

PRUDENCE

of the PARSONAGE

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In this new serial of ours, we have the story of a small-town minister's family and the struggles with poverty, with heart-headed-and-fact-headed church officers, with temptations of flesh and spirit. We have, too, a picture of its joys, its happiness, its ambitions—yep, and its love affairs. Miss Weston, the author, writes with perfect simplicity; she is a small-town minister's daughter, and this care is dedicated to her mother, who devoted her life to rearing a whole household of young Methodists. We feel sure you will enjoy "Prudence."

THE EDITOR.

CHAPTER I

None but the residents consider Mount Mark town, north of a town, and the very most pretentious of them all has no more pride for the city than Mount Mark in anything but present-day life. At the same time it certainly does not feel the need of its position. It is the favorite social center for the community. The arrival of a passenger train in Mount Mark is an event—something in the nature of a "C. & Q." or "X. M." and is always attended by a large and enthusiastic gathering of "our best people." All that is lacking are the phenomenal "night performances."

So it happened that one rainy morning, late in the month of August, there was the usual gathering of excitement and conversation on the platform and in the waiting room of the station. The business was there in force. Conversation among them, were four girls dressed in evening gowns, smoking cigarettes and gazing with back-liner eyes upon the animated scene, which evidently bored them.

They were young women, in a well-dressed, light grey suit and tan shoes, and with a reputation for her own as a model daughter of her father, her eyes were fastened upon a young man in a dark business suit who stood close on the platform. His hands in his pockets, his eyes wandering from her to another of the strange faces about him. His plain white ready-made coat produced her calling.

"It's the new Methodist minister," whispered the baggage master, crossing the platform. "I know him. He's not a bad sort."

"They say he's got five kids, and most of 'em girls," responded the baggage man. "I want to be on hand when they get here, to pick out a girl."



"Nun, father, Nun!"

curt of smoke announced the coming of No. 9 and Prudence heard nothing of this conversation. He was not a handsome man. His hair was grey at the temples, his face was earnest, only saved from severity by the little curves of lines at his eyes and mouth which proclaimed that he laughed when and with whom.

"Looks going east!"

The minister stood back from the

grovel, but when the train came forward in a brightness beyond his eyes. A shadow fell upon the wall, making a shape like a small figure, which the man stepped upon. "Father—!" she cried excitedly, and small and slight as she was, she slipped and fell on her hands.

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"You are Mrs. Adams, aren't you?" Prudence asked. "It is so kind of you to come the very first day."

"I am Mrs. Adams," Mrs. Adams answered. "I am a new arrival in town, and I have heard much of your work."

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and hurriedly, and Prudence stepped to her feet. Her hair had come about her face in damp, tangled masses, and her face was flushed and tired. She turned quickly, catching a glimpse of a young man in a dark business suit, who stood close on the platform. His hands in his pockets, his eyes wandering from her to another of the strange faces about him.



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LOOK OVER CARS CAREFULLY

David Sherman Seed Nothing on the Wheel
Who Make Practice of Selling
Second-hand Autos

Many thousands of motorists are sure to get second-hand cars of this sort, and while some of them are really "steals," it is still a fact that the purchase of a second-hand car is a common occurrence.

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WEATHER BUREAU

IS AID TO FARMER

System for Giving Warnings Has Been Highly Developed.

GIVES PROTECTION TO CROPS

News That Merely Make the City Mail Take an Umbrella May Result in Income Activity in Agricultural Districts.

Four city people reading Uncle Sam's weather forecasts in their morning paper realize the importance of the weather to the farmer. Fruit and stock raisers in the country, however, are often puzzled by the message which comes to them by mail.

The United States weather bureau has perfected special systems and facilities for obtaining and disseminating accurate weather news adapted to the protection of growers of many special crops in different sections of the country.

Special Fruit-Region Service. The special fruit-region weather service, which forecasts particularly the coming of spring frosts of particular value in the intensive orcharding districts where fruit growers have made preparations by means of smoking or heating or other means to protect their orchards from frost.

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IF KIDNEYS ACT

BAD TAKE SALT

Says Backache is sign you have been eating too much meat!

When you wake up with backache and dull misery in the loins, it is generally because you have been eating too much meat.

Try this easy way to heal your

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