AUNT SUSAN'S VISIT

(The parlor door opens and all come in. Aunt Susan much surprised. As many as desired can be present. Aunt Susan surrounded by luggage).

(Much confusion and laughing).

- Senator Smith—(Raps for silence). Mr. Tibbs, we have taken the liberty of invading your house to-night to pay farewell to one whose influence for good has in some miraculous manner affected the whole town. I mean Aunt Susan of Pepper's Corners (clapping). Friend of my youth and I am proud to say dear friend of my manhood (cheers).
- Aunt Susan—What is that you are saying, Sammy? You was always one for talking you was, being how they came to send you to the Parliament, I am thinking. John Thomas, you and Sammy move that feather bed, working is better than talking any day (all laugh).
- Senator—Just a minute, Aunt Susan, I am requested on behalf of those here this evening to present you with a slight token of their appreciation of yourself and of your visit to our city, our hope is that it may tick off many happy years.
- Mrs. Weakly—(Makes presentation of watch and chain, puts it on neck. Aunt Susan pleased but self possessed). It is such a pleasure, dear Mrs. Tibbs for one to do this—I never will forget how good you were when my Jimmy had the convulsions.
- Aunt Susan—Why, I only put him in hot water, child, as most any one would have did; but (louder) you folks should not have laid out so much money for me, I always try to help folks in trouble, not expecting to be noticed in particular.
- Father-That is Aunt Susan, helpfulness and unselfishness combined.
- Senator-Now, Aunt Susan, after your friends shake hands with you, we will have a little programme.
- Alice-(Comes and kisses her) Dear Aunt Susan I am so glad.
- Senator—With your consent, Mr. Tibbs, I think this is as good a place as any to announce to those present my engagement to your daughter Alice. (Alice runs out, Much cheering).
- Aunt Susan—I saw you was keeping company with her, Sammy, (takes both their hands) be good to her, Sammy, women ain't like men folks, it is the little things and attentions as

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