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TUESDAY EVENING, JAN. 11, 1881.

Sixteen Old Maids.

Bosworth was a nice little village of some 500 inhabitants, and boasted of three churches, Congregational, Baptist and Methodist, while a handful of Unitarians gathered occasionally at the town hall, and a few Adventists went the next village, five miles distant, to worship. The three first mentioned societies were as distinct from each other as black is from white. Not only were they not on speaking terms with each other, but the three stores showed that they did not even trade together. The oldest inhabitant could not remember when this was not so; but the time had come for a revolution, and with this our story has to do.

Miss Betsey Bailey, an elderly maiden lady, was sitting alone in her quiet home, when all at once she broke out with: "Well, I do declare. Here we be a living alone in this heathenish way year after year, and we consider ourselves Christians. It's a shame that five hundred people can't live together in harmony, when so many of us are church members."

The cat, which was sleeping quietly in Miss Betsey's lap, jumped down and ran to the further end of the room, and Miss Betsey had gesticulated in that direction in such a manner as to inflict quite a rap upon the sleeping tabby.

"Well, I declare," said Miss Betsey, "if I didn't get so eloquent that I scared a body to death. You are not going for a female orator."

After this she sat back in her chair apparently asleep, but she was not; her mind was busy over a plan which she meant to put into immediate operation. It was very late that night when she came to a final decision, and of course she must wait till morning before she could begin. So excited had she become over the matter that it was long past midnight before she retired, and she was not to sleep.

Early next morning she called on her most intimate acquaintance and neighbor, Miss Sarah Jenkins.

"Sarah, I've got a notion, and it is so seldom that I am ever troubled with such a thing that I don't think I ought to tell you before I lost it. Don't you feel able this morning to grasp one of the grandest, noblest and brightest ideas the world has ever pondered on?"

"Why Betsey, for land's sake, don't scare a body to death. You are not going to set the river afire, are you?"

"Not quite so bad as that, I hope, but if we don't turn this town upside down in three months my name isn't Betsey."

"We? I hope you don't mean to include me in this grand scheme?"

"But I do. You are the very one I want for my right hand man."

"The idea of an old maid like me lending aid to the grandest, noblest—"

"Hold on, Sarah, don't repeat that sentence, please, the very walls have ears, and I would not have a word of this get out for the world. All you've got to do is to listen to me and when you've heard my story you'll agree with me to the letter; if you don't I won't ask you to help me a bit. Just hand me your knitting and I'll knit and talk; I was in such a hurry to get here this morning that I forgot my work, and I don't think, though, unless I am doing something."

Betsey then proceeded to lay the scheme before her friend, who, when she had concluded, not only agreed to help her, but offered some very valuable suggestions. So eager were they with their plans that the noon hour slipped by and 3 o'clock came before either of them thought of dinner.

Next morning Betsey and Sarah were again together, this time prepared for a walk. Both these ladies were Congregationalists and many of their neighbors were surprised to see them stop at the house of Eliza Simmons, one of the staunchest members of the Baptist congregation. It could have been over the question of the town as a whole with the news.

The Orthodox were shocked, the Methodists opened their eyes in wonder, while the Baptists stood aside in dignified silence. For one who had been so long talked of nothing but this breach of sectarian etiquette. The next day they had something else to talk about.

These three ladies in company with Martha Stiles, another Methodist sister, called upon West and Mrs. Mary and Martha, two of the leading ladies of the Baptist society. They not only called, but they stayed all the forenoon and took dinner.

This was on Saturday. On Sunday those six ladies occupied Miss Bailey's pew in the Congregational church. The little flock was so astonished that they paid but little attention to the sermon, and the minister went home with the feeling that not a dozen people made the congregation could tell what his text was.

Bosworth was now in a state of intense excitement. Such a thing had never happened before. Many of the Congregationalists called Miss Betsey and on Miss Sarah, but all they could find out was that the ladies went with her by special invitation.

On Thursday night the six ladies attended class-meeting at the Methodist vestry. Not only that, but Miss Mary and Miss Martha Stiles both took part in the meeting.

What was to be done? Something, certainly, for this state of things could not exist long. The Baptists visited the Methodists, but all the information they could get was that they went to both places by invitation, and that Martha felt moved to speak at the latter place, and did so. And the Methodists were no wiser for having called upon the erring sisters.

The next Tuesday saw more mixing of the sects, and Monday night there was a gathering at Mrs. Betsey's residence of all the ladies engaged in the conspiracy. Sixteen ladies were present, and—was it chance?—were maiden ladies of fifty years and over. From this time forward there was a great intimacy between these ladies. In vain they tried to induce others to join them; at the end of three months their band still numbered only sixteen.

Betsey and Sarah talked the matter over and concluded to open another chapter of their plan. They were not disappointed in getting only sixteen ladies to join them; in fact that was nearly double the number they had hoped to get in the beginning.

The door of the Baptist store to the effect that it had been sold to Miss Betsey Bailey. About the same time one appeared on the Congregationalist store, saying it had been sold to Miss Sarah Jenkins. Both stores were closed, and the people all had to go to the only remaining store in town, the Methodist, if they would buy anything.

Both the ladies next called on the Methodist brother, and he readily agreed to take all the goods from the other stores if he could thereby get the whole trade of the town. He knew from bitter experience that one store was all the town could support, and he at once began to help the ladies in their scheme, though he was not aware of the part he was taking, looking only at the fact that he could make more money by the change. This

plan of the ladies was a partial success, for the inhabitants fell right into this arrangement because they could not help it.

Still they would not visit, nor attend any but their own church; and three months more passed and still only the sixteen maiden sisters belonged to the visiting company. So chapter number three was opened.

One morning the train brought to the village a very pretty young lady and four large trunks. Such a thing was not a common occurrence, and the depot loungers soon spread the news, stating also that Miss Bailey was there to meet her, and that the young lady called her auntie. It soon came out who she was, and it was rumored that her stay in Bosworth might be permanent.

She was the daughter of Miss Bailey's sister, who had died when Rosie was only four years old. Miss Bailey claimed the child then, but the father wished her to remain with his folks, and Miss Bailey was of course forced to give up her claim for the child. Her father was now dead, and she had come to live with Aunt Betsey, whom she had always loved as a mother. At first she was rather lonely, but when Monday night came and with it the meeting of the sixteen unsectarian maidens, she had enough to think of. She was of course admitted to the church, and was much amused at the state of society. When the meeting adjourned she said to her aunt:

"Not outside of the denominations to which they belong?"

"Didn't a Baptist ever marry a Methodist, or something of that sort?"

"Not within the memory of the oldest inhabitant."

"I don't see how it is possible that a town can survive with such goings on," said Miss Rosie, more to herself than to her aunt.

"We don't survive, we merely exist. The town has been here, and we maiden ladies have been trying to do something to improve it."

"I think, auntie, you have done well, but you have started at the wrong end. Let me try and help you?"

"Certainly you can. I have hoped ever since I got your letter that you would help us in some way when you came. Do whatever you wish, and I will lend all the aid in my power."

Rosie did not unfold her plan to her aunt, but at once began to carry it out. The next Sunday saw her at the Congregational church, dressed in the most becoming manner, and every one pronounced her as the most beautiful ever seen. After church she went to the Sunday-school, learning the names of all the young gentlemen and ladies of her own age.

Next Sunday she was at the Baptist church attending church and at Sunday-school. And the next was devoted to the Methodist society.

Then there was a stir. Miss Rosie Anderson was going to give a party at her aunt's (Miss Bailey's) residence, and had sent notes by a Congregationalist to all the young people of the town, without regard to sect. The invitations were given out a month before the time of the party, so that every one had a chance to talk it over, as Rosie said and get the mind made up.

The Sunday following the giving out of the invitations the soprano at the Baptist church was sick, and the fact not being known till nearly time for meeting, no one could be found to sing. Rosie was present, and when she heard of the difficulty volunteered to sing for them. The leader gladly accepted her offer, and stopping to think what the good people would say when they saw a Congregationalist in their church.

When they rose to sing the opening piece, Rosie stood in full sight of the congregation. The minister looked horrified, while the deacons covered their faces with their hands, and the Baptists should get so low as to allow a Congregationalist to sing in their sanctuary. But when she sang the solo which fell to her, the hands dropped from the faces of the deacons and the expression of the minister's face changed to one of great pleasure. Rosie sang a beautiful song, and her voice rang out clear and soft, the organist forgot to play, so enraptured was she in the singer, and Rosie carried the part through without the aid of the organ. Never before had any of them heard such a voice, and they could hardly wait for the time to come for her to sing again. She did not sing alone again that day, but when she came down from the gallery the minister took her by the hand and said:

"Miss Anderson, you have contributed much to the good of the services of the afternoon, and I am very much obliged to you for it."

"You are entirely welcome, Mr. Bush. I think when you see the reports they should be used for the benefit of all who may need them."

"My idea of it exactly," said the minister, and the two walked out of the church and down the street together. Meeting Miss Bailey on her return, Mr. Bush was introduced to her and complimented her upon having such a pleasant and accomplished young lady in her family; he hoped that he might have the pleasure of seeing both the ladies present occasionally at his church.

Rosie sang again at the Baptist church the next Sunday, as the regular singer was not well enough to attend. When she rose in her seat she had the satisfaction of seeing many of the Baptists in the audience, and although she felt a certain pride in thinking that they came to hear her sing, she felt happier at the thought that she was to be the means of carrying out her aunt's scheme.

That evening the Methodists had a Sunday school concert, and Rosie played their organ. She was now on the best of terms with all the young people of the village, and had no doubt that her party would be a success.

And it was. More than fifty were in attendance, which included every young lady and gentleman in town. Aunt Betsey outdid herself in preparing the supper. Everything was perfect, even the ice came from the city, which was a great luxury to the villagers.

At 12 o'clock the party broke up, and Rosie, by her managing, sent several Methodist maidens home with Baptist boys, and otherwise mixed up the sects and sexes at her will.

A few days after the party Miss Bailey was surprised to receive a visit from Mrs. Bush, wife of the Baptist minister. They spent a very pleasant hour together, when they were interrupted by Mrs. Deacon Wilson, of the Methodist church, and both ladies remained to tea. The ice was now broken, and calling between the different sects was as common as though it was not a new thing for Bosworth.

Everything now working to Rosie's satisfaction, she had time to think of her own troubles. When she came to Bosworth she was by no means a happy girl. Her father was a very strict man and a young gentleman to whom she was quite partial had not found favor in his eyes, much to the mutual grief of the young people. Her father's sickness had been quite long and so close was her seclusion till the time of his death that she had not

seen Edward Bentley, nor did she see him before she came to Bosworth. She had written to her acquaintances, but the only news that she had graduated from college and gone away.

About this time, Mr. Bush's health failing, he asked for a year's vacation, agreeing to fill the pulpit during his absence. This leave was, of course granted, and the congregation were waiting anxiously for the new minister. All they knew was that he was a young man and came from a church in the city of Alliston, where he was the colleague of the Rev. Dr. Howland, one of the most eminent preachers of the Baptist persuasion. Of course they expected something of more than ordinary ability, nor were they disappointed.

But with the sermon we have nothing to do. They wished to make a good impression upon the minister, so Rosie was sought out and invited to sing for them. With her usual good nature she at once accepted. Her position was such that she could not see the minister from where she sat, but when the choir rose to sing she heard herself standing face to face with Edward Bentley.

To say that she was surprised would not half express her feelings. She turned first white, then red, and finally sank back into her seat utterly powerless to sing a note.

The minister of course knew nothing of this little affair of the gallery, for the singers went on with the anthem after a moment's hesitation, and by the time they had finished the choir rose to sing, she was ready to go on with her part. As her voice rang out clear and soft, a look of startled surprise was noticed on the minister's face, and a few, at least, of the congregation were aware that something extraordinary had happened. Rosie, now quite calm, sang her solo sweetly to the end, but when the minister arose to read the opening exercises some thought they observed a slight tremor in his voice.

Only one in the congregation knew why there was such an earnestness in the prayer that was offered for the bringing together of friends long separated, most of them thinking he had reference to the long separation of the churches of the town.

When the services were ended he hurried from the pulpit and met Rosie as she came down from the gallery. There was a greeting that rather surprised those of the congregation who saw it, but a few words of explanation from the pastor set their minds right, and before night the whole town knew that Rosie was the affianced wife of Edward Bentley, the new Baptist minister, and that it was a love affair of long standing.

Everybody went to the wedding, which was in the Congregational church, and everybody went to the reception at Miss Bailey's, which was the grandest affair Bosworth had ever known.

At the end of the year Rosie bade farewell to the little town to go to her city home. But even though so far distant from the little village, will ever have pleasant memories of the assistance she gave in the religious revolution of Bosworth through the enterprise of sixteen old maids.

A Law to keep Children Out of Alms-houses.

At the last meeting of the Poor Directors' association, held at Harrisburg last September, a committee consisting of J. Martin Schafer, of Pittsburgh; Lewis Pugh, of Scranton; Dr. Diller Luther, of P. Co., of Lancaster; J. H. Saylor, of Philadelphia, and David Fetter, of Bucks county, were appointed to prepare and urge the passage of a law that will keep children out of the county almshouses. The following bill has been prepared, and Mr. Schafer, the chairman, has notified the members of the committee to meet him in Harrisburg on the 24th inst., when it will be presented to the Legislature:

SECTION 1. Be it enacted, etc., That it shall not be lawful for any person, guardian, or directors of the poor, or other persons having charge of the poor, in the several counties, cities, boroughs, and townships of this Commonwealth to receive into or retain in any almshouse or poor house, any child between two and sixteen years of age, unless such child be an unteachable idiot, an epileptic or a paralytic, or otherwise so disabled or deformed as to render it unfit for family care.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of overseers, or other persons having charge of the poor, to place all pauper children who are in their charge, and who are over two years of age (with the exception named in the first section of this act), in some respectable family to be selected in some suitable institution or home for children, at the expense of the poor fund of the district until placed out by indenture; and the said officers shall visit such children in person or by agent, not less than once in six months, and make all needed inquiries as to their treatment and welfare.

Sec.