

And she thought of the deacon over the way,
The deacon so ready to worship and pray,
Whose cellar was full of potatoes,
And she said: "I will send for the deacon to
come;
He'll not mind much to give me some
Of such a store of potatoes."

And the deacon came over as fast as he could,
Thinking to do the old lady some good,
But never for once of potatoes,
He asked her at once, what was her chief want,
And she, poor soul, expecting a grant,
Immediately answered—"Potatoes."

But the deacon's religion didn't lie that way;
He was more accustomed to preach and to pray—
Than to give of his boarded potatoes:
So, not hearing of course, what the old lady said,
He rose to pray, with uncovered head,
But she only thought of potatoes.

He prayed for patience, and wisdom, and grace;
But when he prayed—"Lord give her peace,"
She audibly sighed, "Give potatoes;"
And at the end of each prayer which he said,
He heard, or thought that he heard, in its stead,
That same request for potatoes.

The deacon was troubled; knew not what to do:
Twas very embarrassing to have her act so
About "those carnal potatoes."
So, ending his prayer, he started for home;
But, as the door closed, he heard a deep groan,
"O give to the hungry, potatoes!"

And that groan followed him all the way home,
In the midst of the night it haunted his room—
"O give to the hungry, potatoes!"
He could bear it no longer; arose and dressed,
From his well-filled cellar taking in haste
A bag of his best potatoes.

Again he went to the widow's lone hut;
Her sleepless eyes she had not yet shut;
But there she sat in that old arm-chair,
With the same wan features, the same sad air,
And, entering in, he poured on the floor
A bushel or more from his goodly store
Of choice potatoes.

The widow's heart leaped up for joy,
Her face was haggard and wan no more.
"Now," said the deacon, "shall we pray?"
"Yes," said the widow, "now you may;"
And he knelt him down on the sanded floor,
Where he had poured his goodly store,

And such a prayer the deacon prayed
As never before his lips essayed.
No longer embarrassed, but free and full,
He poured out the voice of a liberal soul,
And the widow responded aloud, "Amen!"
But said no more of potatoes.

Christian Guardian.

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