



### THE COMPROMISE

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It may be the Widow Sharon imagined a good deal of it, but when she moved over to the village of Valley Stream it seemed to her that the people thereof greeted her in an oddish manner.

All villages have their customs. The custom in Valley Stream, and one that had prevailed for a quarter of a century, was for a newcomer to at once state certain facts to Deacon Horner. If it was a widow she was expected to state her age, her income, her intentions regarding a second marriage, whether or not her late husband died happy, to what church she belonged, her attitude in regard to church affairs and picnics, if she attended the circus and whether she was going to live extravagantly or economically. The deacon had always taken it upon himself to act as inquisitor and then go from house to house and spread the news. He gave the Widow Sharon three days to get settled and then called.

Then and there the good man received the surprise of his life. He had scarcely propounded question No. 1 when the widow replied:

"Sir, it is none of your business!"

Deacon Horner had never been balked before, and it vexed him. The widow had brought four hogs with her, having been a farmer's wife, and two days after the deacon's call one of those hogs came and rubbed against his front gate.

Deacon Horner lifted up a rock and batted that hog. The hog was hurt and ran away squealing. A boy told the Widow Sharon of it, and she put on her hat and went straight to a justice of the peace and got out a summons for malicious cruelty to animals. There was a state law covering the case, and the deacon was fined \$10 and costs.

It may be remarked again that Deacon Horner was a good man, but there is a limit to goodness. Not that same hog, but another of the widow's flock, got into the deacon's cow lot. There was nothing for him to damage, but the widow was sued for trespass and had to pay \$3 damages. She paid it and waited. If you will wait long enough a cow will get into your garden and devour your cabbages. In this instance it was the deacon's cow, and there was another suit for trespass, and the deacon was mulcted. Did he forgive the widow and promise that his cow should be good in future? He didn't. He said to himself that he would bring that defiant widow low.

All of a sudden the village of Valley Stream began asking about the last hours of the defunct Farmer Sharon. It was said that he died of heart disease after a quarrel with his wife about another man. Perhaps the widow was not actually a murderess, but she was very close to it. She heard the story, and she set out with an iron jaw on her to run it down. In twenty-four hours she had it fastened on the good deacon and had begun a suit for slander. Deacon Horner made out not to care, but when his lawyer came to investigate he was more than willing to settle for \$100. Mr. Sharon had not died from heart disease, but from the kick of a horse.

Then the fighting widow had to go and put her foot in it. In some way she learned that Deacon Horner hadn't paid his pew rent for fourteen years and that he had passed a bad two dollar bill on a windmill man. She was indiscreet enough to repeat this, and the first thing she knew the deacon was after her. As a matter of fact, his pew rent was all paid up, and he had the receipts to show. And as for the bad bill, it was a windmill man who had struck him. The widow had to give back that \$100 to settle the case.

By this time there wasn't a family in the village, nor for five miles around, that wasn't taking sides, and society was upset and the churches suffering. Would he mediators had been to the deacon and his reply was:

"I'm sorry there is any trouble, but I can't let no widow run over me."

And when they had gone to the widow, she said:

"If you think I am going to let any old widower boss me around you are sadly mistaken."

Both sides were waiting for the next move, when the village was visited by a peddler of rat and mouse traps. He had a whole wagon load. As he passed from house to house he heard of the quarrel, and when he had got to the Widow Sharon's and sold her two traps, he sat down and said:

"I'm going to stop this rumpus between you and Deacon Horner. It isn't right, and it isn't nice. You and he ought to marry."

"Wh-a-t!"

And the rat trap man called on the deacon and said:

"Drop it! You are hurting yourself, your church and the town. Court the widow and marry her."

"Wh-a-t!"

A seed had been planted, and it wasn't four weeks before it sprouted. After their first astonishment was over the deacon began to speak well of her, and when he finally made an excuse to call at the house, he was pleasantly received. Within the year there was a marriage.

"How in the world did that peddler bring it about?" asked one of another Easy as pie. You have got to understand human nature to sell rat traps and this man had been on the road twenty years.

### BE WISE; STICK TO FARM.

It Stands For Everything Attractive, Wholesome and Profitable.

For the restless boy or girl who wants to go away from the farm and get out into the big world to do something, no better bit of earnest reading can be found than this extract from the New York Independent.

"The new farm children," it says, "give a third dispensation. The sciences began to take hold of the land at least fifty years ago, but there was an off-clearing necessary. The transition period was protracted, mainly because the land was already in possession of a race of farmers that must die off."

"The agricultural college applied the sciences to tillage and to crops and to animal life on the farm twenty-five years ago. It was slow work, not only to awaken the farmer, but to investigate, discover, and then to apply. The age is now rapidly falling into the hands of men who are alive to the great fact that production has never yet approached its maximum. The orchard has all this while, thanks to moths and caterpillars, become more and more an entomological laboratory. Gradually it has come about that not a thing can be grown on the land without a fight. This has not by any means been a permanent loss, but has

wakened a spirit of scientific examination and determination to master conditions. The microscope and the crucible are as necessary today as the plow and the hoe. The farm boy is not without stimulus, nor is he without interesting conditions; rather it will now take the brighter boys to do the farming."

"The development of farm machinery and the application of new forces on the land have gone on at the same time. In every department of the home, in the house as well as in the barn, machinery takes the place of men, and the help problem is now driving us to a still more complete age of mechanism."

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