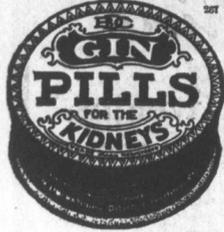


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The LODGE

For a Time There Was a Doubt as to Its Occupancy.

By F. A. MITCHEL

John Ricketts, gardener on a country place, entered upon his day's duties by trimming the hedges. It was a bright spring morning, and the sun shone down upon John at his work.

Twenty years before the owner of the place, a widow, Mrs. Alexander, had a housekeeper who, dying, left a little daughter, a babe. The child was without any one of her own kin to care for her, and Mrs. Alexander assumed the responsibility.

John, who was driving a stake, did not look up and failed to see a glance that his employer gave the girl. Anne turned away and walked toward the house. Alexander joined her, and John, having driven the stake, looked after them.

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John ceased to trim the hedge, lowered his shears and looked thoughtful. Had he been older he would probably have kept his thoughts to himself.

The only woman I want for a wife, Mr. Alexander," he said, "wouldn't live in a porter's lodge."

"The woman I refer to was brought up in too fine a fashion to live in any house except that of a gentleman."

"Is she a lady, John?" asked Alexander, with evident surprise.

"Well, John," Alexander replied, moving on, "I can't settle your love affairs for you. I can only say that I shall build the lodge and if you wish to live in it you will be welcome to do so."

Not long after this Alexander, aided by John, was staking out the lines for the foundations of the lodge.

"I'm going to build a lodge here," said Mr. Alexander. "John will live in it. I have suggested his taking a wife to keep him company."

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The thought brought with it infinite sorrow. Although Alexander was nearly double the girl's age, that was no reason why she should not marry him.

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"What's that Mr. Alexander was saying to you about being married and living in the lodge?"

"He wants some one at the gate; what for I don't know. There has never been any gatekeeper since the place was built."

"Who is it you're thinking of marrying?"

"John looked up, surprised. "He's been talking to you," he said.

"How do you know?"

"Perhaps she might do better. She might be mistress of a country place of her own."

"She might not wish to be."

Anne was looking into vacancy. What she was thinking John did not know.

At any rate, she was not controlling her thoughts. They were controlling her. There was a step on the gravel walk, and Alexander, approaching, saw the girl standing near his gardener.

John looked wistfully into her face. A frown denoted that an idea had entered Alexander's brain similar to the one that had struck John when Anne and Alexander had walked away from him on the day the foundation line of the lodge was being staked out.

"Well, John, the lodge is nearly ready for you. How about the girl who is to occupy it with you? Has she consented to live in so humble a dwelling?"

"I fear not," replied John. "Where I had one doubt on the day I gave you my confidence I have a dozen today."

"How is that, John?"

"That would be to discuss matters which I have no right to discuss."

Let us drink to John Ricketts, the occupant of the lodge, including his future wife, who will occupy it with him, for, as the good book says, 'It is not good for man to be alone.'

All drunk, looking at John. The toast had evidently stirred in him some strong emotion.

"I shall occupy the lodge alone," he said. "She whom I would like to occupy it with me will not live in a lodge, but a mansion, of which she is worthy."

There was that in John's tone to put a sober look on the assembly. Alexander knit his brows. Then something happened to the astonishment of all.

As soon as Alexander could recover himself he advanced to the couple and offered his congratulations. Then there was a babel of congratulations from the others, after which they fell upon the feast.

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