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# LITTLE ALICE

She Afforded a Grown Man Delightful Entertainment

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~~~~~~~ Bixby was one of those fellows who think that the young men of America should take an interest in politics. He was a shrewd man-we all think ourselves shrewd-and could "see through a millstone" as well as any one. He believed in the Machiavelian type of diplomacy and prided himself upon being able to conceal his meaning by his words as well as the great diplomat himself. He was ambitious, and ambitious men are liable to overtax their strength. At any rate, Bixby overtaxed his and was ordered to go away by himself into the country and live the simple life of a domestic animal. That is, he was to eat and sleep and

He chose a farmhouse. The season was not propitious, for the summer and part of autumn had passed, and the days were short. Bixby received the morning papers from the city by 11 o'clock, and between breakfast and their receipt he walked. It was all very well for his doctor to tell him that he must do nothing. Everybody knows that Satan provides work for idle hands to do. So long as he was busy he lived as innocent a life as any man of his acquaintance. Just as soon as he ceased to work he got into mischief.

Chance furnished an opportunity. One morning he started out for his constitutional. It was a cold, lowering day and spitting snow. Nevertheless Bixby craved exercise and enjoyed stepping out at a brisk pace. He had not gone far before he saw a girl coming in the opposite direction. When she passed him he knew at once that.

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like himself, she was not country born and bred. Her dress coming only to the tops of her boots left Bixby in doubt whether she had yet emerged from young girlhood or whether she had adopted a short skirt for walking In passing Bixby she lowered her eyes with that modesty one expects to find

either in young girls or in eminently

correct ladies. The next morning Bixby took his constitutional at the same hour and on the same road. He had no idea of meeting the girl he had met the day before. Indeed, he had quite forgotten her. Passing over a crest and looking ahead, he saw a farmhouse. and at the same moment a door was opened and a woman came out and took the road toward Bixby. She had not come very far before he recognized the girl he had met the day before. She was now carrying some books under her arm.

"Schoolgirl," remarked Bixby to him-

Bixby had just turned thirty-five, and if his thoughts the day before had inclined to a possible relief from the tedium of his exile with this girl the discovery that she was a schoolgirl put the idea quite out of his head. He permitted his eyes to dwell upon her for the moment during which he was passing her, and she, as before, lowered hers.

The next afternoon Bixby was out rambling-indeed, he had nothing to do but ramble-when it occurred to him that he would like a glass of milk. At the moment he espied in the distance the house from which he had seen the schoolgirl emerge the day before. The natural consequence of wanting the milk and seeing the house at the same time was a thought that he might see the girl. In telling the sto-ry he never speaks of this last thought, leaving one to suppose that the two first contingencies alone resulted in his going there.

On reaching the place he opened the gate, went deliberately up the walk and rapped on the door. A woman opened it, and Bixby asked if might beg a glass of milk. His re quest was granted, and he was invit ed into the living room to wait while the woman brought the milk. At a table, with books-presumably school-books-before her, was the girl.

Bixby took a seat. The girl did not lock up, but kept on with what she was doing, evidently studying. The woman was some time bringing the milk, and, since it was embarrassing to sit in the same room with a person without speaking, Bixby concluded to make a remark.

"Are there good schools near here?" he asked.

"No, not very good schools, I believe. But I don't know anything about them. I don't go to school here."

Bixby was too well bred to ask where she did go to school. He remarked upon the beautiful country round about and how he enjoyed walk

The girl told him that walking cold weather was her delight, but she couldn't take as long walks as she would like because it was not considered safe for her to go alone. Then Bixby told her why he had come to the country, that he had nothing to do all day and if her father and mother would permit her to go with him it would give him great pleasure. To this she replied that her father and mother were not there and there was no one to prevent her doing what she liked. Bixby considered this tantamount to accepting his invitation and said he would probably be coming past the farmhouse the next morning! If he did so he would stop and take her To this she replied that she would walk his way and they might meet on the road.

About this time the woman came in with the milk, set it down on the table and went out. Bixby drank it, conversing with the girl the while. He gave her every opportunity to explain why she was there and tell him all about herself, but, whether she did not understand his hints or was singularly reticent for one so young, anyway she failed to enlighten him. When he took his leave she arose from her seat, and Bixby noticed that she was pretty nearly as tall as he was. But Bixby was not a large man, and the girl seemed to be large for her age. Some girls get their growth by fourteen, and Bixby concluded this was one of that

kind. The next morning was delightful, not a cloud in the sky and the air dry and cold. Bixby started for his walk and felt as if he would rather run. There was ice in the little ditches beside the road, and, being fresh frozen and glassy, it afforded especially good slides for boys and girls. Looking ahead, he saw the girl he was to meet sliding on one of these stretches of ice. Indeed, she slid on every one she came to. When Bixby came up to her her cheeks were aglow. She looked very pretty. "She'll make a stunner," very pretty. "She'll make a stunner," remarked Bixty to himself, "when she is a few years older."

After the greetings Bixby told her that if they were to walk together they must know each other's names. He said he was Mr. Bixby, and she said

her name was Alice. He asked her Alice what?" and she said Alice Mid-

"Well, Alice," he said, "what do you

study at school?"
"What do I study? Why, I studyoh, don't let's talk about school work! Let's talk about the hills and the valleys and the trees. It must be very beautiful here in summer. I can pic ture it as it will be in April, when the leaves are budding and on the fores trees is that delicate pale shade of green that we see only about ten days in the whole year. And I can fancy the melodious piping of some bird away up in the highest branches as if it came down from heaven. Do you remember how beautifully Coleridge describes the sounds in his 'Ancient Mariner?

"Around, around flew each sweet sound Then darted to the sun. Slowly the sounds came back again, Now mixed, now one by one.

"Sometimes, a-dropping from the sky, I heard the skylark sing. Sometimes all little birds that are— How they seem to fill the sea and air With their sweet jargoning!

"And now 'twas like all instruments.

Now like a lonely flute,
And now it is an angel's song
That makes the heavens be mute."

"Good gracious," exclaimed Bixby, where did you learn that?"

"Where did I learn it?" she hesitated, then added, "Why in our English literature course, to be sure!" "You have a high poetic sense."

"You mean a musical sense." She began to imitate a bird with a voice that astonished Bixby, and when an echo came back from a neighboring hill it seemed to him that she had really been answered by a nightingale Bixby stopped stock still with a look of astonishment on his face. The girl burst into a laugh.

There were neither miles nor hours in that walk-at least not for Bixby He had been bored by women-highly educated women, too—and here was a girl scarcely in her teens whose gift of appreciation enabled her to keep holding up before him pictures, giving each the peculiar coloring of her own individual vision. Finally they came to the farmhouse.

"Will you walk with me tomorrow?" sked Bixby. I'm sorry I can't; I go away in the morning."

"What!"

Bixby spoke the word as if some one had told him that he would be

shot at daylight.

"Give me your full name and address in the city," she added; "there's something I wish to send you." "When?"

"After your return."

Bixby gave her his card with his address on it, and she ran into the

The next morning the weather changed for Bixby. The country seemed uninhabitable. He stood it for two days longer, then went back to town.

A few days after his return he received tickets to an opera. There was on that he l send him complimentary tickets, and he supposed these had been sent through mistake. He concluded to use one of them

What was his astonishment to see in the prima donna the "little girl" Alice, though this was not her stage name. She looked about twenty-two years old. She saw Bixby, gave him a smile and sent him an invitation to visit her between the acts. When he saw her she explained that she had been resting away from everybody preparatory to a long engagement. It was not her fault that he had taken her for a schoolgirl. She wore her dresses short for convenience in tramping and had permitted him to remain

Bixby has given up business and is following an opera troupe. It is needless to say that little Alice is the attraction for him. Although it is not yet a year since he first met her in the country, it seems to him that she has grown to be ten years older than she was then. She tells him she's not a year older and, considering the age he then took her to be, must grow for four or five years before she will be marriageable. He says he will follow her if necessary till she reaches her second childhood.

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