

STILLMAN GOTT

since Uncle Daniel hed his fit at last town meetin'. That's ther last thing I've seen er heard about that was interestin', an' when you come to think uv it, them fits are so common with Uncle Daniel that I've sort uv lost interest in 'em. Folks mostly lets him kick 'em out. Ain't nothin' ter do fer him. Guess folks is too busy just now ter make any 'citement, an' so Satan is out uv work."

"Any summer boarders arrived yet?"

"No, not ez I've seen er heard uv. Mebbe some, howsomever, up ter ther village. Ter tell ther truth, I hain't been up there for mor'n two weeks. Goin's kinder poor an' my hoss hez been workin' hard lately, an' so I cal'lated I'd stick pooty close ter home an' wait er while before I took my walks abroad er drove 'round any. 'Spectin' any yerself?"

"Don't know as I am, don't know as I ain't. That boy that was down here last summer from the westward may come again. Glad to have him if he wants to come, but I ain't wasting any time watching for the stage. Little early yet, anyway. They don't come much till after the Fourth."