visit that "crazy Boynton woman."

Here Patty came in with a panful of greens, and the sisters sat down in the sunny window to get them ready for the pot.

"I'm calmer." the little rebel allowed. "That's generally the way it turns out with me. I get into a rage, but I can generally sing it off."

"You certainly must have got rid of a good deal of temper this morning by the way your voice sounded."

"Nobody can hear us in this out of the way place. It's easy enough to see that the women weren't asked to say anything when the men settled where the houses should be built. The men weren't content to stick them on the top of a high hill or half a mile from the stores, but put them back to the main road, taking due care to cut know he has been away for years and couldn't see anything, even when they

were washing dishes." "I don't know that I ever thought about it in that way." And Waitstill looked out of the window in a brown study, while her hands worked with the dandelion greens. "I've noticed it, but I never supposed the men did it intentionally."

"No, you wouldn't," said Patty, with the pessimism of a woman of ninety, as she stole an admiring glance at her sister. Patty's own face, irregular, piquant, tantalizing, had its peculiar charm, and her brilliant skin and hair so dazzled the masculine beholder that he took note of no small defects. But Waitstill was beautiful-beautiful even in her working dress of purple calico. Her single braid of hair, the Foxwell hair, that in her was bronze and in Patty pale auburn, was wound once around her fine head and made to stand a little as it went across the see you look brighter." front. It was a simple, easy, unconscious fashion of her own, quite different from anything done by other women in her time and place, and it just suited her dignity and serenity. It looked like a coronet, but it was the way she carried her head that gave as mountain pools shaded by rushes,

out for many seconds at a time, and knows it, except I wouldn't like the now she began again: "My sudden boys at school to hector me. I've rages don't match my name very well; buried the toad out behind the barn, but, of course, mother didn't know and I hope Ivory'll let me keep the how I was going to turn out when she news from Aunt Boynton. She cries called me Patience, for I was nothing enough now without my telling her but a squirming little bald, red baby. there's been a death in the family. She But my name really is too ridiculous set great store by the old toad, and so when you think about it."

Waitstill laughed as she said: "It "It's too bad. I'm sorry. But, after didn't take you long to change it. Per- all, you couldn't help it." haps Patience was a hard word for a "No, but we should always look baby to say, but the moment you could round everywheres when we're cut-'Patty wants that.'

"Did Patty ever get it? She never they're old enough not to fool with has since, that's certain! And look at 'em." your name. It's 'Waitstill,' yet you never stop a moment. When you're fashioned for his years that Patty did not in the shed or barn or chicken not know whether to kiss him or cry house or kitchen or attic or garden over him as she said: "Ivory's always patch you are working in the Sunday right. And, now. goodby. I must go school or the choir."

It seemed as if Waitstill did not in- nic." tend to answer this arraignment of her activities. She rose and crossed er her, wholly entranced with her the room to put the pan of greens in bright beauty and her kindness. "Say. the sink, preparing to wash them. I'll bring something, too-white oak the nail, she paused a moment before plunging it into the water pail; paused. and leaning her elbow on a corner of the shelf over the sink, looked steadfastly out into the orchard.

Patty watched her curiously and was patty watched ner curiously and wat just going to offer a penny for her thoughts when Waitstill suddenly with her feet. "Nobody to make a with her feet." broke the brief silence by saying: with her feet. "Nobody to make a ways, I am always busy. It's better home for that poor lonesome little

so, but all the same, Patty. I'm wait- boy and that poor lonesome big Ivory. ing-inside! I don't know for what, but I always feel that I am waiting!"

### CHAPTER V.

A Kiss. "ALL we have our walk in the woods on the Edgewood side of the river, just for a change. Patty?" suggested her sister. "The water is so high this year that the river will be splendid. We can gather our flowers in the hill pasture, and then you'll be quite near Mrs. Boynton's and can carry the nosegar there while I come home ahead of you and get supper. I'll take today's eggs to father's store on the way and ask him if he minds ove by ring a little walk. I've an errand at Aunt Abby's that would take me down to the bridge anyway."

"Very well," said Patty somewhat apathetically. "I always like a walk with you, but I don't care what becomes of me this afternoon if I can't | a husband that keeps his mouth wide go to Ellen's party."

The excursion took place according to Waitstill's plan, and at 4 o'clock she sped back to her night work and preparations for supper. leaving Patty with a great bunch of early wild flowers for Ivory's mother. Patty had left them at the Boyntons' door with Rodman, who was picking up chips and volunteered to take the nosegay into the house at once.

"Won't you step inside?" the boy asked shyly, wishing to be polite, but conscious that visitors from the village very seldom crossed the threshold.

"I'd like to, but I can't this afternoon, thank you. I must run all the way down the hill now or I shan't be in time to supper."

"Do you eat meals together over to your house?" asked the boy. "We're all three at the table, if that means together."

"We never are. Ivory goes off early and takes lunch in a pail. So do I when I go to school. Aunt Boynton never sits down to eat. She just stands at the window and takes a bite of something now and then. You haven't got any mother, have you?" "No. Rodman."

"Neither have I, nor any father, nor any relations but Aunt Boynton and Ivory. Ivory is very good to me, and when he's at home I'm never lone-

"I wish you could come over and eat with sister and me," said Patty gently. "Perhaps sometime, when my father is away buying goods and we are left alone, you could join us in the woods, and we would have a picnic? We would bring enough for you-all sorts of good things-hard boiled eggs. doughnuts, apple turnovers and bread spread with jelly."

"I'd like it fine!" exclaimed Rodman, his big dark eyes sparkling with anticipation. "I don't have many boys to play with, and I never went to a picnic. Aunt Boynton watches for years. When she d prays. Sometimes she wants me to pray with her, but praying don't come easy to me."

"Neither does it to me," said Patty. "I'm good at marbles and checkers and backgammon and jack straws. though."

"So am I," said Patty, laughing; "so we should be good friends. I'll try to get a chance to see you soon again, but perhaps I can't; I'm a good deal tied

"Your father doesn't like you to go anywheres, I guess," interposed Rod-man. "I've heard Ivory tell Aunt Boynton things, but I wouldn't repeat them. Ivory's trained me years and years not to tell anything, so I don't." "That's a good boy!" approved Pat-

ty. Then as she regarded him more closely, she continued, "I'm sorry you're lonesome, Rodman, I'd like to

"You think I've been crying." the boy said shrewdly. "So I have, but not because I've been punished. The reason my eyes are so swollen up is because I killed our old toad by mistake this morning. I was trying to see if 1 could swing the scythe so's to help you the fancy, there were such spirit Ivory in having time. I've only 'raked and pride in the poise of it on the long, after,' and I want to begin on mowing graceful neck. Her eyes were as clear soon's I can. Then, somehow or other, the old toad came out from under the and the strength of the face was sof. steps. I didn't see him, and the scythe tened by the sweetness of the mouth. hit him square. I cried for an hour, Patty never let the conversation die that's what I did. and I don't care who did all of us."

talk you said 'Patty wants this' and ting-that's what Ivory says. He says folks shouldn't use edged tools till

> And Rodman looked so wise and old this very minute. Don't forget the pic-

> "I won't!" cried the boy, gazing aftacorns, if you like 'em. I've got a big bagful up attic!"

Patty sped down the long lane, crept under the bars and flew like a lapwing

over the highroad. "If father was only like any one

ing, and in a jiffy she had lifted the I am sure that he is in love with clustering curls from her ears, tucked Waitstill. He doesn't know it. She them back with a single expert movedoesn't know it. Nobody does but me. ment and disclosed two coral pendants but I'm clever at guessing. I was the just the color of her ear tips and her only one that surmised fed Morrill glowing cheeks. was going to marry again. I should "Hello, Patty!" the young man called almost like Ivory for myself, he is so in brusque country fashion as he rein-

tried yet, but I feel in my bones

ferent! They don't make me want to

beckon to them! My forefinger just

crooking! There's Cephas Cole, but

he's as stupid as an owl. I don't want

coming behind me! There's no other in

It was, indeed, Mark Wilson, who al-

the village that goes at such a gait!"

Cole, "as if he was goin' for a doctor."

sunbonnet just to twirl it by the

string, she was so warm with walk-

tall and handsome, but of course he ed up beside her. "What are you doing over here? Why aren't you on your can never marry anybody. He is too poor and has his mother to look after. way to the party? I've been over to I wouldn't want to take him from Limington and am breaking my neck Waity, though, and then perhaps I to get home in time myself." couldn't get him anyway. If I couldn't. he'd be the only one! I have never

"I am not going. There are no parties for me." said Patty plaintively. "Net going! Oh, I say, what's the somehow, that I could have any boy matter? It won't be a bit of fun without you. Ellen and I made it up exin Edgewood or Riverboro by just pressly for you, thinking your father crooking my foretinger and teckoning couldn't object to a candy pull." to him. I wish-I wish they were dif-

[Continued next week.] stays straight and doesn't feel like tractiveness. When she loses her health she loses her charm. Nothing can simulate the sparkle health gives to the eye the mirth it lends to the laugh. The general health of the woman is bound up with the local health of the delicate womanly organs, and any attempt to regin by curing the ulceration, inflammation or female weakness, or stopping the debilitating drains which sap the strength and mar the beauty. The use of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription works wonders in restoring the general health. "Friends hardly know me." "I am again robust and rosy cheeked," are only some of the frequent testimonies to the rejuvenating power of "Favorite Prescrip-

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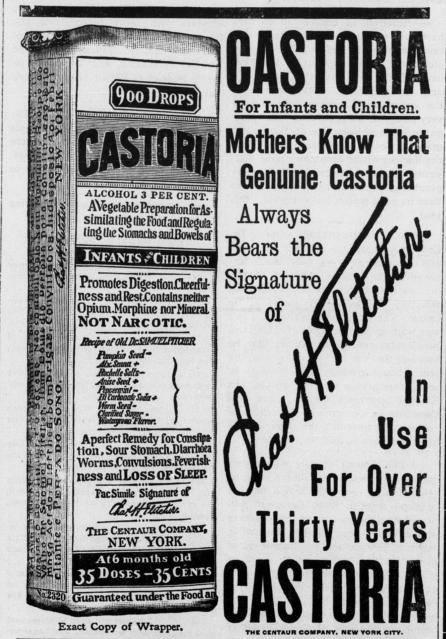
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open whenever I'm talking, no matter whether it's sense or nonsense. There's Phil Perry, but he likes Ellen, and establish the health of woman must bebesides, he's too serious for me. And there's Mark Wilson, he's the best dressed and the only one that's been to college. He looks at me all the time in me ting and asked me if I wouldn't take a walk some Sunday afternoon. I know he planned Ellen's party hoping I'd be there! Goodness gracious, I do believe that is his horse

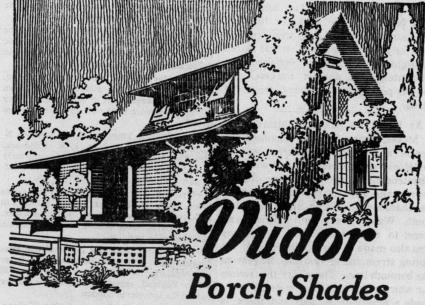
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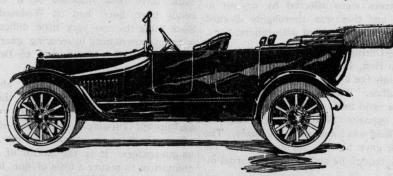
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