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By F. A. MITCHEL ......

Miss Gwendolen Archer, aged eighteen, was an earnest church worker. There was only one trouble about Miss Archer-so said the older ladles of the church-she was rather inclined to take affairs into her own hands. She had served on a committee to send boxes of clothing and other domestic articles to ministers in out of the way places the largeness of whose families was proportionate to the smallness of their salaries. Becoming restive at being subordinated to older women, it occurred to Miss Archer to pack a box and send it away herself.

When she had got together sufficient articles, consisting principally of such as would be needed by children, she looked over the list of impecunious ministers with large families and selected one that stood higher on the list than some to whom boxes had been



sent. Why this family had been omitted 'she did not know, and since she was acting independently she did not

There was at this time in the southwest a sort of missionary station pre-sided over by the Rev. Francis Kap-her frankly what he wanted as well ian. His parishioners were plainsmen, cowpunchers, Indians, greasers and son in his flock with whom he could associate on familiar terms. It was lonesome out there in the home of the cactus, and Mr. Kaplan sighed for a companion. He was thinking of writing to some of the ladies in the east who had sent him to his field of labor to ship him a wife when one day he received a box.

Mr. Kaplan opened it, wishing that ne might find a wife packed in excelsior, a real flesh and blood wife, who would be a companion to him in his exile. Taking off the cover, he saw inside on top of various articles a paper on which was written in a woman's hand, "If you want anything else send to Miss Gwendolen Archer." The

ddress was added. Taking up an article, he unfolded a little girl's petticoat; the next was a nightle; a third was a pair of boy's knickerbocker tronsers. Then came toys f various kinds, children's shoes, stockings that had been often darned and some much thumbed schoolbooks. Now, though Mr. Kaplan had no chil-

dren to use these articles, there were plenty of little Mexicans and pickaninnies who would be only too glad to get them. He turned them over to some women of his flock for distribution, and various children who had been running about nearly naked were now better covered.

Mr. Kaplan wrote Miss Archer, thanking her for her donation, and, referring to her paper on which was written that if he wanted anything else to send to her, he said. "There is one thing I need very much, but since | dered. it is not an easy thing to get I hesitate to ask for it." He did not inform her that since he had no family of his own he had given the things to those who had, but he said some other things that were not called for-namely, that he was sure Miss Archer must be a very practical Christian and al-

together lovely. Then followed by correspondence a kind of twenty questions game. The young lady asked whether the object desired belonged to the animal, vegetable or mineral kingdom. The reply was the animal kingdom. Was it a pet? Yes, it was intended for a pet. Then followed a number of questions as to what kind of an animal it wasdog, cat, parrot or such like? The answer to all these questions was in

he negative. Miss Archer, not making bendway in the matter, concluded to consult he minister. The minister, Dr. Hawley, listened to her and took Mr. Rapinn's letters, which he promised to read and

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however, turned them over to his wife with instructions to read them and re Mrs. Hawley read the letters and,

considering them rather strange epis tles for a clergyman and a man of family to be writing to a young girl, consulted with the chairman of the committee for sending supplies to indigent clergymen. Then it came out that, the ladies having learned that Mr. Kaplan bad no wife or children, his name had been erased from their list. It also came out that Miss Archer, instead of working under orders, had been doing so on her own book. Mrs. Hawley and the ladies of the committee saw at once that the article Mr. Kaplan wanted was a wife.

Miss Archer received a note from ber pastor that he had turned Mr. Kaplan's letters over to his wife, who would' endeavor to solve the riddle. Mrs. Hawley's report was long de-

layed. One day a member of the supply committee showed Miss Archer a photograph of a handsome young clergyman and asked her how she liked his appearance. Miss Archer expressed herself very much pleased with it. Later on another member of the committee asked Miss Archer to exchange photographs with her. The meaning of these two photographic incidents was made known to Mr. Kaplan by Mrs. Hawley, who had written him saying that she would be happy to assist in supplying the article he needed and apologizing for Miss Archer's having prematurely sent him the children's clothes, the girl having supposed him to be married. So Mr. Kaplan, at Mrs. Hawley's suggestion, sent her his photograph, and she sent him Miss Archer's.

One day Mrs. Hawley reported to Miss Archer that she had written Mr. Kaplan and he had given her the name of the article he wanted. Miss Archer was all eagerness to hear the solution of the matter and was much disappointed when she was told that it was not best that she should know tue name of the article, but it would be sent to Mr. Kaplan and if Miss Archer chose she would be commissioned by the church committee to take it to

Miss Archer was more puzzled than ever. Why was it not sent by express? The reply to this was that, being an animal, it must eat and, being a very high bred and valuable animal, it could not well be intrusted to the care of the employees of an express company. Miss Archer thought the matter over and decided to decline the commission. She saw no reason why she should have the responsibility of a pet dog or cat on a long journey to a benighted country. Why, the idea was too ab surd for anything. If Mr. Kaplan wanted a pet he could come and get it. When this reply was made to Mrs. Hawley the matter, so far as Miss Archer knew, was dropped. Then one day she was informed that Mr. Kap-lan was coming for his pet, and, since be had written her about it, she was to give it to him when he arrived. Miss Archer was somewhat miffed at west a sort of missionary station pre this, saying that she saw no reason tended bringing his wife and family with him and was told that he did not. She said that she had been both would send no more boxes of supplies that she had brought the matter upon herself by working independent of the

One day Miss Archer was much surrised at receiving a card on which was engraved the name of Mr. Kap

"Well," she exclaimed, "I'm glad e has come. Now I suppose this oother will be ended. But I haven't anything for him. I wonder that Mrs. Hawley basn't sent it."

Expecting to see an old, elderly or middle aged man, she did not take pains to improve her toilet, but went downstairs just as she was. On en tering the drawing room she stopped short on the threshold. A young man about twenty-five years old rose to greet her. She recognized him at once as the person whose photograph she had admired.

"I have come to thank you," he said, with a very pleasant smile, "for the articles you sent me."

"You didn't expect to see a man of my age?" "No; I did not"

"I have no wife or children, so 1 gave the things in the box to the children of others.' "You're not married?" By this time

a blush was spreading itself over her face, not that she dreamed of what he had come for, but that she had blun-

things you sent came very handy, I as-Then the remembrance of this mysterious thing he wanted came to her.

"Wby," she asked, "couldn't you bave written me about this-this pet"-A suspicion of the truth came suddenly rushing upon her. The slight blush of a moment ago became a deep

crimson. Thus far the interview was given by either one or the other of the parties concerned, but here the account ends What further passed between the young couple was not revealed. Mr. Kaplan was obliged to go back very soon to his charge, and Miss Archer had to the meanwhile become so in fatuated with him that she would not let him go alone. So there was a

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