## Shirley's Surprise.

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Shirley was superintending the annual charity bazaar and putting her whole incautious, magnanimous soul into the task, but that was Shirley every time.

the other girls on the committee by

telephone to tell them about it.
"Perfectly impossible," one said.
"Too much work," complained an-

"Fine," agreed a third, "and just like through yourself. All the rest of us have more than we can do now." And so, a bit chagrined, but quite andaunted, Shirley proceeded "to put new pans and kettles."

She had just executed her first vicgoods establishment.

"You look as fresh as a morning giory, Shirley," was Philip's greeting tion. as he sprang from his car and helped Shirley from hers. "How do you do it-with a whole charity bazans on your hands?"

"Just come in her with me a minute, Philip, and I'll show you," Shirley answered, laughing.

Once faside the shop, Shirley asked instantaneous metamorphosis.

fairly beamed upon Shirley. But, then,



"I'VE ALBRADY BOUGHT THIS ONE." every one beamed upon Shirley, for that matter, and Shirley beamed upon every one in return, or possibly it was Philip?" just the other way round.

smiling so captivatingly as she did so same?" that her victim quite overlooked the fatality of the announcement. "And out." Mr. Brown managed to tuck an acquiescent smile in edgewise as Shirley, seating herself in a reclining bamporch chair, announced: we'd like this, I'm sure. It's delightfully comfortable. And, oh, that lovely tan Glonesster hammock! We must have that. Come over here and try it with me, Philip."

Philip obeyed without a moment's hesitation, although conscious that the eyes of several spruce young clerks were watching himself and Shirley as they sat like two children swinging

That's a secret, but it will be a splendid advertisement, and if they

pleased and honored to be of service. "And I haven't asked you to buy a single ticket, Mr. Brown," Shirley re-

minded him generously. Mr. Brown immediately put his hand

"No, thank you just as much," de-clined Shirley prettily; "But, you see, Mrs. Brown bought half a dozen yes-

berly when they were on the sidewalk, "haven't you any conscience whatever?" But at Shirley's expres-

sion of absolute incomprehension Philip burst out laughing. "What are you going to do with the things anyway?" he asked, belping her into her auto-

"That's my surprise," Shirley answered. "You'll see when you come to the bagaar. By the way, bow many tickets do you want?"

ly drew out six. Won't these be sufficient to let me

in?" he asked tensingly. "Where did you get them, Philip?"

flashed Shirley. sources," he answered indifferently. announced defiantly. "I saved them on purpose for you, Philip, so you'll have to take them. Now, you mustn't detain me a minute longer. I've got loads of other places to go to. See you at the baznar,"

"But I can't call before"- began Philip, abruptly tearing in two sev eral small pieces of blue cardboard.
"No, you can't." interrupted Shirley, laughing. "I'm too busy. If you need any more tickets, Philip, let me know. Goodby.

The bazaar opened with a blaze of phant career for one entire week.

The center of attraction was "Shir-And she had what she termed a it came to be called before the bazaar "perfectly, splendidly unique" idea for was half over. There it stood at one this particular bazzar. As soon as she end of the long hall, immaculate and thought of it she called up each of dainty in its coat of white and yellow, defying any one to find fault with It and inviting every one to come infor the small price of 5 cents.

Every one wanted to go in and re-main to exclaim over its coziness. Not a corner of it was left unexplored. you, Shirley. But you'll have to put from the little living room with its artistic wicker furnishings to the diminutive kitchen with its miniature cook stove and shining rows of brand

And nearly every one lingered long enough to have tea, which Shirley torious stroke when she came face to served out on the porch with just as face with Philip Evans—that is, their gracious hospitality as if she weren't served out on the porch with just as machines met before a smart sporting charging the exorbitant sum of 15 cents a cup for it. The little portable house proved a most paying proposi-

And when the very last night of the basaar it was put up at auction there were spirited bidding and much ex-

"Four bundred and ninety dollarsfour hundred and ninety dollars," called the auctioneeer impressively, "for this beautiful little house with all for the proprietor. No one else would its furnishings complete. Come, 'gendo, she sahl. When that pompous themen. Some one make it five hun-gentleman saw who it was demanding dred. Going, going—five hundred, do his exclusive personal attention his I hear? Thank you, sir. Gone at five Lipscomb, of Washington, N. C. "He expression of annoyance underwent an hundred to the gentleman over there To Philip's Intense amusement he ward and give his name?"

room, suddenly disappeared as the crowd parted to give the purchaser right of way.

A few minutes later Philip Evans chitis, La Grippe, Asthma and all found her sitting on the kitchen table Bronchial affections. 50c and \$1.00.

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"Why, Shirley Burnett!" he exclaimed. "What's the matter? You ought to be the proudest girl in the world." "Well, I'm not," Shiriey answered disconsolately. "I'm the most miser-able. I can't bear to think of any one else having this little house. I want it myself. I just love it. Don't you think the porch is the cutest thing you ever saw, Philip? Can't you just imagine sitting out on it away off

somewhere in the moonlight?" Philip nodded. Somehow he couldn't trust bimself to speak.
"And the dear little fiving room-

isn't it the budglest little room you ever saw, Philip?"

Philip wasn't quite sure what "budgest" meant, but he nodded again. "And as for this little toy kitchen," Shirley ended dramatically, patting a nearby saucepan affectionately, "I adore everything in it! Don't you,

"Everything," answered Philip sol-"You see, Mr. Brown, we're going emnly, "and you, sweetheart, most of any intelligent inquiries a to have a charity bazaar," she began, all. Oh. Shirley, can't you say the pense."—Washington Star.

For a moment Shirley looked at him as if dosed. Then, her eyes sparkling you have such perfectly charming and with happiness and her cheeks growunusual things here that I knew you ing rosier and rosier, she said softly ass. What sort of a person is he?" would be delighted to give us just and slowly. "I adore everything in this one or two small articles to help us little kitchen, and you, sweetheart, most of all."

"You're quite sure, dearest," Philip questioned a few minutes later as, at Shirley's request, he held up the little kitchen mirror while she rearranged are quickly cured by Foley's Honey her much rumpled hair, "that you love and Tar. me just as much as you love the little lungs are healed and strengthened.

more I - I'll congratulate whoever bought it. There, I couldn't say more. Who is he?"

"You don't know?" gasped Philip, unable to believe his ears.

"I don't want to see the monster, explained Shirley. "Just as soon as ! heard that fatal word "Gone!" I ran out here, where you found me. Philip," she broke off excitedly, "I have the grandest inspiration! Let you and ne get another house just like this and spend our honeymoon in it. I think I could get one quite cheap for

you see," confided Philip "I've already bought this meekly.

one."
"Why, Philip Evans!" exclaimed "I don't Shirley, hugging him hard. "I don't believe it. Aren't you a love?"

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