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Once upon a Time there was a Self-Made Citizen who manufactured a Patent Churn. He had been married for thirty-four Years, and had three Children who were Grown Up and Married. He had Grubbed along all his Life. In his Youth he never had gone High Rolling because he had been learning a Trade. His Compensation consisted of Board and Clothes and a Yarn Comforter every Christmas. After he got Married it was a Case of planting all the Small Change so as to be there with the Rent Money on the First.

In Time the Churn Maker got the Grip: Vine Twist on Adversity and Won Out. He had all kinds of Collateral, and they began to be Pleasant to him at the Bank. He could have written his Check for Six Figures, but he never did.

He continued to live in the same Modest Style and his Habits seemed to be Fixed. He never ordered any Hot House Grapes for fear they would spoil his Appetite for Prunes. He used a Bone Collar Button and a Ready-Made Bow Tie that fastened on with an Elastic.

One Day was the same as another to him. He would arise at half-past 6, and go out to feed the Horse and look at the Thermometer. Then he would have his Fried Steak and two Cups of Mother's Coffee, and start for the Factory to go through the Mall and try to put a Compress on the Pay Roll. The Women along that Street could set their Clocks by him, for he always came home to Dinner just at ten minutes past twelve. After he had disposed of the Roast Beef and Trimmings and had his Wedge of Pie, he would feed the Horse again and try to estimate how much longer the Coal was going to last. Then back to the Place where the Churns were made. At half-past 5 he would return for Supper. When they had Company they called it Tea. In the Evening, if there was no Grand Army Campfire or Prayer Meeting, he would hold down a Rocking Chair in the Sitting Room. He seldom wore a Coat around the House. He had a Pair of Velvet Slippers, worked for him by his Daughter-in-Law, and when he put them on in the Evening he groaned with Satisfaction. He would sit and read Churn Literature until half-past 9, and then he would turn out the Cat, wind the Clock, fix the Damper on the Furnace and connect with the Feathers. At half-past 6 next Morning he was up to repeat the Routine.

After thirty-four years of this he found himself a Widower. For a Time he moped and dropped around by himself, and the Blackest Clothes he could get were not half Black enough. Although he still lived at the House, he took his Meals out at a Boarding House conducted by a Lady who had driven her own Carriage at one time, and said so at every Meal.

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