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THE QUALITY.

"I had a notion," said old Mrs. Placid,

whilst making her first visit to the Edger-

ton cottage, "you had seen many of

your neighbors?"

"No, ma'am," said Laura, "we have

been here so long, and none have been

to see us until you, we were beginning to

feel like unwelcome intruders. But I

suppose they were all much attached to

the people who lived here before us,

and dislike seeing strangers in the place

of their old friends."

"Oh, no! that ain't it," they were afraid

to come."

"Ain't it?" said Laura, surprised, afraid

of what?"

"Well, we heard you was all quality, if

you was broke, and we was afraid we

would get ourselves into the wrong box.

We've seen them elephants and know

what they is," she continued nodding her

head knowingly.

"Why, I did not suppose," said Laura,

smiling, "that we had anything so formidable

in this quiet little nook, and I am

sorry that our neighbors should make

such a big-brother of us, and suppose us

wanting in civility to them."

"Oh, we wasn't a-minion of the civility.

The quality lays that on so thick one

minute till you begin to rub your eyes

and wonder who you is—thinks your name

is the Pope of Rome's wife; then they

push you one side before you know it,

like as if you wasn't fitten to tote that

puppy dog. But these sakes a sight of

trouble when folks begin to leave anything

to do with 'em. Now, there the Beath-

emods. They likes eight miles off, but

the quality is a sorter restless creature that

allers a wanderin about onter their range.

Well, they might be, and you see my

daughter Betsy Baker likes fine things,

and took to 'em mighty. She was pow-

erful anxious for 'em to come to see her,

so one Sunday she seed 'em all at meet-

ing, and axed 'em to come take dinner the

Saturday. Well, they all stood up that

in the main house an talked a power of

dictionary talk 'bout 'exceedingly,' an

'exquisitely,' an interchanging of rural

hospitality, but whether they was a

couple or no, Betsy couldn't make out.

But she run right in the kitchen, and the

way she hollered up Dilce and Alos, and

Dina, and the whole tuckin of 'em from

the later patch, and the wash-tub, and

the iron board, and all quarters, want

slow."

"Soon as I got the quality all settled,

I went out to help poor Betsy. I was

sorry for her. Such a sight as the kitchen

was! There was half picked turkeys, half

killed chickens, everybody rannin round,

and Betsy lookin like she was the demon

of cooks. Every side of the kitchen was

here, and she was turnin round all sides

at once. Says I, 'Betsy, honey, do let

me help you.' Says Betsy, 'Law, mar, what

kes you do?' 'Do pray go long in the

house and talk to them ladies, and keep

'em from pryin about, but for the Lord

sake, mar, don't talk with no body."

"Well," says I, "Betsy, I will try to

talk anything you want me to."

Says she, "Talk about the fashuns, and

Washington, what they went to last win-

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any harm, an says, 'I Thought they were

celery.' 'I'm very sorry,' says poor Betsy,

'I didn't know you preferred celery to shol-

lowers.' 'You needn't trouble yourself to be

sorry, wife,' said Barney, 'we hasn't got no

celery, an 'sint your fault they don't grow

here."

Arter a while one on 'em had got, ery-

thing out of 'er plate right clean, an

says she, 'Mr. Baker, I believe I will

change my plate, and take a bit of that

goose."