

HUMAN.

There are none of us just quite perfect. There is something wrong in the best; We're all so mortal and human...

The Story of Waitstill Baxter

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SYNOPSIS

Waitstill Baxter and her sister, Patience (Patty), keep house for their widowed, mean father. Ivory Boynton, whose father disappeared, is interested in Waitstill. He takes care of his deaf mother.

"If things was a little mite dif'rent all round I could prognosticate who Waitstill could keep house for," was Peter Morrill's opinion.

Timothy Grant, the parish clerk, had just entered the store on an errand; but, being directly addressed and judging that the subject under discussion was a discreet one and that it was too early in the evening for drinking to begin, he joined the group by the fire-side.



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Day "Uncle Bart sees considerable of Ivory, an' he says his mother is as quiet as a lamb. Couldn't you get no kind of a certificate of Aaron's death out o' that Enfield feller, Peter? Seems 's if that poor woman oughter be stopped watchin' for a dead man; tuckerin' herself all out-an' keepin' Ivory an' the boy all nerved up."

"I've told Ivory everything I could gather up in the way of information and give him the names of the folks in Ohio that had writ back to New Hampshire. I didn't dilate on Aaron's goin' on in Edgingham and Portsmouth, 'cause I dassay 'twas nothin' but scandal. Them as hates the Cochrane's 'll never allow there's any good in 'em, whereas I've met some as is servin' the Lord good an' constant an' indulgin' in no kind of foolishness an' deviltry whatsoever."

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CHAPTER XVIII. The Rod Throbbled. Ivory Boynton had taken the horse and gone to the village on an errand, a rare thing for him to do after dark, so Rod was thinking as he sat in the living room learning his Sunday school lesson on the same evening that the men were gossiping at the brick store.

ing rods of Moses and Aaron that had painted in one of the most unattractive things in the world. Take a shining rod house, set in a treeless lot, without shrubbery or vines. It looks as harsh and blunty and obtrusive as a fresh young agent who sets his foot inside the door the moment it is opened to keep it from being shut in his face.

"That was to show God's power to obedience and reverence," explained Mrs. Boynton, who had known the Bible from cover to cover in her youth and could still give chapter and verse for hundreds of her favorite passages.

"I never heard that you had a widdle name; you must ask Ivory," said his aunt abstractedly. "Did my father name me Rod, or my mother?" "I don't really know. Perhaps it was your mother, but don't ask questions, please."

"When you go a little further you will find pleasant things about rods," said his aunt, knitting, knitting intently, as was her habit, and talking as if her mind were 1,000 miles away.

Two Meanings. The different meanings that a simple turn of expression can give a word are often curious and sometimes amusing. An anecdote of Charles Lamb, the famous English author, illustrates this very pleasantly.

Where Dickens Lurks. "Dickensy" names are to be discovered in the most unlikely localities, as those whose travels take them to Burgundy may have discovered in Macon there is a Rue Dombey, which, apart from its name, is worth exploring for the sake of one or two fifteenth century timber houses with most quaintly carved fronts.

AGE NEEDED TO GIVE CHARM

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Sentiment Still Rules Us. Thought and Science Kept Much in Background, Notwithstanding All Our Pretending.

Notwithstanding all our pretending that we are of an age which lives and thinks scientifically, we are still, for the most part, not creatures of thought but creatures of sentiment.

Record of New Race. Although four Americans have won the Epsom derby, only one American-bred horse has ever captured it—Iroquois, owned by the late Pierre Lorillard, in 1881.

Ticklish Bridge Work. The most interesting and dangerous-looking stage in the construction of a suspension bridge is the building of the floor.

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Genius Required. A kind-faced Bostonian, while waiting on a corner for a car recently, was attracted by a melodious piano which a young Italian was grinding.

FACTS ABOUT COMMON WORDS

Peck at First Meant Any Grain Basket—Corpse, a Body Alive or Dead.

Equivocation, a word now applied to any evasion, was once understood to mean the calling of diverse things by the same name. Peck at first meant a basket or receptacle for grain or other substances.

Canary Popular in Paris. Every Street in French Capital Echoes With the Song of That Tune-ful Bird.

The Parisian has an amiable weakness for the canary. Every street echoes with the song of this bird, and during holiday times when families are away there are congeries whose more or less restricted quarters are positively cumbered with cages of canaries.

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