

Their Hearts' Desire

Nurse is busy—and beautifullest roses—and a barn—and a plain hired man. Gee!" with an emphasizing shake of his head, "I like him,—and snakes, just little ones," reassuringly, seeing that she did not enthuse. "I wouldn't let them bite you—and great big 'high-ball' bushes. I mean," with an emphasizing nod, "I mean snow-ball bushes. My daddy planted them when he lived there a long time ago." This with much pride.

She regarded him with suppressed amusement for a moment, then laughed softly to herself and John laughed too, without in the least knowing why.

"I love the country, too," she told him presently, "the flowers and grass, and I like to climb"—but here an array of hair ribbons were presented for attention, and John was unceremoniously pushed aside.

He stood apart marvelling. To think of it! She could climb. She wasn't afraid, and liked it, too. That was the finishing