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AMIE AND HENRY LEE

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CHAPTER XL. "Mother, that girl's a perfect jewel!" said Alice, with enthusiasm...

"Well, mother, I'm going to get well acquainted with her, at any rate. We can't get on better, that's evident..."

"Her house is not a proper place for you to enter at all, except upon errands of charity, and if she won't receive aid from us in any way, there is nothing left for us to do..."

"I saw nothing improper about her home. Everything was as clean as the utmost degree of good housewifery could make it..."

"But there is no evidence of absolute destitution about the house. Henry declared that starvation was staring them in the face..."

"But you have sought upon the street for weeks for just such a position, Amie Lee, said conscience reprovingly..."

"The man gazed at her with a wondrous, audacious stare, that sent the hot blood rushing over her temples..."

the time he had fed and groomed the horse, he had pondered over his suspicions until he had made out a formidable case against her...

And Henry Lee forthwith began the manufacture of a series of theoretical laws for the government of women—a code of ethics which led him, in after years, when fame and fortune and position crowned him...

Forgive us, reader. We were getting ahead of our story...

Calmly as Amie had received her unexpected visitors, so far as outward appearances indicated her feelings, they were no sooner gone than her pent impetuosity overlapped its bounds...

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"Jim's always giving you fits himself, but let anybody else undertake the job and they'll catch it!" said Fanny, with a laugh...

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"That's not telling what that man may say about me that is bad and false. I wish we were all dead!" and the tears fell in great drops upon her hands...

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troop of pupils as they came tramping home through the yard. "In your sister's friend," was the cool reply. "I loaned her a hundred dollars to buy toggery when she went to the 'Walk In' as a waiter, and I've come to trouble her for the money..."

"You'd do nothing of the kind," said Jim, stoutly. "Old Lager assumed that debt when he employed you at the saloon. I heard the bargain. This rascal wants to collect the money from you and Lager, too, so that he can make his hundred per cent..."

"I don't obtrude yer infernal carcass in this mansion again, old boss, or I'll call the police," said Jim, exultantly...

"I'll have my revenge, young man," was the cool reply. "I never undertook anything yet but I succeeded, and I don't propose to be baffled now..."

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pall of blackness over the distant mountains, where the storm clouds lay in sultriness, awaiting the action of the ocean breeze.

"How beautiful nature is," said Amie, fervently. "No matter whether she clothes herself in winter clouds or clothes her visible form in summer raiment; no matter whether she weeps with rain or laughs with sunshine; no matter whether she melts with warm south winds or freezes with cold north-esters, her garments are always appropriate, always becoming, always beautiful..."

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An Argument for Woman Suffrage

When the women went to the polls at Alameda last week, to work for local office, they were driven from the streets by a mob, the members of which denied them the right to be there in such a cause. They were taunted with their absence from their household affairs...

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The Leisure Time of Boys

We would suggest, to the many parents who are perplexed with the difficulty of finding the wherewithal to amuse and interest their boys, to give their lads every possible opportunity of acquiring a mechanical trade. The industry and ingenuity of a boy of average ability may easily be made to furnish him with a never-failing source of amusement of the best order. The boy who can produce or make something of his own hands, is not only contented, but he is somebody in the world, that achievement of a result is not a reward reserved for grown people only...

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Local Option in Monticello

Local Option was victorious in Monticello, but the vote was close, the majority consisting of only one vote. A number of ladies went from Santa Barbara to assist in the election; and the Santa Barbara saloon interests were also represented, a delegation of liquor-dealers and their supporters going down in the morning and remaining all day. Benjamins, stone jugs and bottles were openly displayed throughout the election, and liquor seemed to be freely distributed. The local Optionists had a table spread under a broad, overhanging oak tree, from where they supplied their hungry and thirsty friends with the better offerings of tea, coffee, and a variety of edibles...

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A Sunday School scholar being asked what became of men who deceive their fellowmen, promptly exclaimed, "They go to Europe"