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FROM POORHOUSE TO PALACE BY MARY J. HOLMES

CHAPTER XII.—(Continued.)

Here Jenny's remarks were interrupted by the loud rattling of wheels, and the halo of many voices. Going to the door, she and Mary saw coming down the road at a furious rate the old hay cart, laden with young people from Chicopee, who had been berrying in Sturbridge and were now returning home in high glee.

"It isn't that," said Mary, smiling in spite of herself, at Jenny's frankness. "It isn't that I don't like to hear Ella sing with your brother, when she must have known he meant to annoy me."

"Oh, what a forlorn-looking place!" exclaimed Rose Lincoln, as from the windows of the crowded vehicle in which they had come from the cars she first obtained a view of the not very handsome village of South Hadley.

Rose was in the worst of humors, for by some mischance Mary was on the same seat with her, and consequently she was very much distressed and crowded. She, however, felt a little afraid of Aunt Martha, who she saw was inclined to favor the object of her wrath, so she restrained her fault-finding spirit until she arrived at South Hadley, where everything came in for a share of her displeasure.

"The seminary," said she contemptuously, as they drew up before the building. "Why, it isn't half as large or handsome as I supposed. Oh, horror! I know I shan't stay here long."

taking Mary's hot hands between her own. In a few words Mary related her history, omitting her acquaintance with George Moreland, and commencing at the night when her mother died. Ida was warm-hearted and affectionate, and cared but little whether one were rich or poor if she liked them.

Soon after Mary went to Mount Holyoke she had received a letter from Billy, in which he expressed his pleasure that she should be at school, and added that the fact of her being there interested greatly with his plan of educating her himself.

Mary felt perplexed and troubled. Billy's letters of late had been more like those of a brother than of a lover, and could not help guessing the nature of "the plan formed in his mind."

Rapidly the days passed on at Mount Holyoke. Autumn faded into winter, whose icy breath floated for a time over the mountain tops, and then melted away at the approach of spring, which, with its swelling buds and early flowers, gave joy to the hearts of the bright days of summer.

Neither Rose nor Jenny were to return the next year, and nothing but Mr. Lincoln's fitness and good sense had prevented their being sent for when their mother first heard that they had failed to enter the middle class.

"I shall never make anything of Henry," she said, "but my daughters shall receive the best advantage, and perhaps out of the other of them will comfort my old age."

He had spoken truly with regard to Henry, who was studying, or pretending to study, in the same office with Billy Bender. But his father heard no favorable accounts of him, and from time to time large bills were presented.

will have a rare chance for taking music lessons of our best teachers; and then, too, you will be in the same house with George, and that alone is worth going to Boston for, I think.

Ida little suspected that her last argument was the strongest objection to Mary's going, for, much as she wished to meet George again, she felt that she would not on any account go to his home, lest he should think she came on purpose to see him.

Some of these rhymes present a curious mixture of English and otherwise unheard-of words. The following are excellent examples of the latter class:

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Her father was downstairs, together with Ida's father, George and Aunt Martha. "Most the first thing I did," said she, "was to inquire after Billy Bender. I guess Aunt Martha was shocked, for she looked so queer. George laughed, and Mr. Seiden said he was doing well, and was one of the finest young men in Boston."

"Do you know what a Zulu is?" said an old railroad man. The traveling man who was waiting for his train smiled in a way that was meant to indicate he knew all the species of Zulus that ever existed, and told the railroad man about the Africans, called Zulus, who maintained that continent's reputation for fighting before the Boers stepped in.

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FOR THE YOUNG FOLKS

Counting Out Rhymes. There has been much conjecture as to the origin of children's "counting-out" rhymes.

"Now, don't peek." "I'm sure of this," said Fred the wise. "With a manly look in his laughing eyes; 'I'll mind my mother every day; A fellow's a baby that won't obey.'—Applies of Gold."



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It took a good fifteen minutes of petting and cajolery to induce her to stop crying, too, and to lift her head. But finally, like the cow in the story, she became consoled. Then she washed her face and forgot her troubles in frivolous pursuit of a piece of paper tied to a string.

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hauled it up it was an eel! Nobody could be saved from drowning if there wasn't any water to pull them out of. Water is first-rate to put fires out with. I love to go to fires and see the men work at the engines. This is all I can think of about water—except the flood.

A Fellow's Mother.

"A fellow's mother," said Fred the wise. "With his rosy cheeks and his merry blue eyes, 'Knows what to do if a fellow gets hurt By a thump, or a bruise, or a fall in the dirt."

Teacher—Tommy, what are you doing to that little boy? Tommy—Nothing. He wanted to know if you take three from five how many you remain, and I took three of his apples to show him, and now he wants them back.

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The bark is of a dark red color, as a rule, but the chips and interior exhibit kaleidoscopic colors. Amethyst, red and yellow jasper, chalcedony of every tint, topaz, onyx, carnelian and other stones abound. The logs, in fact, are a blend of these stones. One of them, 100 feet long and three to five feet in diameter, spans a narrow canyon, and is called the Agate Bridge. It is chiefly composed of jaspers and agates.

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FARMERS' CORNER

We have often seen the advice in some of the agricultural columns to feed the horse before watering him, but we never had good success in convincing one when he came in from a drive or a day's work that he should wait for a drink until after he had eaten.

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The temptation to go to the highest portion of the root is too strongly induced in the fowls to resist and they will invariably manage to get to the top. Then, in their haste to get down they fall, head over heels, having no means of protection. I have seen fowls attempt to fly from a perch fully ten feet from the ground, invariably with the same results.

The fence can always be built high enough to keep them in the yard and, aside from all injury the clipping does, their liberty is so marred that one should refrain from such unnecessary mutilation. A fence four feet high will keep the Leghorns at home.

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