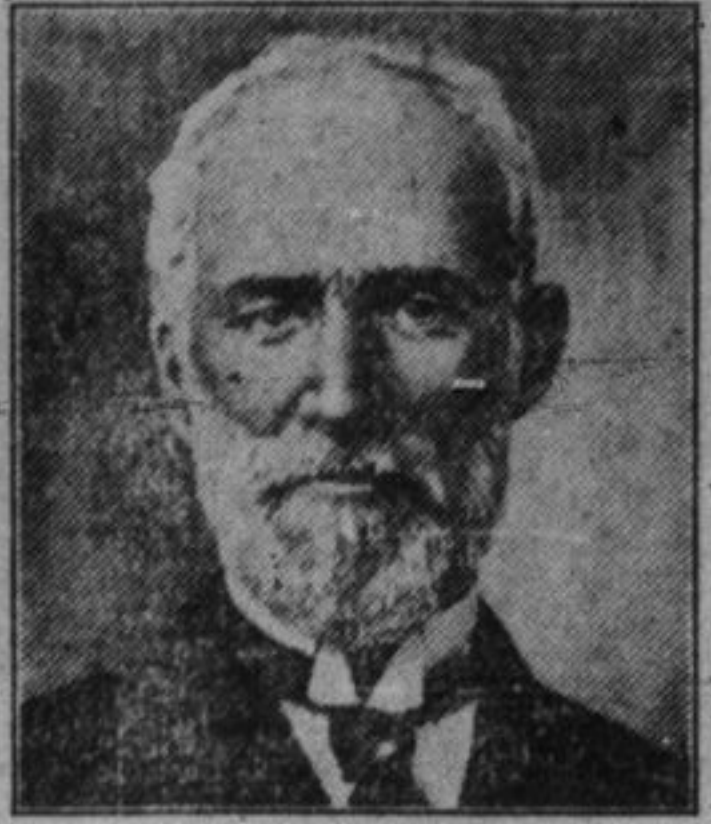


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An Eloping Luncheon

"I simply must tell somebody," said Anne.

The old barn was a quiet place for confidence. In her little girl days Anne had often run across the road to tell her troubles to her boy neighbor.

Justin always helped her out. He helped her now. "Tell me all about it," he said in his brisk way.

"It's Barbara," Anne's face was troubled; "she tried so hard to put on style."

Justin laughed. "What's the latest?"

"She wanted to give a luncheon to the people we met last winter when we spent a week at Uncle John's. There's one young man who was desperately fond of Babs, and he and his sister are coming up, and Babs is worried for fear we won't know how to do the proper thing."

Justin whistled. "I can't imagine things being done properly at your house—your mother is the real thing-in-hostesses."

"Of course, she is," said Anne, "but Babs says we aren't up-to-date. And when mother suggested that, as they were coming at noon, we'd better give them a country dinner, Babs insisted that we have a luncheon in courses, with the room darkened, and candles!"

"She didn't!"

"Yes, she did, and that isn't the worst of it. Mother's feelings are hurt. She feels that Babs thinks she is old-fashioned, and doesn't fit in with the red candle shades and the grape-fruit salad."

"Don't you worry," Justin consoled her. "Babs doesn't really mean anything."

"Yes, I know," Anne agreed, "she's the dearest thing, Justin, but she'll make a big mistake if she tries to put on before the Osbournes. Mary Osbourne is as simple and sensible as possible, and so is Louis, and if he's really in love with Babs, he'll care twice as much for her when he sees her with all of us in a pleasant, informal way."

As they walked to the door together, Justin looked down at little Anne. "I wish I could help you out," he said.

She shook her head. "You can't," she answered. "Babs has made up her mind, and all the things she had thought are on the shelf in the pantry. And I know that luncheon is going to be a failure, Justin. Imagine giving city people lobster Newburg when you could offer them one of mother's chicken pies!"

"That's right," said Justin. "Did you say those things were on the pantry shelf?"

"Yes, why?"

Justin's glance swept toward the square white house opposite and to the big apple tree that overhung the pantry window.

"Look here, Anne," he said, suddenly, "don't you worry. Things will come out all right."

"They can't," dejectedly.

"You take my word for it," he said.

"I wish you would always take my word for things, Anne—"

"Why, I do," said Anne.

"I haven't been able yet," said Justin, "to convince you that I really mean it when I say I love you."

"Oh, that's different," said the blushing Anne.

She was somewhat surprised when Justin came over that night to find that his visit had to do chiefly with her mother.

"Barbara wanted you to help with the place cards," she said.

Justin's eyes twinkled. "Your mother and I," he said, "have been discussing in the kitchen a matter of grave importance."

Anne blushed, then felt a little hurt as he went away without his usual talk with her.

And out in the kitchen, Mrs. Bachelor was bustling around in a sudden flurry. "Hannah," she said to the maid, "I want you to kill three chickens and build up the fire. I am going to bake a coconut cake after the girls go to bed."

Anne and Babs slept on the third floor. Their room overlooked the apple tree. At midnight Anne was awakened by Barbara's whisper, "Listen, Anne."

Anne sat up in bed, and in the shadowy moonlight she saw a dark figure creep out from under the apple tree, fit down the path and disappear in the darkness.

"It's a burglar," cried Babs, excitedly, "but I believe we have frightened him away."

"Why—what?" she stammered, "where did you put my things, mother?"

"I haven't touched them," Mrs. Bachelor asserted.

"Then they are stolen," said Barbara, after a frantic search. "It was a ramp, Anne, after all."

Anne's practical mind at once faced the problem. "The Osbournes will be here in two hours," she said, "and what are we going to give them?"

Mrs. Bachelor came to the rescue, beaming. "You leave that to me," she said. "I will do my best with a chicken pie."

Barbara sighed. "Well, I hope," she announced, disconsolately, "it will rain."

But it did not rain, and when the Osbournes arrived the air was sweet with the perfume of lilacs, and the two girls waiting on the porch made a pretty picture in their white gowns.

"What a glorious place," Louis Osbourne exclaimed. "I didn't dream Babs, that I should find you framed in such a perfect colonial doorway."

"Do you really like it?" Babs asked, doubtfully.

"It's the most satisfying sight I have seen for many a day," said Louis, "but don't let us talk about doorways. It's you I want to talk about, Babs."

As they went into the big dining-room, Babs gave a little gasp of surprise. She had not known that her mother could make it so pretty, with its great silver bowl of daffodils, and the gold-banded china.

When the chicken pie was served, Mrs. Bachelor clapped her hands. "Mrs. Bachelor," she said, "if there

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