

THE DEACON'S DINNER.

The good housewives of the neighborhood often said that Mrs. Smart ought to be the happiest woman in the world. "Such a nice house that she lives in!" said Miss Bryce, who, poor soul, taught the district school and "boarded around," like the scape goat in the Scripture wilderness. "Such a pious man as the dear deacon had!" added Mrs. Hopkins, whose better half had once been a sea captain, and who was still apt to be provoked by his and starts, when the cattle got into the clover field, and the midnight wail marauded on his henrocks and turkey-roosts. "With a store carpet on the best room floor!" put in Mrs. Jones and the weekly newspaper, and white sugar in her tea every day of her life, and a horse and a wagon to take her to meetin' Sundays!

Ella, she said. I suppose I can catch a chicken for dinner. Do nothing of the sort, my dear, said Ella. But what are we to do? Why, have a picked up dinner, answered Ella. "You just leave me to manage it for you. But I'm afraid the deacon won't like it, said Mrs. Smart. Well, and if he doesn't? You don't like the peddler business, do you?" quickly retorted Ella. At one o'clock the table was all spread, with three huge central platters carefully shielded with the covers which were ordinarily brought out only on state occasions, and Mrs. Smart and Ella were peeping out of the window and wondering what kept the deacon so late. There he comes now! said Mrs. Smart. Good gracious me! And there is Willis Midway coming home with him! We never counted on his bringing company to dinner, Ella! What signifies company? asked Ella, sternly maintaining her composure, although her pretty face had turned pink all over. Willis Midway won't care when he comprehends it all. Willis is a sensible man. Come in, Mr. Smart—come in, Mr. Midway, said Mrs. Smart. You're half an hour late, Ebenezer. Ella and I could not imagine what had become of you. I hope I'm not intruding," said Mr. Midway, looking at Ella as if one glance of her rosy face was all the dinner he wanted. "Oh not in the least!" replied Mrs. Smart. Pray sit down. We have but a plain dinner to-day, but it is all that my housekeeping allowance would admit. No apologies, my dear, said Deacon Smart—no apologies. Hunger is the best sauce, as we well know. Thereupon, they all seated themselves at the table, and the deacon whisked off the big platters covers with a commendable expedition. "Hullo!" said the deacon. There upon the centre platter lay the eighteen green papers of pins. At the right and left, on smaller platters, were arranged the cards of porcelain buttons and the rolls of tape and the shoestrings, while the bottles of machine oil and packages of stove-blackening were arranged like a child's block-house on a side table, beneath a white napkin, by way of dessert. Ella burst out laughing. Mrs. Smart joined in. Willis Midway, spurred on by the infectious sound, laughed too, although he had not the least idea what he was laughing at. The deacon stared as if he had suddenly become all eyes. Juliana, he said, what is the meaning of all this? It means, Ebenezer, that you have spent my housekeeping money for peddler's cheap wares, and that Ella and I determined to serve them up to you for dinner, and what you don't eat we are going to burn, and hereafter, whatever is bought has got to be of good quality, or I won't have it in the house! And if you give me money for housekeeping it isn't fair for you to spend it in buying articles which no one can use! Certainly it isn't said Ella, coming valiantly to the rescue. The deacon's under jaw dropped; he had half a mind to be angry, but he thought better of it, and broke into a chuckle. Mr. Midway, he said, turning to the young man, was warned in time! You see what tricks women folks will always be up to. But Mr. Midway, who had some how or other got hold of Ella's hand under the folds of the table-cloth, did not seem to heed these words of wisdom as deeply as he should have done under the circumstances. Ladies, he said, there's a bushel of oysters out in the wagon, that I was taking home. If you will build up a good fire we'll have a good roast, and I'll be head cook. I suppose you've got plenty of good bread and butter? Yes, and nice hot coffee, said Mrs. Smart. Make haste, Ella, and start the fire to a blaze, and we will stimulate it a little with machine oil and pins. The deacon sat by and made no demur. He only laughed in a sheepish, silent sort of way. And they dined of hot roast oysters, bread and butter and coffee. Toward the close of the repast a stout, itinerant vender, with basket on his arm, tapped on the door. But Mr. Midway, who had some how or other got hold of Ella's hand under the folds of the table-cloth, did not seem to heed these words of wisdom as deeply as he should have done under the circumstances. Ladies, he said, there's a bushel of oysters out in the wagon, that I was taking home. If you will build up a good fire we'll have a good roast, and I'll be head cook. I suppose you've got plenty of good bread and butter? Yes, and nice hot coffee, said Mrs. Smart. Make haste, Ella, and start the fire to a blaze, and we will stimulate it a little with machine oil and pins. The deacon sat by and made no demur. He only laughed in a sheepish, silent sort of way. And they dined of hot roast oysters, bread and butter and coffee. 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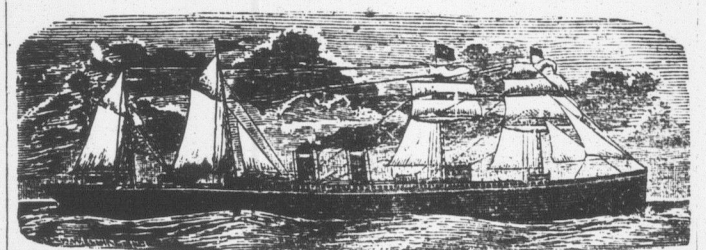
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