

NATHAN MARTIN'S THANKSGIVING

"Fire-Fan-faster!"

These were words of Nathan Martha to his horse, Fan. He was urging her forward over the freshly fallen the whiteness of the snow was the |-into a batch of cold, smothering sea

Through the break in the firs at the right could be seen a building. From its roof was rolling a cloud of smoke, It was not Nathan Martin's will as owner, but he had hired it. had put new machinery into it, and was expecting to run it. The owner was Mrs. Paulina Gregory, the widow of Holomon Gregory.

"Oh, Fan, faster!" he yelled. "Nobody in sight, and there's my saill burning! I can see the flames all over the roof. Nobody round, and st's just a bonfire that nobody cares about. Nathan Martin's hopes all turning into ashes. To-morrow's Thanksgiving day. Don't believe I'll ing. play my violin in the choir. Oh,

dear!" Fan had now arrived at the mill. Nathan jumped out of his pung and walked around the crimson, smoldering heap. He could not enter the building, for there was no building to

be entered. Luckily, no corn had been stored there, and he had not brought any account books as yet. In anticipation, though, of business coming, there was \$100 worth of new machinery that Nathan had put in.

He wasted until the ashes sank lower, then he turned, and this thought was in his heart: "I wonder if it wouldn't be a good plan to step up and tell the bad news to the widow. Quees her seat will be empty, too, in the meeting house to-morrow."

The Widow Gregory, as it was the day before Thankagiving, had gone to her table and was making preparation for the cooking of an extensive batch

She was a very good-looking woman, but her daughter Kitty's good looks threw her mother's quite into the shade.

Kitty Gregory has made this confesion to herself: "Poor fellow! He's going to have a dreadfully lonely time flows in that old mill. He is too fine a fellow to be shut up there. If a young woman had ever an idea of marsying anyone it would be safe to accept him. If that young man is really going to that lonely, old mill, I wonfor if I could do anything to cheer him

She thought a moment—then she smiled—then she burst out laughing. "T'll do ft!" she exclaimed. "I'll ge one of mother's mince ples and take tt down there to-night, Tuesday. know how to get into the mill and I'll leave the pie in what he calls his office. There, won't that make him hap-I'll get mother to let me have pie before it is baked and I'll mark a K on the cover—that will set him to wondering-there are lots of Kittles

That evening a solitary figure stole my to a little side door of the mill. Nathan had often said he must have



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fork put on that door; it had never ne. Kitty Gregory, stole was a very palatable mines pie, ter matches and lighted the

our, said Kitty; "the

beside the channel along which sped [I thought it might please Nathan, and the water to the sea.

If Kitty had thrown her matches a foot farther away they would have ther snow. In contrast with fallen where she expected them to fall water. Kitty, though, was not thinking of

anything under the mill floor, but of that nook up stairs that Nathan laughingly had told her would be his office. "He hasn't any desk in it," thought Kitty, "for he didn't want to run in debt, which mother thought showed a very good quality in a young man; but he has one chair, for he said he might have a customer and he would like to give him a seat, and I'll put the pie in the chair."

She left her pie and went down through the mill to the side door. "Phew! do I smell smoke?" thought Kitty. She finally decided it was noth-

Next morning the fire in the rubbish heap, after smoldering all night, broke



to be the bearer of

out into the most lively and fatal ac-

And to think that the widow Gregory, up to the middle of the forenoon, had not seen that fire from her window by the cooking table! But her mind, like that of any good worker, was on the work in hand, not on scenery half a mile away. She was thinking of that subject so absorbing to housekeepers the day before Thanksgiving -pie-making. She did finally glance down the road leading to the mill.

"Why," she said, "what makes it so smoky down by the mill, and who is this man-looks like a tramp-coming up to the door?" Kitty ran to the window which was close by the out-

aide door. "That old mill!" she exclaimed. "Oh, don't think I'd be willing to marry the man that ran our mill," she added in her thoughts, "unless, perhaps, it were-Nathan Martin."

Her sentence was interrupted by the opening of the outside door. The man that entered heard a cheerful, vigorous vioce saying: "Oh, I don't think I'd be willing to marry the man that ran our mill." The man groaned, but said to himself: "I suppose I must face the music."

In the miserable, tramp-like being that stood before them, Kitty and her mother saw Nathan Martin-he was opening a package.

"I am very very sorry, Mrs. Gregory and Kitty, to be the bearer of bad news. I'd have given anything if I could have helped it, but I did not know anything about it till a boy came and told me your mill was afire. think I know how it started. I found, near the door, the fragment of a chair that stood in which I called my 'office.' I think a tramp got in there, stayed all night and started a fire. Here, I think, is a part of what he had for breakfast. Mrs. Gregory, I am very sorry. I don't suppose you will feel like going to Thanksgiving tomorrow morning, I don't."

"Why not? Why shouldn't I go?" asked Mrs. Gregory. "I have something left, and haven't you'" "Well," said he, "I shall think it

over. How much is left to me?" "We'll leave it this way, Nathan. If you'll come along in your pung tomorrow morning, I shall see you, and you let me and Kitty get in."

Kitty Gregory was overwhelmed with confusion, and was unable to say these matches down that s word, but she had been thinking at express train speed.
The moment Nathan had gone, ran up to the package he had left a

can to examine it. "Oh, mothe

I took up a pie to the mill that might have a pleasant surprise finding it. Now, this will prove it. What is that letter on the pie?"

"S," said her mother. "No," said Kitty, "It is K. You know what K stands for, I hope? K is for Kitty, and it was dreadfully silly in me," said the girl, whose sorrowful eyes were like violets in the dew. "I am afraid my matches, dropped through a crack where I thought they would fall into the water, must have lighted on something else! Oh, I am sorry, mother! You have lost your

"But I haven't lost you, dear. You are left," said the mother, giving Kitty a warm embrace, "I told Nathan Martin to think of what was left, and I'm going to do it."

Poor Nathan Martin! He went down the road saying, "Mrs. Gregory told me to think of what I had left. Now, she has Kitty! But what did 1 Lear Kitty say when I opened the door -'I won't marry the man'-it was something like that, 'that runs our mill."

Looking out of the kitchen window a little before meeting time, Kitty's mother saw a horse and sleigh in the yard. The occupant of the sleigh had left it. Mrs. Gregory could hear his coming footstep. She knew who it was, for she could see a violin box projecting from the steigh.

"I have called for you and Kitty," said Nathan. "If you say so, we'll all go to meeting. I have been thinking it over, and I feel that there is much

"Nathan," said Kitty's mother, laying her hand on the young man's shoulder, "there is much left. You've got a friend in me. You've got a friend in yourself. You've got a friend in God."

It was a wonderful service that day, so Nathan Martin always thought. The service over, the people separated to their homes and their bountiful din-

"We want you to take dinner with us, Nathan," said Mrs. Gregory, and of course there could be no resistance to that invitation.

Kitty was busy with preparations for the feast, but she told Nathan she wanted to see him in the fore room just as soon as she had a spare mo-There, in a frank and pitiful way,

she held out the supposed tramp's breakfast and told Nathan she was the incendiary. Nathan wouldn't hear of it, but

Kitty seemed to take satisfaction in insisting upon her explanation, and then Nathan's power as a comforter was called in play. "I don't think you did it, Kitty, I'm afraid you don't have confidence in my

opinion." "But I do," said Kitty, "I think a great deal of you."

When Kitty opened such a door, what wonder that Nathan entered. He recalled what he heard her say the day before, and then Kitty had to confess what he did not hear-her un-



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spoken admission that he was the ex-

ceptional miller. "Where are those young people!" wondered the Widow Gregery. She went to different rooms. A knock at the fore room door was successful. "Come right in," said Nathan. "W want your blensing, mother."

What?" she asked; wonderingly. "You know I am your friend and you Tes, I know I had the mother. Man

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ply. "It was a present to me." "A present," repeated the friend, "Let's see! Who's been here lately? Any of your girlhood friends?"

"Sometimes a family friend, passing through-

"Not the case this time." "Mrs. Baxter feit very grateful to you for-"

"She didn't send it." "There was that friend of your hus-

band that visited here-"It didn't come from him." "Oh, I know now. You won it on a

"Wrong again." "Has any old friend disappointed you at dinner? Sometimes they try to square things-"

"No." "Well. I give it up." "Try guessing the most unlikely person in the world, considering that it's five pounds of the most expensive candy and not a little 50-cent box."

"Your husband?" "Right." "Heavens! He must have been dosomething awful."-Brooklyn

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Fraternal Celegate Urges an International Alliance of

Labor.

SCORES CAPITALISTS

Representative of the Church Association for the Advancement of Labor Declares That the Money Interest is an Unnatural Child.

Boston dispatch: Delegates to the American Federation of Labor evidenced the greatest enthusiasm when the plan for an international labor federation was laid before the gathering. The proposition for an international ailiance was made by James O'Grady, fraternal delegate from the cabinetmakers and upholsterers of Great Britain. He urged that the workingmen of the two countries work in harmony. James Simpson of Toronto, a member of the International Typographical Union, supported the plan.

Gompers Loses Overcoat. President Compers caused some excitement when he announced that some one had stolen his overcoat. He did not care for the loss of the garment, but with it were taken some documents "which," he said, "might mean much to a poor fellow whom we have declared guiltless of wrong, but who, if these documents got into wrong hands, may be imprisoned."

There was a fierce debate regarding the seating of the Bakers and Confectioners' International Union delegates, who were excluded by the convention when it adopted the report of the credentials committee. The trouble was precipitated by the receipt of a telegram from the Journeymen Bakers Union of Cleveland, demanding the seating of the delegates, John Guild, Matthew Steels and Emil Shaerer,

Fraternal Delegates Speak. The three fraternal delegates, Will iam Mullen of the British Textile Workers, James O'Grady of the British Trades Congress and James Simpson were presented and they made interesting addresses. Mr. O'Grady advocated the adoption of political action by the unions.

"We have taken a leaf out of the book of the glorious Irish parliamentary party," he said, "and by the force of united political action we hope to gain substantial advantages."

Laborers to Make Laws. Mr. Mullen described the effect of the Taff-Vale case on British unions, saying that as a result the labor men of England will send a great number of candidates to parliament, who will form themselves into a labor group and work on trades union lines.

Mr. Simpson said that when the recent decision of an international tribunal gave a strip of territory which Canada thought was hers to the United States it caused no ill feeling in the minds of Canadian labor men.

Capital Fights Its Mother. Miss Harriette Keyser, representing the church association for the advancement of the interests of labor, read the principles of the organization, declaring that the association had sixty bishops affiliated with it, and had been the friend of labor when it was "the under dog." Capital to-day is fighting its own mother, labor, she said.

FIND REMAINS ON THE HIGHWAY

Fatal Wound of Federal Official Is Probably Due to Suicide.

Carbondale, Ill., dispatch: The remains of United States Commissioner Perry L. Claxton were found three miles east of this city with a pistol shot through the lower part of the body. The remains lay in the highway, a short distance from the Illinois Central railroad. They were taken in charge by a train crew and brought to Carterville. His death is supposed to be self-inflicted, but it may prove a case of foul play. He leaves a wife and one child.

LATEST CASH MARKET REPORT.

Chicago—No. 2 red, 80681c.
New York—No. 2 red, 84%c.
St. Louis—No. 2 red, 88%687c.
Kansas City—No. 2 hard, 726724c.
Milwaukee—No. 1 northern, 814682c.
Minneapolis—No. 1 northern, 78%c.
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Omaha \$4.60@4.90.
SHEEP AND LAMBS. Chicago \$2,00@5.75. Kansas City-\$2.00@5.38, St. Louis-\$2.00@5.56,

Omaha-\$2.00@4.50. Troops at Santander.

Santander, Spain, cablegram: There is little amelioration in the strike situation here. Troops are patrolling the streets. Many arrests have been made. The wealthier families are leaving Santander.

Transport Arrives.

San Francisco special: The transport Thomas has arrived from Maaila. She has on hoard Companies G a H of the Fifteenth cavalry, and experienced a typhoon on the trip.

HAPPY WOMEN. Mrs. Purs. wife of C. B. Pare, & promine a t resident of Glasgow. Ky., says: "I was suf-

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sation. I can rest well, my back is

strong and sound and I feel much bet-

Reversible Skirt. An English tailor has invented a reversible skirt for women who travel much and desire to carry as little baggage as possible. The English, who, as a rule, are not particularly good dressers, have some very excellent ideas for traveling gowns. The reversible skirt is made of material plain on one side and checked on the other. It answers the purpose of two skirts, as it can be worn with either surface uppermost. Another English skirt intended for mountain wear has buttons and an arrangement for turning up the hem while climbing.

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