Miss Desire Prim's Will.

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'The old have many a whimsy without knowing it, and view as entirely reasonable what younger people find verging upon the absurd.' Miss Gertrude Firestone, aged forty, closed her lips firmly and looked severly at her niece, Nannie Harrod.

Nannie returned no answer, and Miss Firestone continued vigorously: 'It is nothing but a foolish whim'y on Miss Desire Prim's part. Why, the little that she has is of no earthly account, and from what I can hear, her will is an elaborate as it she had millions to leave.' Then, with an expression of contempt for Miss Desire Prim on her tace, she left the room.

'I have remembered her in my will,'

'I have remembered her in my will,'
timorously confided the old woman to a
neighbor, 'but I assure you I was almost

fraid to do so. I really was.'

Now the neighbor did not mean to betray Miss Desire's confidence, but she, un-forfunately, had a husband who loved a joke; and when he heard from his wife that the poorest woman in the village had remembered the richest in her will, he had to share his news with an equally minded friend, and after that confidence the news had plain sailing.

Nannie sighed. 'I wish sunt had a whimsy,' she thought. 'She is so uncom-fortable to live with!'

Now there was no reason why Miss Firestone should declaim and pour out vials of wrath because Miss Desire Prim saw fit to make a will; but having begun at an early age to face the world with a frown, she had kept on, till now the least thing that displeased her roused her temper. Poor little Miss Desire Prim was actually

However, it reached the one most interested long after it had been discussed by

of Miss Firestone's expression of disgust over Miss Desire's folly in making a will when she learned that she was one of the

poor old woman's legatees.

As it happened, Miss Firestone heard the news from Namie with a stare of astonishment, but she uttered no word. She really had a heart, and it was touched. In fancy she saw the timid old woman, who always colored at meeting her and visibly trembled in embarrassment.

She had seen the interior of Miss Desire's small and forlorn house, and now it rose before her. There was not a thing in it that was not worn to shabbiness and beyond; and one of those things, or per-haps some article of Miss Firestone's share. She found herself idly wondering what it would be, but never a word came to her mind about the whimsies of age.

Miss Firestone had had a hard life. cheated, her untiring and successful toil to

up her fortunes by economy and thrift had made her apparently unfeeling.

Nannie watched her uneasily. 'Don't you think it was lovely in her, aunt?' she nally gentured.
'Who? What?' responded Miss Fire-

stone, rousing herself. Then, compre-hending, she answered, 'Oh yes, yes, love-

ly enough? and left the room.

Her nicce looked after her doubtfully.

'Well, I'm glad I told her, anyway,' she said. 'I don't believe she will do anything to hurt Miss Desire's feelings, after

The next day Miss Prim and Miss Fire stone met in the street. Miss Firestone saw the frail old figure a block away, coming slowly, and her eyes sottened. Nearer the two drew tog-fiher, and as they pass deach other Miss Firestone said good morning so pleasantly that Miss Desire forgot blush and tremble and went her were: blush and tremble, and went her way in

The man who delivered a load of wood that afternoon at Miss Firestone's might not have agreed with Miss Prim in regard to Miss Firestone's crossness, for he had brought scant measure and poor wood, and he was compelled to take a lower price than be had asked.

Miss Firestone had once talked over with a friend this disposition on the part of men who had wood to sell.

make a fuss with them ' They will not cheat me !' Miss Fire-

stone had responded grimly, and this afternoon Mr. Reuben Guylee was finding out that Miss Firestone was a truthful per-

The idea of his bringing elm when he promised to bring bickory! said Miss Firestone, as she went victoriously into the

This battle with Mr. Reuben Guylee was only one of a series which were continually waged by Miss Firestone. There was but one person in the world whom she loved, and that was her niece, Nannie Harrod; and even her she berated soundly when-

ever the girl displeased her. Miss Firestone was a shrewd woman, and she knew that outside of her own home she had tew triends. She did not realize that this very knowledge was embittering her against all the world; and as the days went by she tound in the fact that Miss Prim had remembered her in her will a sweetness which she would hardly acknowledge to herself. The thought of the foolish old woman's legacy was often in her mind.

One day Miss Firestone remonstrated with her. 'You're wearing yourselt out, Miss Prim,' she said. 'You ought not to do it.' And on that speech Miss Prim was happy a week. 'Tis plain,' she said to herselt, 'that she's never yet got an inkling that I've remembered her in my will. I've read that those that are remembered in wills are not so overcareful about those that remember 'em. I'm sure she's a that remember 'em. I'm sure she's a great deal better womam than most folks give her credit for.'

It was a week later that Nannie chanced to be making candy. 'Did you know that' some old people are as fond of sweets as children, aunt?' she asked.
'No,' responded Miss Firside, with a look of interest, seeing which Nannie went

'Miss Desire said to me not long ago,
'I'd be a dreadfully extravagant woman if

I could, my dear.'
''Would you?' I said.

'Yes,' she answered, 'I would. If I could afford it I would actually buy a box of candy.' Then she laughed and asked, 'Do you think that's dreadfully foolish of me, Nannie? I've always had such a dread of getting toolisb. Some old peo-ple do, you know,' and she looked at me wistfully. 'No, I answered. 'I like candy myself.

I often make it.'
'Do you P' she cried. 'Then that relieves my mind. For nobody would call you foolish, Nannie, and you certainly are

grown up.' '
The girl hesitated, and then said, half timidly, 'Would you object, auntie, to my taking a box of this to Miss Desire ?'

Miss Firestone looked thoughtful. 'I do not object,' she arswered, stilly. 'You may take it to her, certainly, if you wish.'

wish.'
O auntie, it you could only have seen her! exclaimed Nannie, when she returned after leaving the box. 'No little child could have been more delighted. She asked me if you ever ate candy, and when I told her you did, such a look of satisfaction came over her face! 'I can eat it now came over her face! 'I can eat it now with a clear conscience,' she said, 'and not be afraid my mind's triling me. I guess mobody in this village would think your aunt's mind was failing.'
Miss Firestone smiled, but said nothing.

She was a notable cook, and suddenly a strong temptation came to her to make one of her famous cream pies for Miss Desire but she did not immediately yield to it. 'It is I who am growing foolish,' she told herself. 'Why, I never cid such a thing in my life as to make a pie or anything else and take it to some one!

else and take it to some one!

Nevertheless, she could not help dwelling upon what her niece had told her about Miss Desire's delight over the candy. At last the temptation triumphed, and such a pie as even Miss Firestone had never made before was sent to Miss Prim by Nannie.

'For me !' exclaimed Miss Desire in trembling tones, as she removed the snowy narkin that covered it. 'For me! I've thought for some time, my dear, that your aunt was one of the good women of this village, and now I know she's the best.'

The pie had long been eaten, although the memory of it still dwelt in the hearts of giver and recipient. Miss Desire had grown still more feeble. She even noticed it herselt.

'It won't be long now till she comes into what I've left her,' whispered the old woman. 'I'most wish I'd left it all to her man. 'I'most wish t'd feit it all instead of just my mother's picture; but then may be it wouldn't have been fair to the rest of the legatees. One hadn't ought the rest of the legatees. One hadn't ought to show partiality, especially in a will, when a body's getting ready to leave this world; but there's ne'er a one of the other legatees been so good to me as she has.
Time and again she has warned me against doing too much work. And then that splendid pie! And yet I know she hasn't an inkling that I've remembered her in my

Miss Desire's chimney was old and unsafe. She made up a good fire in her stove and so busing and tremble, and went her way in a flutter of pleased excitement.

'She little thinks,' said; Miss Desire to herself, 'that I have remembered her in my will. I'm glad I did. She isn't so cross,

A neighbor had taken Miss Desire in the state of the property of the country of the co

tor the night, and the poor old woman lay softly weeping in her bed and saying to herselt, 'everything's gone! And she'll never know how much I thought of her nor how I'd remembered her in my will, for I can't tell her now; and there's that saled it is it.

splendid pie !'
Miss Firestone happened to be out of town and did not return for a week, and the first thing she heard was that Miss Prim had lost everything and was going to

"Oh yes,' laughed the friend, 'they all the poorhouse.'

They cheat me, for I don't like to 'Indeed, she's not!' declared Miss Fire-

"I s'pose you expect the town to pay for her board?" said the rudest woman of the village.
"I do not," returned Miss Firestone,

calmly.

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And now the failure of Miss Prim's physical powers seemed arrested. For Miss Firestone never did anything by halves, and the poor old woman was beautifully dressed and well taken care of. Five years she lived, and every year Miss Firestone's disposition to battle lessened, and she looked out upon the world with more lenient eyes.

'My mother's picture was the best thing I had to leave in those day when I had property,' Miss Prim would sometimes remark, 'and that was what I had willed Miss Firestone. It was burned up and she never got it but it was just the same to her as if she had. Seem; like she can't do enough for me. I sometimes think she spoils me humoring me to so much cream pie, but she says she don't; and I suppose she knows, for there's notting weak-minded about her, if she is kind-hearted. I told her once when I'd been here a year I was glad I'd remembered her in my will; and what do you think she said, when she lide the state which a sither mind you to. old woman's legacy was often in her mind. She ceased to wonder what it would be, but she often smiled to think it would be something. Why, she must care for me!' she told herselt one day.

A year went by, and Miss Desire Prim was visibly more trail and old. Still she insisted on living alone in her tmy house, and doing all but the heaviest of her work.

FOULED THE HENS ALL RIGHT.

Silas Wass's Scheme for Doubling the Production of Egge.

Until three weeks ago Silas Wass of Beddington, Maine, believed he had made the greatest discovery of the age. Mr Wass draws a pension. As his quarterly allowance does not supply all his needs he tries to make a little money by raising eggs for the Boston market. His expenses are so great that he finds little profit in the

He calculated that if every one of his hens laid 100 eggs a year he would come out even, and that every egg more than 100 was clear profit. He had read a great deal about the 200 egg producing hen in the poultry papers that he took and had spent more money than he could afford to get the right breed, but the best hen he and been able to procure would not yield more than 125 eggs a year.

But his studies and experiments had not been in vain. He observed, among other things, that the really good hens always went to their nests to lay as soon as they bopped from the roosts in the morning when the days were twenty four hours long, she would no doubt keep up the practice it she lived on a planet where the days were one-balf so long. Therefore he went to work to change the length of the

A hen is a stupid creature that mistakes any kind of darkness for night. A flock has been known to go to roost at midday during a total eclipse of the sun. Hence, he reasoned that if he could have a short night made to order along about noon the hens would take it for the real thing and would conduct business to conform to the new conditions.

The next time Wass went to Bangor to ship his eggs he brought home a great roll of curtain stuff, which was made up into heavy shades and hung on patient rollers in front of the windows in the roosting pens of his fowls. After the hens had had their breskfast one morning and most of the active ones had laid their eggs Wass | show. began to pull down the shades, letting them drop by degrees. In fifteen minutes the hens were crooning to themselves and going to roost. As soon as all were quiet Wass drew the curtains to the floor and let

them remain for half an hour. Then he walked along the pens and let in ray of light that set the roosters to crowing. As the curtains went up by degrees and the bright light filled the pens the bens flew down and ran to their feeding troughs for breakfast. When they had been ted and watered most of them mounted aloft to the nest boxes and squatted down to lay.

'I was making money hand over fist,' said Wass,' 'and was getting ready to sell county and State rights for the use of my great discovery when my hens began to shed their feathers and stopped laying. It was cold weather, and a lot of them died before new feathers could grow, because hens do not shed their feathers in the winter when left in a state of nature. The ones that lived grew stiff and dumpy, so they could hardly move about. They seemed to have caught the rheumatism.

'When I killed one to cook for the minister the meat was so tough that nobody could eat it. Then I woke up to the fact that my hene were dying from old age. They had been living two days to my one. and were worn out and old by the time they had ceased to be pullets. I was sorry things turned out that way, because I had made the greatest discovery the world has ever seen. It fooled the hens, sure enough but when I tried to honeyfogle old nature I met my match and had to give in.'

Uncle Silas Penniwise had never seen

Boston barbor before. 'This is the place, I suppose,' he said, gazing out over its blue waters, crowded with shipping, 'where our Revolutionary forefathers threw that tea overboard.

'Yes,' responded his city nephew, his eye kindling. 'I don't wonder it stirs you to the depths to look at the scene of that historic event. It marked an epoch in the world's history which no patriotic Ameri can can recall without a thrill of pride.' 'Ye es,' replied Uncle Silas, musingly. I-I wonder how much the fellers lost who

The Land of Chestnuts.

owned that tea.'

The home of chestnuts is in France, where an enthusiastic admirer declares that they are 'as common as beans in Boston.' On such an extensive scale are they cultivated that one factory in Lyons handles over twenty-five million pounds every year. The 'marron' are of course the great luxury, but among the poorer classes the smaller chestnuts, or 'chataignes'

are eaten The United States consul at Lyons, John C. Covert, visited a large chestnut factory which employs two hundred and fifty women and girls. The chestnuts are peeled and boiled and placed for three days in

a vanilla syrup; then they are drained, Havana, Ct ba, Jan. 81, Lily K. McCurdy to Chas. coated thinly with vanilla, and prepared

Mr. Covert is anxious that America should go extensively into chestnut-growing, and believes that as sugar is fifty per cent cheaper here than in France, the candied product would soon undersell the French article.

However, as marron trees do not yield profitably till they are ten years old, Mr. Covert admits that there is no immediate prospect of a reduction in the price of the candied nu's.

The girl at the stationery counter was talking to the girl from the necktie count-

'I told him, I says, 'Now look here,' I says, 'what's the use,' I says, 'of talking unless you've got something to say ?' I says. 'I don't like to hear a man shootin' off his mouth, I says, just to hear himself talk,' I says. 'Some people,'I says, sre built that way,' I says and they'll stand and gab at you,' I says, 'till they talk the arm of you, 'I says. and after they got through, I says, 'you don't know what they've been gabbin' about, I says. 'I ain't got any use,' I says, 'for those kind of people,' I says. 'And what's more,' I says, 'l ain't says. 'And what's more,' I says.
'What did he say to that?'

'He didn't say anything-the slobe! I didn't give him a chance.'

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The Awinl English Language,

The personality of Sammy Snagge is vouched for by the Pittsburg Chronicle Telegraph. Sammy has a thirst for intormation which sometimes worries his father, as the conversation quoted will 'Papa.

"Can't ans...
my. I'm busy.
'Only one, papa.'
'Well, go ahead.' 'Can't answer any questions now, Sam-

What is a bakery ?'

'A place where baking is done. You aght to know that.'

ought to know that.'
'Then is a place where voting is done a

digestive organs some work to do. These functions need exercise as much as any part of the human anatomy, but if they're delicate, give them the aid that Dr. Von Stan's Pineapple Tablets afford and you can eat anything that's wholesome and palatable—60 in a box, 35 cents.—8

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Parrsboro, March 1, to the wife of B. Dyas a son. Hants, March 6, to the wife of W. Burgess, a son. Annapolis. Feb. 27, to the wife of Hamilton, a son. Farmington, March 5, to the wife of A. Parker, a Yarmouth, March 8, to the wife of R. McDonald, a Shubenacadie, March 4, to the wife of W. Neil, a Kentville, March 3, to the wife of W. Graham,

Kings, March 9, to the wife of John Ray, a daugh-ter.

Berwick, March 8, to the wife of J. Woodworth, Point du Chene, March 12, to the wife of J. Gillard,

Pictov. March 7, to the wife of W. Bickers, a daughter. Parisboro, March 8, to the wife of B. Tucker, a daughter. Lewiston, March 3, to the wife of L. Moore, a dau hter. Halifax, Feb. 18, to the wife of Geo. Penney, s

Halifax, March 3, to the wife of John O'Leary, a Haliax, March 7, to the wife of H. Hartling, a daughter. Shubenacadie, March 13, to the wife of D Snide, Colchester, March 4, to the wife of W. Matheson,

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New Glasgow. March 5, to the wife of Y. Camp-Shubenacadie, March 7, to the wife of Geo. Miller a daughter. Shubenacadie, March 7, to the wife of Wm. Miller, a daughter. rsboro, March, 8, to the wife of Capt. Newcomb

menburg. March 10, to the wife of E. Daughi-Salt Springs, March 3, to the wife of Rev. A. De-noon, a daughter.

MARRIED.

Mahone, Mar. 6, Ruben Deal to Alice M. Bangil. Chatham, Mar. 14, John White to Mille Murray.

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Queens, Co., Mar. 2, Morton Wile to Mand Smith
Boston, Jan. 30, Daniel D. Sincleir to Katherine F.
Ross.

Sydney, Feb. 21, Samuel E. Brookman to Sarah Sydney, Mar. 2, William Grantmyre to Teresa Mc-Lean.

Cumberland, Co., Mar. 4, Bertha Vickery to Albert Yorke. Sydney, Mar. 2, John M. Langley to Hattie Richardson. Stellarton, Feb. 22, James M. Wright to Jennie Dunbar.

Boston, Jan. 80, Wm. B. McGray to Josephine M. Lunenburg, Mar. 6, James Heisler to Blanche Whynot. Woodstock, Mar. 10, James McElmon to Minnie M, Isner. Parrsboro, Feb. 7, Walter Howard to Gertrude Digby, Mar. 2, Steadman S. Walters to Laura

Chatham, Mar. 12, Thos. P. Pugsley to Mary H. nenburg, Mar. 6 Eldridge Spindler to Annie Long River, Mar., 5, John A. Campbell to Bar-Liverpool, N. S., Mar. 12, Frank R. Jonah to

Cambridgeport, Mass., Mar. 20, Robert B. Dowling to Mary Brown. Stellarton, Mar. 5, Thomas A. McDonald to Lottie
M. Sutherland. rnside, Colchester, Mar, 7, James Graham to Christy Graham. Everett, Mass. Feb. 27, Minnie McFadden to Duncen McKerzie.

DIED.

Truro, Mar 15, Robert Bell, 16. Boston, Mar 7, John S Macleod. Mahone, Mar 9, Alfred Langi le orwilk, Mar 13, Elizabeth Troup. Halifax, Mar 13, Archibald Fraser, 1 Lowell Mass, Mar 3, J 3 Dickie, 70. Halifax, Mar 15, Catherine Mulkern. Black Rock, Mar 8, Mrs Caleb White. Morcton, Feb 21, Joseph A Killam, 51 Springhill, Feb 14. Isabella Fraser, 84. Yarmouth, Mar 9, Abram Colwell, 83. Hallfax, Mar 14, Charlotte Kicston, 93. Annapolis, Mar 3, Mrs E D Coopey, 62. Chetham, Mar 15, William McLean, 84. Acadia Mines, Mar 10, Mrs A J Gough, Scuthport, Mar 9, Capt John A) ward, 73, Campbellton, Mar 7, Mrs Peter Keefe, 57. Charlottetown, Mar 14, Martin O'Shea, 73, Petiteodiac, Mar 17, George F Coipitte, 74, Petiteodiac, Mar 17, seorge F Colpite, 74. Pbiladelphia, Mar 9, Isabelle Bates, 3 mos. Hellfax, Mar 14, William H Blackedar, 33. Amherst Point, Mar 19, Gerdon Forrett, 84. Linkletter Rosd, Mar 8, Mrs Isaac Jeffrey. Indian Road, Mar 4, John M Macdenald, 56, Indian Road, Mar 4, John M Macdonald, 56,
Petitcodiac, Mar 15, William O Cochrane, 21.
Graed Digue, Mar 4, Mrs Pelagie Polrier, 91.
Crapaud, Mar 3, Isabella wife of W Irman, 86
Charlottetown, Mar 11, Mrs S R Stumbles, 51.
Moncton, Mar 17, Margaret McDonald, 9 mos.
Halifax, Mar 8, Marv, wife of C F Meister. 72.
New Glasgow, Mar 6, Capt Robert McIntosh, 67.
Rosinda'e, Mars, Mar 3, Mrs Catherine Harvey, 69.
Yarmouth, Mar II. Ann widow of John Lovitt, 80.
Campbellton, Mar 9, Jane wife of Charles Morray. Campbellton, Mar 9, Jane wife of Charles Murray-Yarmouth, Mar 13, Pannie wife of Wm Chase, 51. Yarmouth, Mar 13, Fannie wife of Hants Cc, Mar 8, Maggie wife of Archibald Blois. South Maitland, Mar 11, Ermina wife of CI White

Hillaton, Mar 6, Rebecca widow of the late Charles Osborne. Springton, Mar 4, Flora widow of the late Ronald North Tryon, Mar 9, Eliza widow of the late James Muirhead. 65. St Margaret's Bav, Eng, Feb 23, Susan wife of Rev L G Stevens, 54.

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