

THE DEACON'S WEEK.

The communion service of January was held over in the church at Sugar Hollow, and people were waiting for Mr. Parkes to give out the hymn, but he did not give it out; he laid his book down in the table, and looked about on his church.

I ever did in my life before, but I feel sure they can stop if they try, for I've stopped, and I'm going to stay stopped. "Well, come to dinner, there was another flight. I do as by the most of anything. I was fetched up on pie, as you may say. Our folks always had it three times a day, and the doctor has been talkin' and talkin' to me about eatin' pie. I have the dyspepsia like everybody, and it makes me useless by spells, and as unreliable as a weather-cock.

They'd got right and reason to expect I'd do my part as well as they they'd. Seemed as though I was fludin' out more about Josiah Emmons' shortcomin' than was real agreeable. "Come around Friday I got back to the store. I'd kind o' left it to the boys the early part of the week, and things was a little better, but I did have sense not to tear round and use sharp words so common as common. I began to think 'twas just in case to practice after five days, when in come judge Herriek's wife after, some curtin' calico. I had a han some piece, a i done of with roses an' things, but there was a fault in the weavin'—every now and then a thin streak. She didn't notice it, but she was pleased with the figures on it, and said she'd take the whole piece.

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