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The stage for Hemlock Hill was waiting there—a clumsy conglomeration of musty leather, faded paint, and ancient wood, drawn by two sleepy horses and driven by a Jehu so old that one instinctively wondered how he ever got up and down from his aerial perch on the box seat.

Mr. Richmond and his friend Colonel Jones took their seats, packed their valises snugly under the seat, and fastened their natty silk umbrellas in the rack overhead. There was only one other passenger—a woman in a brown waterproof cloak and a green veil and a lidded market basket in her lap and a tremendous ear trumpet in her hand.

"Only a deaf woman," said Colonel Jones, glancing toward her.

"I see," observed Mr. Richmond. "We need put no particular restraint on our conversation."

"Are we all ready, driver?" shouted Colonel Jones, who was unused to the leisurely methods of life in a place like Blue Station. The driver appeared to rouse himself from a sort of doze.

"I be if you be!" said he. "Git up, Kate! Look out, thar, you Sorrel!"

And away they rolled.

"Yes," said Colonel Jones, rubbing his neatly gloved hands, "it will be a genuine surprise. And I meant it to be. I want to see for myself how things are."

"Certainly," said Mr. Richmond, lurching from one end of the seat to the other, as the wheels took a big stone on their way.

"The lad is over head and ears in love," said Colonel Jones.

"Young men will be fools," observed Mr. Richmond, cynically.

"But a school teacher; a district school teacher!" sighed the colonel, who was tall and portly and clean-shaven, with very black eyebrows and hair just dashed with silver.

"A good many nice girls take to that business," remarked Mr. Richmond. Mr. Richmond was a gaunt gentleman, with hollow eyes, a parchment-colored skin, and a general dyspeptic air.

"It isn't that I despise the trade," said Colonel Jones. "You know that as well as I do, Richmond. If the girl is good and pretty, I'd as soon she should be a school teacher as anything else. But I want my boy to have a real home-like home. My wife gave one, and I solemnly believe it was the making of me. And Victor's wife must be no mere book machine or wearer of fine clothes. If she can't sew and sweep and cook, she's no fit mate for my son. Well, you see, I have been studying the matter over."

"I see," said Mr. Richmond, holding desperately to the leather strap above his head as the driver guided the wheels over a succession of stumps on the side of the road.

"I give them no time for preparation," said the colonel, chuckling. "I drop down upon Miss Alden like a wolf on the fold. I see just exactly what she is. I judge for myself. I wouldn't give a fig for all the Latin and guitar music and china painting in the world if a woman can't make a loaf of light, sweet bread and cook a steak! Eh? I am sure I beg a thousand pardons, ma'am," as a sudden swing of the coach precipitated his head against the basket and sent the ear trumpet rolling to the floor.

"Allow me! Did you want to get out?"

For the woman with the green veil was making vehement gestures with her hand to the driver. She put up the trumpet with an inquiring expression of face.

"Did—you—want—to—get out?" roared Colonel Jones into its convoluted depths, the veins starting out on his forehead as he did so.

"Yes, sir, please," said the woman; and the courteous colonel himself got out to expedite the removal of the basket, the trumpet and the sundry brown paper parcels which constituted the belongings of their fellow passenger.

The green-veiled head bobbed acknowledgements, the colonel lifted his hat like a modern Don Quixote, and the stage, enveloped in a cloud of dust, rolled away toward the brightness of the Western sky. The green veiled passenger caught up her parcels, skipped over the stone stile with amazing alacrity for so apparently feeble a personage, and flew like a deer across the wooded solitudes until she came to a low, red farmhouse, and entered a cosy kitchen, where a middle-aged woman was making blackberry pies.

"Here's your trumpet all mended, Aunt Roxanne," said she. "And here's the alpaca dress and the three yards of flannel and the basket with the tea and sugar and spices. What are you going to have for supper?"

"Spring chickens," said Aunt Roxanna in the soft, subdued voice peculiar to deaf people. "They're on the butt'ry shelf, all dressed and ready. And baked potatoes; and I calculate to have them pies ready to go into the oven right off."

"Splendid!" said Laura Hopkins. "I want one of them. And I must have the chickens and that loaf of ginger-bread."

"La me!" said Aunt Roxanna. "Is the girl crazy?"

"It's for the schoolma'am, Aunt Roxanna, explained Laura, with her rosy mouth close to the ear trumpet. "Her beau's father came up from the train with me in Zedoc Hawley's sage, and he took me for a deaf woman, because of the trumpet. I suppose, and talked before me to his friend real free. And he's come out here to surprise the school teacher, and find out whether she is a good housekeeper or not. And if she isn't, he's going to set himself dead against the match!"

"I never heard nothing like it in my life," said Aunt Roxanna.

"And she isn't—you know she isn't!" said Laura. "She just lives in half of the Widow Skerritt's house, and boards herself on bread and milk. But she is as sweet as a peach, and people can't have all the accomplishments at once—

"No, to be sure not," said Aunt Roxanna, her slow wits following Lurana's rapid speech with considerable difficulty.

"And she shan't be cheated out of her lover, not if I can help it," said Lurana, hurridly packing the broilers, neatly wrapped in a napkin, into her basket, and supplementing them with a loaf of spicy smelling gingerbread, two unbaked blackberry pies, a pan of biscuit and a glass jar of honey. "Now, little caniister of coffee," said she, "and some of those pickles, and I believe that's all. You must hunt up something else for supper."

And once more Lurana sped across the fields, crossing a noisy brook on the perilous span of a fallen tree, picking her way delftly through the hummocks of a swamp, and reaching the Widow Skerritt's cottage, while the Blue Station stage, travelling the regular road, was still a good mile and a quarter away.

Alice Alden, the district school teacher was just putting in the last stitches to a blue checked gingham gown that she was making when Lurana rushed in like a hazel eyed whirlwind.

"Quick," she cried. "Kindle up the fire! Set the table! Your father-in-law is coming!"

"My father-in-law!" cried Miss Alden aghast.

"In the stage, explained Lurana, breathlessly. "To take you by surprise, and there's no telling how soon he will be here."

And then, as well as she could, she explained this unexpected combination of circumstances.

"But," reasoned Alice, "I do not wish to deceive anybody. I can't cook. I never learned how."

"Fiddlesticks!" cried Lurana. "If men will make such geese of themselves we may just as well meet them on their own ground. It would be just as reasonable for you to refuse Victor because he hasn't learned the blacksmith's trade or can't preach a sermon. Wouldn't it now?"

"There's something in that," hesitated Alice.

"Of course there is," said Lurana.

It was nine o'clock at night when Col. Jones rejoined his friend Richmond at the Hemlock Hill Hotel. Outside the whip-poor-pills sang, the pine woods exhaled perfume. Within the Colonel rejoiced with an exceeding great joy.

"It's all right," said he. "All as right as possible. I walked directly in upon her, and there she was preparing supper. Such broiled chicken I have never tasted and the coffee was superb. There was blackberry pie that melted in my mouth and home biscuits fit for a king."

"Isn't that rather an elaborate spread for one person?" inquired Mr. Richmond a little incredulously.

"Oh, I believe there was some other young woman to be with her, but she turned shy and wouldn't come in at the last. But she's the prettiest girl you ever saw, Richmond—"

"The other young woman!"

"Pooh, nonsense! You know what I mean—Miss Alden herself. And I think my son Victor is the luckiest fellow out. I've invited her to come to New York and spend her next vacation with my wife and myself, and I don't care how soon they fix the wedding day."

And the Colonel's face beamed all over.

"Have I done right, Victor?" the school ma'am asked her lover the next time she saw him.

"Right! Of course you have," cried Victor Jones. "And I shall feel grateful to Lurana Hopkins all the rest of my life."

"But I do mean to go over to the Hopkins farm every day and take a lesson in cooking until I can justify your father's good opinion," declared Miss Alden.

"You're near enough to perfection to justify any one's good opinion now," said Victor, who, as may easily be perceived was very much in love.

"And only think," cried Lurana, who danced in at that moment, "all this good has been wrought by Aunt Roxana's ear trumpet."—*Exchange.*

LOG CABIN GRANDMOTHERS.

An Indiana doctor has recently discovered in a common weed whose medicinal qualities have never before been suspected, a valuable remedy for bowel disorders.

There is nothing particularly strange about this fact.

Nothing.

And yet the very simplicity of the new discovery would with some, seem to throw just doubt upon its power. To make it one has only to pour hot water over the leaves of the plant. In preparation no vast chemical works and appliances are required.

Is it to be wondered at since such plainly prepared remedies are accounted as of such great merit in these days, that such wonderful results attended our grandmothers, whose teas and infusions of roots and herbs and balsams, have exerted so great an influence in the maintenance of health and life?

Certainly not!

The greatest pieces of machinery strike us most by their exceeding simplicity.

The secret of the success of grandmother's remedies was their freshness and simplicity. Every autumn found the little Log Cabin abundantly supplied with fresh leaves, roots, herbs and balsams, which were carefully dried and prepared and laid away for use. Dreading to call a doctor because of the expensiveness of his far-made trips, they immediately gave attention to the disease and routed it before it had gained a foothold.

The old Log Cabin grandmother, in cap and high tucked gown, and perchance bespectacled in rough silver, her weary feet encased in "humm made" slips, is the dear sweet nurse who rises to the view of many a man and woman today as the early years of life pass in retrospect.

The secrets of grandmother's medicines were rapidly being forgotten and the world was not growing in the grace of good health. To restore the best art of log cabin healing has been for years the desire of a well known philanthropist in whose ancestral line were eight "goodly physicians" of the old style, men who never saw a medical college save in the woods, nor a "medical diploma" except that inscribed on the faces of healthy and long lived patients. Much time and money was expended in securing the old formulæ which today are put forth as "Log Cabin remedies,"—sarsaparilla, hops and buchu, cough and consumption, and several others, by Warner, whose name is famous and a standard for medical excellence all over the globe. These oldest, newest and best preparations have been recognized as of such superexcellence that today they can be found with all leading dealers.

When Col. Ethan Allen was making history along our northern frontier during the revolution, Col. Seth Warner, the fighting Sheridan of that army, who was a skillful natural doctor, used many such remedies, notably like the Log Cabin extract, sarsaparilla and cough and consumption remedies, among the soldiers with famous success.

They are a noble inheritance which we of today may enjoy to the full, as did our forefathers, and using, reap, as did they, the harvest of a life full of days and full of usefulness.

PETRIFIED CHESTNUTS.

What kin is the door-mat to the door? A step farther.

Why is a cat's tail like the earth? It is fur to the end.

What is a waist of time? The middle of an hour-glass.

Why is a doctor never seasick? He is used to sea sickness.

Why does an old maid wear mittens? To keep off the chaps.

What is the board of education? The school-master's shingle.

Why is a tin can tied to a dog's tail like death? Its bound to occur.

What sticketh closer than a brother? A postage stamp, by gum.

Why is a doctor in a potential mood? It's would, or should be.

Why does a sailor know there's a man in the moon? He has been to sea.

Why is the North pole like an illicit whiskey manufactury? It is a secret still.

What is it that will give a cold, cure a cold and pay a doctor's bill? A draught.

What does a man take when he has a mean wife? He takes an elixir (he licks her)

Why is it easy to get in an old man's house? Because his gait is broken and his locks are few.

Why is a man who makes pens very wicked? He makes people steel pens and says they do write.

Why is a city official like a church bell? One steals from the people and the other peals from the steeple.

Why is it dangerous to go out in spring? Because the trees shoot, the flowers have pistils and the bullrush is out.

What is the difference between a dog's tail and a rich man? One keeps a wagging and the other keeps a carr age.

What is the difference between a soldier and a pretty woman? One faces the powder and the other powders the face.

What is the difference between an engineer and a school teacher? One trains the mind and the other minds the train.

Why is a sheet of writing paper like a lazy dog? A sheet of writing paper is an ink-lined plain, and an incline plane is a slope up.

What is the difference between an apple and a pretty girl? One you squeeze to get cider and the other you get 'side her to squeeze.—*Pittsburg Dispatch.*

The American Exhibit to be Made at the Paris World's Fair Next Year—Details of the Project Which Has Been Endorsed by Congress.

The Universal Exposition of 1889 at Paris promises to be one of the largest and most successful of the world's fairs held in recent years. Elaborate arrangements for the reception and display of the exhibits are well under way, and unusual facilities both for transportation of goods from this country and their care are assured. The French government extended a formal invitation to the United States to take part in the exposition. The invitation was accepted by a joint resolution of the Senate and House of Representatives, and the Governors of the several States and Territories were requested to invite the people to assist in the proper representation of the products of American industry and of the natural resources of the country. The President was directed to appoint a commisioner-general and an assistant commissioner-general to make all of the arrangements for exhibits and represent the government at the exposition. He was also directed to appoint nine scientific experts as assistants to the commission, each to be assigned to one of the nine groups into which the exhibits will be divided. Provision was made for the salaries of the commissioners and the necessary assistants, and the sum of $250,000 was appropriated to be used under the direction of the Secretary of State to defray all expenses. The action of Congress was approved May 10, and the President has appointed General William B. Franklin Commissioner-General and Mr. Somerville P. Tuck Assistant Commissioner-General.

WHO THE COMMISSIONERS ARE.

The Commissioners have established their headquarters in the Mills Building in this city, and are busily engaged in receiving applications and perfecting the details for a complete representation. The exposition will open May 5 and close October 31, 1889, and there will be no charge for space occupied by exhibitors. The commission will forward and return all articles received free of freight charges.

Goods of exhibitors who are unable to go to Paris or send representatives will be cared for free of all expense, except that of unpacking and repacking. There will be no duties to pay except on goods that are sold or consumed. The French regulations state that all objects exhibited will be protected against piracy of inventions or designs.

DIVISION OF EXHIBITS.

The exhibition is to be divided into nine groups or departments as follows:

1. Works of art.
2. Education and processes used therein.
3. Plain and decorative house furniture.
4. Textile fabrics.
5. The raw and manufactured products of mining, forestry, chemistry, etc.
6. Apparatus and methods of mechanical industries.
7. Food products.
8. Agriculture, vine culture and fish culture.
9. Horticulture.

The French government has appropriated 43,000,000 francs toward the expenses of the exposition. An advisory commission consisting of 300 members and styled the "Grand Council of the World's Exhibition of 1889" has been appointed. The Minister of Commerce and Manufactures acts as president of this council and also as commissioner-general of the exhibition. The grand council is divided into twenty-two advisory committees who have charge of the different departments and the management of the exposition.

The buildings for the exposition are now nearly completed. They occupy the Champ-de-mars and the Trocadero Palace and park on the banks of the Seine. In the park at the entrance to the exposition on the Champ-de-Mars the wonderful Eiffel Tower is now in course of erection. It is to be entirely of iron and 1000 feet in height. Its object is to show the triumph of modern engineering skill. It will be furnished with an elevator of American manufacture. On the right of the tower is the Palace of Liberal Arts, and on the left the fine Palace of Fine Arts. Large gardens occupy the center of the square, and at the back is the main building or the gallery of machines as it is called. The Esplanade of Invalides is reserved for the products of the French colonies.

The buildings are magnificent structures of glass and iron, lighted by electricity and fitted with every modern convenience.

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It is expected that the total number of exhibitors from all countries will reach 30,000; it is estimated that 12,000,000 persons will enter the grounds and buildings. Some idea of the magnitude of the exhibition may be gained from the fact that the total area of buildings and enclosed grounds which is to be lighted by electricity is 3,000,000 square feet. The space allotted to the United States is about 75,000 square feet. An exhibit from this country fully equal to that of 1878 is expected, and it is hoped that it will be much larger. There are numerous lines of industry that need new markets for their goods, and this exhibition will afford them an opportunity for foreign display.

All of the European countries except Germany take an interest in the exposition, and will make displays. The South American republics and Mexico will also take a particularly active part, as well as Jap