



THE MODEL GUEST

"MY COUSIN James is coming to spend a week," announced the landlady, "and I can't say I'm overjoyed. He's the most unsatisfactory visitor I ever saw. You can hardly get a word out of him. He isn't a bit like his brother Jeremiah, who is full of fun, and the best company imaginable."



"Your little show how little true greatness is appreciated in a moral family boarding house, where the damages are collected in advance," observed the star boarder. "In my opinion, James is the model visitor. If I had my own household, with a charming bride to pour the imitation coffee, and a vine and figtree in a jardiniere, I'd send a special delivery letter to James, asking him to come and stay for ten years or more."

"There's something restful and soothing about that gifted man. He never bothers anybody. No one has to waste precious moments entertaining him. It isn't necessary to discuss the weather predictions, or dig up a lot of statistics about the crops. In order to make James have a good time, you don't have to show him the old plush photograph album, and describe the ancestry of the melancholy village whose pictures appear therein. Nearly all visitors are bored, my dear Mrs. Jiggers, because they have to be entertained. Somebody has to sit up with them and thrash out last year's gossip. They have no initiative or referendum. They have no resources of their own. In order to have a pleasant visit, they need help."

"Your cousin James is a man after my own heart. I remember his last visit quite well. He came in the evening, and after supper he took a chair on the porch. Knowing he was a guest, I felt it my duty to entertain him in the conventional way. I dragged my chair close up to his and remarked that it was a pleasant evening, but the presence of a cloud bank in the northwest almost convinced me that there would be rain within twelve hours, in which case, I proceeded, there could be much jubilation among the honest old farmers, whose crops were suffering for moisture."

"James listened to my remarks and then looked at me. In a sad, reproachful way, as though he thought it a shameful thing that imbeciles should be at large, and then he took his chair to the opposite end of the porch without having said a word. I must confess that I felt like a counterfeiter kept for a few minutes, but the more I considered the matter, the more I admired and respected that remarkable man."

"He used to go downtown every morning and buy a paper backed novel, or a fiction magazine, and then he'd read it all day, and when he was done with his literature he left it where the boarders could get it. I didn't hear him say ten words during his visit, yet, you say, Mrs. Jiggers, that he is an unsatisfactory guest. Elderly landladies, whose intellects have been warped by long years of parsimony, are hard to please."

"Jeremiah, whom you describe as jolly and agreeable, should be suppressed. He has collected all the old checky stories ever manufactured, and insists upon telling them. He has a horrible habit of making puns, and considers himself a humorist, because of it. You couldn't let him sit down with a book or magazine and behave himself. He has to be entertained every minute of his time and the only way you can entertain him is by letting him do the entertaining."

"He is a genial old freak who thinks he is a privileged character and everybody's pet. The last time he was here he went into my sumptuous apartment and used my razor to shave the southeast quarter section of his countenance. His whiskers are full of barbed wire, and the razor was ruined. When I spoke to him about it he thought it funny. Yet you refer to such a man as an agreeable visitor. I blush for you, Mrs. Jiggers."

"In Moderation. "Would you advise a candidate to stay on his front porch?" "Yes," answered Senator Sorghum; "but only part of the time? Just long enough to take care of his voice and get together a good bunch of spectators for delirery on tour."

"Just it." "I thought you said you had a fine engine to your automobile trip," who said? "Your chauffeur told me you were arrested for speeding." "Well, wouldn't you call a windup in the police court a fine ending?"

Weighted With a Watch. The watch of Charles V, which was one of the chiefest of these timepieces, weighed twenty-seven pounds. It was a real deal like a clock of the present day.



Words of Cheer

By PERCY L. CROSBY

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12-9-20p.

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