



MISS MINERVA and WILLIAM GREEN HILL

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"Yuh sho' is spiled my fun," he growled as he hustled them across the platform to the waiting-room.

that she needed the lecture, and, wonderful to tell, she was listening meekly.

Miss Minerva came out of her front door looking for Billy at the same time that Mrs. Garner appeared on her porch in search of Jimmy.

"I don't have to be an old maid," she snapped sulkily.

"No, have you seen anything of Jimmy?" was the reply of the other.

"No; and you are not going to be one any longer," he answered with decision.

"They were talking together at the fence about an hour ago," said Billy's aunt.

"We shall be married tomorrow," he announced, "that I may assume at once my part of the responsibility of Billy's rearing."

In a short time both women appeared on their porches again.

"Oh, no, not tomorrow," she protested; "possibly next year some time."

"And they are not with Lina or Frances," Mrs. Garner's face wore an anxious look.

"Tomorrow," reiterated the major, his white mustache bristling with determination.

But the noon hour came and with it no hungry little boys.

"Next month," she suggested timidly.

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"Tomorrow! Tomorrow! Tomorrow!" cried the major, happy as a schoolboy.

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"No, not next Sunday or Monday or Tuesday. We will be married tomorrow," declared the dictatorial Confederate veteran.

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"How would you like me for an uncle?" Miss Minerva's affianced asked Billy a few minutes later.

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"Fine an' dandy," was the answer, as the child wriggled himself out of his aunt's embrace.

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"The major put a hand on the little boy's shoulder and smiled a kindly smile into his big, gray, astonished eyes as the happy lover delightedly whispered, 'Your aunt Minerva is going to marry me tomorrow, Billy.'"

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"Pants an' all!" asked William Green Hill.

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"The trouble with Billy—" he began, adjusting his steps to Miss Minerva's mincing walk.

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"The trouble with Billy," repeated her aunt finally, "is this: You have tried to make a girl out of a healthy, high-spirited boy; you have not given him the love and playthings a boy should have; you have not even given the child common love and affection."

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County court is in session this week.

FROM OUR EXCHANGES

SLATER

Mrs. Trav Spencer, son Charley and daughter Corine returned Friday from Columbia, where they attended the funeral of a near relative.

A Great Building Falls when its foundation is undermined and if the foundation of health—good digestion—is attacked, a quick collapse follows.

BLACKBURN Mrs. T. B. Trent was stricken with paralysis Wednesday afternoon and while it was a light attack it has confined her to the bed.

MIAMI P. G. Sullivan is mourning the loss of his fine asparagus and strawberry beds.

HOUSTONIA F. H. Tuck has made arrangements to erect a grain elevator in Houstonia, and construction work will be started soon.

Only a Fire Hero but the crowd cheered, as, with burned hands, he held up a small round box, "fellows!" he shouted.

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NELSON Oscar Cross purchased the confectionery and grocery store of G. M. Abington Wednesday, taking immediate possession.

SWEET SPRINGS Porter Harris, wife and little daughter of Kingfisher, Okla., arrived Monday and are visiting relatives here and at New Home.

GILLIAM O. S. Hill sold his interest in the Hill & Richardson meat market last Thursday to R. S. Deis.

CITY SUED FOR \$10,000 Sheriff Ed Haynie was in town last week and served papers on the Mayor and Board of Aldermen in which the city of Slater is sued for \$10,000 damages.

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School Report The Halley School report for the month beginning April 1st, and ending April 28th, 1912, is as follows:

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