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One contended that she should be addressed as "Mrs. Governor So-and-So." The other stoutly insisted that she was simply "Mrs. Blank, wife of Governor Blank." They finally agreed to leave the matter to the first man they met. He proved to be an Irishman. They stated the case to him, and asked for his decision.

"Nayther of yez is right," he said, after a moment of severe cogitation. "The wife of a governor is a governess."

Poor Aunt Mary

Mrs. Flint was a very stern woman, who demanded instant and unquestioning obedience from her children. A storm came up and she sent her son John to close the trap leading to the flat roof of the house—

"But, mother—" said John. "John, I told you to shut the trap." "Yes, but mother—" "John, shut that trap!"

"All right, mother, if you say so, but—" "John!" John slowly climbed the stairs and shut the trap. The afternoon went by and the storm howled and raged. Two hours later the family gathered for tea, and when the meal was half over Aunt Mary, who was staying with Mrs. Flint, had not appeared. Mrs. Flint started an investigation. She did not have to ask many questions; John answered the first one. "Please, mother, she is up on the roof."

His Nearest Neighbor

Am excellent and pertinent suggestion was that once made by an old Quaker lady to a grumbling man. The man had formerly lived near the Quakeress, and from his boyhood had been in the habit of finding fault with his neighbors, their ways of living, their speech and ideas.

He moved to another town, and on his first return to his birthplace called on his Quaker friend, who had to listen to a catalogue of the faults of his new neighbors. She spoke as soothingly as possible, but her words produced no effect.

In the course of five years the man's business led him to make a second move, and on his next visit to his native town the old Quakeress was again favored with a call.

"How does thee like thy new home, William?" she asked.

"Oh, the town's all well enough," said the man, in his usual complaining tone, "but the people are queer. I can't get along with them. They're not what I call good neighbors. I wish to the land I could find somebody that was the kind to live near. It seems strange, with living in three places, I've had bad luck in my neighbors every time."

"William," said the little old Quakeress, looking straight across at the moody face opposite, "I think the trouble may be partly that wherever thee moves, one of the neighbors moves with thee. Why not leave him behind the next time, or at least ask other folk's opinion of him before thee moves again?"

Human Nature

A little Cambridge girl was discovered whispering in school, and the teacher asked:

"What were you saying to the little girl next to you when I caught you whispering?"

The little culprit hung her head for a moment and then replied:

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