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"I must—I must control myself," she murmured, leaning for a moment against the lichen covered stone gable-pillar. "But, oh, how hard it is! And how little everything has changed! I had hoped to find it so, and yet how doubly hard it makes it to be!"

Slowly she went on, winding in and out the wide, shady drive, until the house was reached, and every step revealed how lightly time had touched the place. The new owners had made no changes. Every seat, arbor and statue were the same, and unchanged as to position. Two children on the shaly stone porch sat on the same ornamental settee she had always used, and at the sight of her one of them jumped up.

"I s'pect you're our new governess. Do you want to see mamma?"

"Yes," answered Lucille, with a great exertion at steadying her voice. And the child at once disappeared into the house, leaving her sister staring after her.

A pleasant faced lady soon appeared in the doorway.

"Will you walk in, please? It is very warm without."

Lucille did so more by sense of feeling than sight, for memories were overpowering.

"You come in answer to the advertisement, Miss Lucille?"

"Lathrop," said Lucille faintly and pushing aside her veil with reluctance as she remembered her tear-stained face.

But the darkness of the room only revealed its excessive pallor—nothing more.

She would be pleased to secure the position, and eat teach music, French, German, and, with a little study, Latin.

But I am a stranger here, and my references are from places and people so distant that I did not know whether you would be willing to accept them."

"Yes, sir," bright eyes had been searching her face as she spoke, and her owner was making up her mind to a hurried, decisive way characteristic of her.

"I think I would be willing. Are you fond of children?"

"Yes, ma'am."

"And have taught before?"

"For three years in a family from whom I bring a recommendation."

A few more answers and questions followed, and then, almost before Lucille realized it, she was engaged, shown to her room and a boy dispatched to the village for her trunk.

"I have a beautiful room, and a very good table," said the lady, as she led her into the room that had belonged to her governess.

"Father, mother, do you know that I am at home? Home! Oh, what a bitter mockery! I must go away again! I never bear it!"

But she did bear it, and soon learned to love those who most called it home. Mrs. Morton was a widow with a frank, impulsive heart that was soon won by the stranger, and the children fell promptly in love with their new governess, who never grew tired of strolling about the grounds with them and telling the most wonderful stories of how another little girl had once lived in their house and done so and so. It was a life easier, happy than any she had lived for 10 years, and many, many times the truth hung to her lips when talking with Mrs. Morton. But she never spoke it.

## Her Beautiful Home.

WANTED—A GOVERNESS AT BRAYTON LODGE, the residence of teaching music and languages, and bringing unexceptionable references.

At Brayton Lodge! Dear old Brayton, my own home! cried Lucille Braxton, throwing down the paper and bursting into tears. "How can I ever look back there as a governess and tell my friends that I lived in that place?"

Almost daily she sprang up, and walked about the little room for a moment, then picked up the paper and reread the advertisement.

"How I wonder who owns the dear old place now!" she mused. "Is there any girl like me now who is as happy as I was—who, perhaps, has my room, looks the flowers and walks as I did? Has a lover, perhaps, and roves with him on the lake in the moonlight evenings. Oh, Lord, Lord! Why do I torture myself in this way?" she broke off, suddenly throwing herself on the little old lounge, in a passion of tears and grief.

Here was truly a sad story. Ten years, a petted only daughter, surrounded with every luxury and affection to one whose devoted love she fully returned, sorrow had singled her out as a target for his arrows.

First, her lover was called abroad, and in mid-winter went down with the fatal ship on which he had taken passage. Then just as her heart seemed breaking with its weight of grief, a terrible blow fell over her home—none other than the death of her father by his own hand, and the sudden terrible knowledge that he had succumbed, first to one temptation and then another, leading in time to replace all, but driven to desperation at last by the accumulation of bad luck and wrongdoing. To make what reparation they could, the heart-broken widow and daughter gave up their home and everything they possessed, and then went away to cover up their shame and grief in a part of the world where they would be strangers to all.

The year that followed had been one continuous struggle with sickness and poverty, in the midst of which Mrs. Braxton quietly folded her tired hands over her broken heart and died, leaving Lucille alone in the world.

After that, overcome with loneliness and a longing to see her old home, Lucille slowly drifted back to the place of her happy childhood; had just tonight arrived at the hotel, asked for the paper and read of the governess wanted in her old home.

"I can at least go and see the dear place," she said to herself the next morning, when, after a night spent in sleepless and memories, she ate her breakfast without seeing one familiar face, and started off.

"I don't suppose I will do, because my references are too far away, and I would not let them know who I really am."

How familiar was every turn and byway of the little village and the road leading off to the hotel! Lucille's eyes were so continually blinded with tears that she hardly noted the faces of the few passers by, and no one noticed her. Veiled, and in her black gown, she bore little resemblance to the beautiful Lucille Braxton, who, in other years, had dashed gaily over these roads on her pony or in her phaeton, the admired of all observers. At last the dear familiar tower, peeping above the trees, rose in sight, and then, only a few steps, and she was at the gates, stretching hospitably open in the olden times, with the smooth white drive rolling away beyond under the shady beeches.

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## An Arkansas Wedding

A very interesting wedding occurred over at Hook's Springs the other night. Ben Lother and Ida Grimes ran away from the neighborhood where they had been reared and applied to young Wilkinson, who had recently accepted a call to preach. The arrival of the runaway couple soon became known, and quite a number of young people gathered at the school house where the ceremony was to be performed. The preacher upon arriving, called Bill Fellers to one side and said:

"Bill, I couldn't refuse to accommodate that young couple, but to tell the truth, I don't know how to perform a marriage ceremony. I was never married, and I never saw anybody married and I don't understand the performance."

"I never saw anybody married, either," Bill replied, "and I don't believe there's anybody here that understands it."

"It wouldn't do to disappoint them, for I understand the girl's father is in pursuit. Let's see, you were commissioned as a justice of the peace the other day, weren't you?"

"Yes, but the papers didn't shed any light on marriage ceremonies."

"I don't know what to do about it, the young preacher continued. They have begun to grow restless, you see."

"Well, parson, I don't understand it any more than you, but I am willing if you'll help me to kill hogs next week, to take the job off your hands."

"All right," Bill turned to the company and said: "Ladies and gentlemen, I've met here to engage in a very serious business. This young couple (pointing) think they ought to be married, and it ain't for me say they ought not. Young fellow, have you got your license?"

"Yes, sir."

"All right. Hop out here now." The young couple advanced.

"Join hands," said Bill. "I would like to say that the new ceremony just approved by the governor has gone into effect. Those who have never seen this ceremony performed will doubtless be amused at its novelty, but I'll say right here that all snickering will be treated as contempt of court. What is your business, young man?"

"I am a farmer."

"Ah, ha! How many rails can you split in a day?"

"Four hundred in good timber."

"Will you swear it?"

"Yes, your Honor."

## Select Reading.

Senator McCree's Joke.

The mystic letters written on visiting cards are a source of the amusement to the congressmen from rural districts who cannot decipher their meaning. Once, that stalwart K. Nutcracker, Senator McCree, met a foppish young constituent, who had just returned from Paris, and said to him:

"I received your card the other day. I recognized your father's name, which is the same as yours, and supposed that it was his son, but what did the letters E. P., written in a corner, mean?"

"Why, Mr. Senator," replied the traveler, "it is customary in Paris to write the initials of certain words on leaving cards. For example, had I been going to a hotel, I should have written P. P. C., the initials of *Paris, P. C.*—to take leave. As it was, calling myself, I wrote E. P., the initials of *en personne*—in person."