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you. Straighten the table as quickly as possible. Fanny, take away the strawberry-diabes. "How could you play such a trick on your sober old aunt, Puss? People will think I have gone daff if I go down to church to-night with my hair in this girlish fashion.

"Why, Charles?" cried mother, for once a little fretted at this glaring exhibition of his obnoxiousness; "one would think you might remember which was the hall door in your own house."

"Papa came out, looking comically rueful over the bump and the blunder but mingling with his objections of his berating sin the apologetic statement, "It is an idiotic room, any way, with doors enough to bewilder a more whole-witted man than I."

"Why Charles, there are only four, and the room is quite large, I am sure." Now it was mamma's turn to harpoon us. "You know at home, in our little dining-room, there were actually seven doors—you remember, Fanny?"

"I feel much refreshed," was the Doctor's non-committal answer, as he proceeded to devote himself to mother, in a way that won her heart.

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"Of course he had to be told. Now I come there, but I spat him the story of what I had heard, only telling him that he must never ask me to receive Mr. Leggett as my guest again."

"I had just had his plate filled the second time with fruit, leaving perhaps three berry 'muffins' in the dish, when Aunt Fanny said to him laughingly, 'It is well you found no delegate who had no objection to going into the country to spend his nights, or we could have had only a dozen strawberry-cakes.'"

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Can you believe that this hitherto comical, complacent aunt of mine has never vouchsafed anything but the most barren generalities in regard to that evening drive, and her escort's defense against the charge of eaves-dropping?

"I must have been in previous of the base request of my tender befriending of her person that fateful afternoon that I had remarked to Dr. Hooper on the superlative baseness of the vice of ingratitude."

"And when a certain ceremony, solemnized at our house two months ago had proclaimed on the house-top what was spoken in the ear in close long before, I ventured to say to the bridegroom: 'Uncle Hooper, I suppose you overheard me some weeks ago, declaring that I would like to kiss you. I hadn't the least idea at the time what misery you were going to bring upon us, nor what a wicked eavesdropper you were at that very moment, or I should have expressed a very different desire very differently. But, if you will only tell me how you inveigled Aunt Fanny into forgiving you so quickly for lying in wait in the Blue-room while a pair of unwary babes were babbling about us, I will try to forgive you even to the extent of that atrocious kiss!'"

"I have told you 'how we lost Aunt Fanny,' but how Dr. Hooper managed to secure her is an awful mystery to this day. That he got her surreptitiously through a key-hole, so to speak, is evident; for there is every reason to believe that had they 'met by chance, the usual way,' our delegate would have eaten his meat with singleness of heart, even without Aunt Fanny for his special diet, attended conscientiously to his official duties, and finally adjourned to his bachelor quarters sine die."

Yes; the long and the short of the story is that we must forever mourn the loss of our angel of the household, and that it was papa's own particular iniquity of absent-mindedness which brought upon us all the misery of her 'taking off.' THE END

PREMIUM LIST OF THE First Annual Fair of the Stearns County Agricultural and Mechanical Association.

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