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Select Tale.

Katie's Plan.

"Fifteen hundred dollars. That don't seem so very much; does it, Sue?" said Katie, resting her flat-iron on a moment on its stand, and looking across the wide, pleasant kitchen, where her sister was bending with flushed cheeks over the spoon she was fluting.

summer in the country for her health.

She was a fashionable young lady in New York now. Judge Harding, Lillie's father, was very wealthy. She remembered their elegant home, for she returned Lillie's visit in winter. Judge Harding was a pleasant man—"Oh!" and she turned suddenly, her face radiant with a sudden happy thought.

An Extraordinary Murder.

The annals of criminal jurisprudence hardly present a more remarkable case than that which is now upon trial at Dover, Del. A Dr. J. C. West is the murderer. Last December he killed Turner, a negro, Dr. West who is about twenty-four years of age, and an educated man, had insured his life for \$25,000 in favor of his wife. Determined by fraud to obtain this sum, he gave out that he had discovered a new gas of such a character that it would remove the skin from the human body, and destroy all chances of identification.

Hunting Snipe.

Among our own hunters was a trapper named Sloop Medary—a lively, roystering mountaineer, who liked nothing better than to get a joke upon any unfortunate "pallgrim" or "fender-foot" who was verulant enough to confide in his stories of mountain life.

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"What a brand!" said Sloop, as the moon rose bright and clear—"what a glorious night for driving snipe!" Here was something new. Two of our young men were eager to learn about the mystery.

"Driver! snipe! what's that, Sloop? Tell us about it!" "Did you never hear?" replied Sloop, with a face expressive of wonder at their ignorance.

"Yes, it is as old as the mountains! I was always a hunter, and I was always a snipe driver. The snipe are fat now, and they drive better, and they're better snipe, too. I tell you, a breakfast of snipe broiled on the buff'd snipe, is not bad to take, is it, Dick?"

Beaver Dick, who had just arrived in camp, thus appealed to a crowd of men, and the proposition contained in Sloop's question, and the boys, more anxious than ever, pressed Sloop for an explanation.

"May be," said one of them, "maybe we can drive the snipe to night, and get a mess for breakfast; what have we got to do, Sloop?"

"Oh well," responded Sloop, "if you're plucky, I'm afraid you won't do. However, you can try. You haven't a couple of them gunnybags and candles, and we'll go out and start 'em up?"

"I'll do it with the idea of having a mess of snipe for breakfast, the two young men, under Sloop's direction, each equipped with a gunny-sack and candle, followed him out upon the plain, half a mile from camp, accompanied by some half-dozen members of our party.

The spot was chosen because of its proximity to a marsh which was supposed to be filled with snipe. In reality it was the swarming place for mosquitoes.

"Now," said Sloop, "should the boys stand ten feet apart, open your snipe, be sure and keep the mouths of the snipe open, and after we have you light your candles and hold 'em well into the snipe, so that the snipe can see, and the rest of us will drive 'em up—It may take a little snipe to get 'em started, but if you wait patiently they'll come."

"With this assurance the snipe drivers left their camp, and returned immediately to camp. "I've got a couple of green 'uns out there," said he, "with a sly wink—"

"They'll wait some time for the snipe to come up, I reckon." "The boys followed directions—the snipe were held wide open, the candles kept in place. There they stood the easy prey of the remorseless mosquitoes."

"An hour passed away, and yet from the ridge above the camp the light of the candles had not been seen. Sloop now stole quietly out of camp and making a long dash, came up behind the victims, and raising a war-whoop, fired his pistol in their ears.

The boys dropped their snipe and started on a wild race for camp, coming in amid the laughter and shouts of their companions.

The next few weeks were busy ones at the Vaughn house. There was much to be done before the arrival of their city guests. When they took an inventory of their stock of furniture on hand, things did not look very encouraging.

"Mrs. Green, I think you have taken all as much upon yourself. It is none of your business where I got that money." Then she broke down for the first time that day, and crying to her mother, crying "mother, mother, our home is saved!"

"The story of that summer cannot be written. It meant work for some of the household, while the others enjoyed only the pleasure. Katie found time while the rest were out roving, to practice and work into the city twice a week to take lessons.

The summer was over, but they lingered till the month of September was nearly gone before they returned to the city. It was then that Katie's engagement commenced in church and she had the satisfaction of placing the first payment in the hands of the Judge before the fall was over.

Lillie went with him one day to hear her sing, and when she saw the expression of his face as the exquisite tones fell on their ears, she rejoiced forever the hope she had cherished of being Allen Thurston's wife.

The next time the orchard trees were laden with blossoms Katie received that love. Happy Katie, who found she had loved all the while—"The People's Monthly."

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