

AMARILLY IN LOVE

for and never comin', and whenever anybody puts anything off, we say: 'You're worse than the Man at the Corners.'"

"I see that it is indeed high time I arrived."

"Hev you come to stay?"

"Not yet; I'm going to send a whole army of men down here to-morrow to make over the house and fix up the place."

"You ain't goin' to put any 'keep the grass off' signs up, are you?" she asked anxiously.

"No; the whole place will be open to you."

"We've come to feel like it was our'n. Me and Iry and Ceely play there. That thicket's swell for hide-and-seek. Flam takes his girl down there to spark. Milt and Gus fish in the river. Lily Rose goes down to read when she has time and sets on your porch. The Boarder hunts in your woods. I hope you ain't in no hurry. You could beat Doxy walking."

She gave the ample back of the horse an encouraging slap with the reins which, however, awakened no incentive to speed.

"Hustle up, Dox! You know there ain't no hearse back of you. We bought him from a minister," she explained, "and he led