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THE FARMER'S WOODS

The daisies nodded in the grass, the buttercups were nodding... A little maid came through the land with song and smiling laughter...

He came across the river then, this farmer, from his home... He picked a blood-red poppy that amid the daisies...

AUNT PRUE'S KINDNESS

Somehow things began to grow wrong in the "cyclopean household" from the day when Aunt Prue...

Here is the cat out of the bag; Aunt Prue had money, and it was the hope of being made her heirs which exercised...

"If it weren't for her money I'd kick the old canting tramp out of the house bawled Jack, losing all patience one day, about six weeks after Aunt Prue's arrival."

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Allusions to her cousins, the Millers, always had the effect of quieting Jack, who would have put up with a great deal to get her back to the Millers...

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"Yes, I think the old lady is worth petting," answered Jack Merrydew, refolding the will. "How awfully we have misjudged her!" said Helen. "I feel as if my devotion of a life-time would not be enough to pay for all this kindness."

her best to please those they loved; and her state of mind happened to be a very high one. So she was irritated at observing that his wife's staid exclamation...

Helen was so afraid of giving offence that she had not dared to be promulgated as an edict against which there could be no appeal. Aunt Prue took a sudden objection to tobacco...

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"I suppose so," said Helen; "else the world would say that we did not love the old cat. People are so wicked and untruthful!"

"I like that. Suppose she told you for your soul's good to leave off silk dresses?" "She has advised me to do so; and, as you observe, I am wearing a stuff gown. I will no more indulge in frivolities of dress."

"Nor wear jewelry, I presume?" "I feel as if I should not wear any ornaments, and you'd be ready to live on roots next!"

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"Ah, well, then," ejaculated Merrydew, with his hands in his pockets. "If you will give up all the luxuries in life and content yourself with necessities, we shall find our present income ample, and we need not hanker after Aunt Prue's fortune."

"I am not hankering after it. How dare you say such a thing?" exclaimed Helen, flushing. "If poor, dear Auntie were ruined I should not abate my attentions to her one jot, but only cherish her the more for her misfortune. It is my duty to do so; and I endeavor to please her."

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Yes, dead; she had died suddenly after a surfeit of tea and muffins, poor old woman! The news of her death in connection with her demise was such that she had not left a penny!

Meanwhile poor Helen had come to her husband's hotel in London with the successful story of her dispossessions. "Aunt old Jack," sobbed she, when a reconciliation had been effected. "I am afraid you will have to pay the costs of that suit which I instituted at that wicked old woman's instigation at that drivel."

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numbers into the stoneyard opened by the guardians; and at Darlington, where the Stoppage of the Skerne ironworks had been created. In a recent issue it may be said that in the briefest period there were nearly forty works in the manufacture of iron in operation in the north of England, and their life now about fourteen, but two of which are partially at work only.

When and How to Prune Trees. The question of the time for pruning trees must be settled, in a greater or less degree, by the climate and nature of the tree. As a rule, at the South, all trees are pruned in the spring after the fall of the leaf, is largely practiced.

Setting aside individual exceptions, which may be best considered when we come to treat of the rose, we may say that the general principle is to prune in the spring, after the fall of the leaf, is largely practiced.

A Chapter on Jaws. The occurrence so early in the autumn of intense distress on so small a scale in and on the borders of Cleveland is not the first of its kind.

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Matrimonial Brokerage. The firm believers in the notion of love-marriages would be surprised to learn what a trade is driven in proportion to the demand for several years.

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