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The Widow Wilson's farm had been better and more prosperous days, and now was travelling back-ward. It began at the top of Brimble hill, where it was bounded by the country road, and struggled down to the lake shore, its hundred acres or so wandering over hills and dipping into hollows until they terminated at the bay, with its rim of white and glistening sand.

On one of the most picturesque spots of earth, and right in the center of it, crowning a rounded knoll, surrounded with stalwart oaks and butternuts, squatted the house of its owner.

It was always a difficult spot to reach in winter, when the drifting snows piled high their white billows against the low structure and hid the windows from the outer world. But in summer it was a delight, this moss brown dwelling beneath the oaks, and at one time had been a home around whose heart-strings had gathered some sad and dangerous.

Now it was desolate. The passing stranger would have been added to the category of deserted farms. No sign of life was visible this bright Thanksgiving morning. From his wide, paneled chimney a curl of smoke invaded the crisp and frosty air. The light fall of snow that had covered the ground the night before, showed no traces of footsteps leading from the weather beaten door. And yet there was a stir of life in the farmyard, in the hollow among the trees, where the old barn loomed ready for its fall. There a flock of fowl and turkeys wandered disconsolately about.

In the adjacent stall an old horse stamped impatiently for his breakfast and a forlorn cow chafed restlessly at her stallions. Except for these things there was as silent as when its first owner carved it from the virgin wilderness. A rustling of the shrubbery that fringed the tall, stiff ranked pines on the hill beyond the barn told that a visitor was coming to Lonely Farm. A human figure appeared in sight. It was crowned by a wide-brimmed hat, and beneath which peered a pair of black, bright eyes. Their owner took off his cap and mopped his brow. He was a rugged country lad of 18, well knit and sturdy, with a pair of rosy cheeks, white teeth and lips rosy, but with a drop of sadness.

New England, always hard to her children, had taken from this boy the home and mother that make Thanksgiving, even as it had taken from the widow all but the stretched framework of what had once been home.

"House looks like mother's used to after she got to be couldn't get about," soliloquized the boy, staring at the smokeless chimney. "I'll bet there ain't been nobody near the widow in a week, an' I'll bet, while I'm bettin' yesterday and today somebody. Guess I'll find out what's the matter."

He strode down to the house and knocked. There was no response. Only the creak in the oak tree was disturbed by the unprovoked noise and flew away, with a wave of alarm. A second knock startled the fowl in the barnyard which greeted him with a suppressed chuckle, but there was no answer from within. "Guess I might as well go in." He pushed open the creaky door and entered the room which served as kitchen and sitting room all in one. A table stood in the center of it, covered with a snowy cloth and set as if for supper. A tall clock ticked in the corner under the stairs, but its rhythmic noise only seemed to emphasize the stillness.

"It's me—Jem Hastings. I've come to see if you need anybody." "Come in," the feeble voice struggled with a cough. Then: "Yes, I'm so glad you've come. I was taken faint yesterday and had just strength enough to crawl to bed. Perhaps—" "What, an' you ain't had nothin' to eat?" "No, with a feeble smile. "Well, if you'll let me try, I'll make a cup of tea."

day? It's the first time I've forgotten it—ever. I must be growing old."

Jem drew holder. "There's a turkey out in the barnyard. He ain't very fat, but if you say so I'll help you fix a turkey dinner."

The widow urged no objection, and both fascinated at the prospect of a Thanksgiving dinner, with himself as host and hostess, the boy trudged out to the barn.

Some sticks of hard wood were soon piled on the fire, and by the time Sir Turkey was ready for the oven the widow had peeled the vegetables and dropped them into the mysterious depths of the steaming kettles. Jem looking on with glowing but bashful appreciation.

A snowy cloth over a round table, with two seats opposite each other, is always an inspiring sight, and when topped by a steaming turkey, with all the "fixings" of a turkey dinner, the feast is one to melt hearts harder than that of the lonely widow and the homesick New England lad.

"It is the happiest Thanksgiving dinner I have had in many a year, an' I brow's turkey, with all the 'fixings' of a turkey dinner, the feast is one to melt hearts harder than that of the lonely widow and the homesick New England lad.

"May God bless you! And to think how the dreadful gloomy morning has been turned to such bright sunshine by your coming!" the boy turned to the window to hide some tears that would persist in squeezing themselves out of his eyes. "I wish she wouldn't be so sentimental," said he to himself quite wrathfully. But to the widow he said, "Why, ma'am, I ain't done nothin' great—no more'n I ought to have done for me, I'll bet. I ain't enjoyed a dinner so myself since I can remember. I wish I could just stay here all the time."

A new light came into the woman's faded grey eyes, born of the chance he was upon the things of the simple marriage feast. Then came the country wedding supper.

"When the last guest had gone, driven away in the farm wagons that had clustered around the door all afternoon, the widow turned to Jem and Susie, sitting bashfully in the freightrig.

The two shook their heads knowingly, saying to themselves and to each other: "Lucky boy his lady. Stepped right into the farm just as the old lady was about to leave it. He knows the side of his bread that has butter on it."

But it is doubtful if Jem had ever given that thought, so happy and content was he that the merciful conditions of his life had never troubled his consciousness. Only one thing troubled his thoughts of late. He was deeply stirred by the soft brown eyes of pretty Susie Jones, a chorister in the church—Susie, who lived, as he had done, with friends for board and keep—another of New England's orphans.

He never mentioned this daring speculation, not even to the widow. But her eyes, though growing dim, were acute enough to penetrate his honest soul. "Lucky boy his lady," centered in the farm, which had become as essential to it almost as the air he breathed. But now there must be young life there. A pair of brown eyes persisted in dancing before his face, in wood pile, in field, in garden.

"It came to me that there was a wedding next Thanksgiving in the little cottage, now pretty with vines and cheery within. Susie was glad of so pleasant a place for the troth which she was to plight to Jem, while he, the fellow though he was, could not take time to travel to Susie's home, far away over the rough, hilly roads. "A wife's a good thing," he remarked to the widow the evening before his marriage, "but there's cows to be looked after and hens to be tended—more'n you could tend to alone."

"That's so, Jem," said the widow, smiling brightly, "and thanks to you for it all."

Under branches of autumn leaves from the last reddening trees Jem and Susie had been struggling for expression for an hour or more. "And why can't you stay, Jem?" "I could, ma'am, if I could come as—as partners."

It was out at last, the boy's yearning for something as his own, and the chance he saw upon the widow's face. "I could fix things up," he went on, eagerly, "and make the chickens lay eggs, and the cow give milk, and—"

Jem stopped, but the widow's respectful attention led him on. "I could earn my board in saving fattenin' that going to waste. When I come through your wood lot this mornin', I noticed cords a-cord of dead trees that ought to be cut an' made firewood of. An' as for timber, there's more'n \$100 worth there that'll be spilt if it ain't cut an' sold pretty soon."

The boy hesitated, amazed at his audacity, but the widow nodded her head and smiled approval. "That's true, Jem. The farm is running down for the lack of some-one to oversee out of doors. So, then, it is a bargain."

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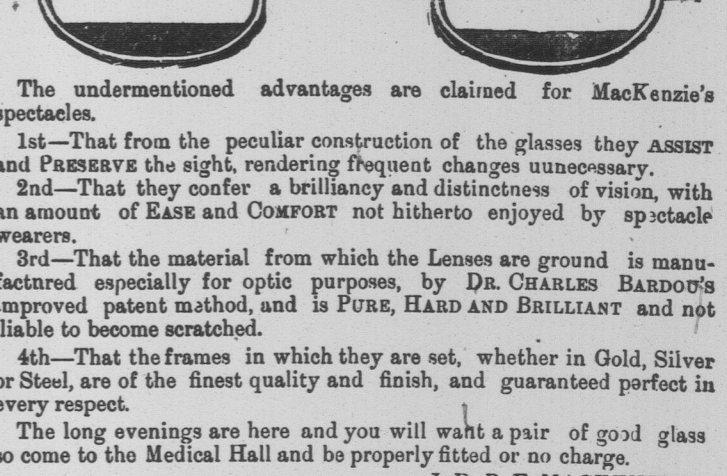
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