NAMING THE BABY.

They gather in solemn council
The chiefs in the household band;
They sit in the darkened chamber
A conclave proud and grand;
They peer in the curtained cradle
And each with one voice exclaim,
As they point to the new-found treasure
"The baby must have a name!"

They bring forth the names by dozens,
With many an anxious look,
They scan all the tales and novels.
They search through the good Old Book,
Till the happy-faced young mother,
Now urging her prior claim,
Cries out in the fondest accents,
"Oh give him a pretty name."

"His grandpa was Ebenezer—
Long buried and gone, dear soul,"
Says the trembling voice of grandma
As the quiet tear-drops roll.
"Oh, call him Eugene Augustus,"
Says the youngest of the throng;
"Plain John," says the happy father,
"Is an honest name and strong."

And thus is the embryo statesman
Perhaps, or the soldier bold,
Respecting his future title
Left utterly out in the cold!
And yet, it can matter but little
To him who is heedless of fame—
For no name will honor the mortal,
If the mortal dishonors the name.

NETTIE'S WORTH.

BY W. BELLE.

"Yes, she is coming to-morrow, Andrew."

"Confound it!"

"Andrew!"

"Pray excuse me, mother; but really you have no idea how much I dread the arrival of the young lady. I had planned to enjoy this summer, and it seems a pity to be denied the enjoyment."

"Andrew," said his mother, with a tone and voice full of surprise and pain, "the mother of our expected guest has been a true friend to your dear father, as well as a faithful comforter to his companion in life; hence if she wished her daughter to visit us for the restoration of her health, we should welcome her kindly."

"Ah, yes; but, mother, we men regard things differently from what you women-folk do, you know. Besides, I had planned to enjoy boating and fishing during my vacation, and what can a fellow do with a lady always at his heels? But, I say, mother, is this Miss Nettie Chester good looking? You know we men admire beauty."

"She was called a beauty from a child. I have not seen her since," replied Mrs. Carpenter, quietly. "However, Andrew, you will not be troubled with the care of this young lady. I will ask Austin to assume that great responsibility."

"Austin!"

And Andrew laughed aloud at the bare thought of Austin, his farm-bred brother, playing the agreeable to an heiress like Nettie Chester.

"Beg pardon, mother, but really I could not help smiling, for Austin is so very bashful, and women cannot put up with that, you know. By the way, my brother ought to go to the city with me. He is just good for nothing, moping here on the farm."

"I could not spare both my lads at once," replied Mrs. Carpenter tenderly, yet half rebukingly, as the saucy eyes again looked into hers.

And, nodding gayly, the handsome face took its departure.

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"Well, Austin, what does she look like, eh!" Or were you too shy to take a peep at her? You went to the station for her, didn't you?"

Austin Carpenter rose from his seat under the old apple tree, and threw aside his book as his brother spoke, while a bright flush mounted his pale brow.

"No, no," he stammered, hurriedly; "that is, father went—"

"Father! Well, well, that is good. Why, Austin, what a dolt you are!"

"But, Andrew, I am not myself when in ladies' society, you know," said Austin.

Andrew smiled as he stuck one of the apple blossoms into his button-hole.

"Come on, Austin, let us go and receive the criticisms of this fair lady. What, afraid? She is only a woman, after all."

Miss Nettie Chester rose gracefully as the two brothers came in—Andrew cool and collected, Austin perfectly shy, with his tall, awkward figure and pale face, and received their greeting kindly.

"How do you do? Ah! is this Austin? I am glad to see you, and I trust we shall soon be good friends, for I have heard much about you." Austin blushed, stammered out something as the little hand laid itself within his, then retreated behind his elder brother. She was scarcely 17, as pretty as a pink, with her brown eyes, red lips, and hair of burnished gold, and as fragile as a snow drop, with her white, open brow, and softly dainty hands, now fingering the chain at her belt, Andrew Carpenter rather liked the looks of the young girl who had come to spend the summer at his house. After all, he was rather glad she had come; but, to tell the truth Miss Nettie proved rather a troublesome visitor to the haughty Andrew. Sugar was sprinkled upon his meat, and salt in his coffee. His private papers were displaced. His slippers were filled with prickly burs, and the clean sheets upon his bed were rendered uncomfortable with cats. In short, everything was done to torment him; and Andrew cried vengeance, while at the same time he could not keep away from the young lady. As for poor Austin, he looked on smilingly, and studied harder than ever, while, as his shyness wore away, many an hour found Nettie Chester beside him, helping and encouraging him, till he grew at last to look upon her as a friend interested in his welfare, and quietly said, when put upon by his handsome brother:

"Don't be jealous, Andrew. I am only a poor farmer, after all, and you are a gentleman, you know."

Yes, Andrew knew it to be just so; and, as he sauntered towards the great barn, on the lookout for their gay guest, he could not help casting one ray of pity upon his rough, shy brother.

"Oh, Mr. Carpenter! Take care, please! I am losing my hold! There they go! Oh, dear me! What have I done!"

Andrew brushed the broken egg-shells with their sticky contents, from his eyes and idolized moustache, and then looked up the ladder from whence the sound proceeded, straight into the teasing face of Miss Nettie, and a shade of annoyance crept over his. In a mo ment more a slight form bounded to his side, and a pair of soft hands were wrung over the broken eggs lying upon the floor.

"Oh, dear, those eggs! What will your mother say?"

Andrew's voice was a little spiteful. "I don't think she will mourn the eggs much, Miss Chester. My coat has suffered the most. Nettie looked up quickly. Then the solemn figure before her proved too much for her gravity, and she laughed as if she really enjoyed it.

"Oh, dear, how funny you do look! It is all over your hair, eyes and ears. Dear me! Pray excuse me, but really, cannot help it. Oh, those eggs!"

Andrew heartily wished he might stop that roguish mouth, somehow, or hide from those tantalizing eyes, watching his every movement. Yet that was impossible; so, bowing in as dignified a manner as he was able he turned on his heels and walked away, muttering:

"Confound it. If I didn't love her so well, I wouldn't care," while the laugh of Miss Nettie Chester followed him.

That night Miss Chester came to beg his pardon, which she did very prettily, standing where the moonbeams fell just across the dimpled mouth. And after she had concluded, Andrew Carpenter told his love for her, and begged her to share his life with him. But something changed Nettie Chester just then. The light-hearted child went away, and a woman full of sympathy took her place, while she told him that full three hours ago she had confided her heart to one, shy, but noble, and that she could be but a friend to him—nothing more. Patiently Andrew Carpenter took home his bitter lesson, then folded the hand on his arm more closely.

"Who has won you?" he asked.

"Austin," she answered.

Andrew Carpenter started and wondered at her choice.

But when the years rolling by showed that brother to be a rising merchant, he no longer wondered, but felt a deeper love for the gentle woman who overlooked his faults so kindly, and who never alluded to the many boastful sayings which had so often escaped his lips.

THERE was an interesting autograph sale at Boston, recently, when a collection of thirteen hundred specimens was sold for $3,000. The highest price reached was $51 for an autograph letter of Martha Washington to her sister, dated at Mount Vernon, in 1762, and as distinct as though it had been written only a few weeks. An autograph political letter of Martha's husband brought $18, and one of Lincoln's $11.

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