

A DAY.

Surprise fresh, and the dishes small. Stir the lawn with their starling fair. But the blossoms of moon shall be steady and tall.

"And mine's Job Whettles. Queer name, ain't it? Don't believe there's another like it in the country. Good day, mate. If I'm round this way again I'll look in on you."

One day, as Pete was soldering a milk-pail for Mrs. Burge, this time whistling a little, having work to whistle over, the man came in without warning of rap or voice.

"Thought you're twenty-five miles away afore this," said Pete, playing his iron. "Take a seat."

"Things don't please me much over that way," said the fellow pompously, again beginning to out his tobacco, perhaps as a cover to his furtive glances.

"Can't get it," said Pete, briefly, viewing his completed work with approval. "Ain't no farm work to be had just now."

"Well, doing chores, I mean—light work. I'm not particular how little I do for my board," with a coarse laugh.

"Eight! Well, I declare!" said the good lady, the clock struck after she had groped her way up stairs.

"Not a bit, mother," said Linda, with a smile cut short by a yawn. "I stopped to put the cat out."

"I always think of what your father said," mused the old lady. "It was after the Hamstead murder. We never had our doors fastened in the world till then; and soon as the news of that some every body was scared to death, and your father put a button on the back door."

When Pete crept up to the house at 10, the women had been soundly asleep for two hours. He tried the kitchen window; it was fastened and went up noiselessly. He stepped in and had turned the button back.

"I tell you what it is," said the mother, beginning to spread the breakfast table. "I'm just out of patience with that clock, striking the hours away afore they get here. It seems real malicious, tryin' to hurry you off. Now, perhaps it is only half a day's job or so; let's send for Tinker Pete and have him come up and fix it."

"So the chore boy was dispatched for Peter. He came like a snip, uncertain whether the message was feigned to cover suspicion of him or not. But no one could look into Mrs. Poysett's clear eyes for a moment, or hear Linda's clear laugh, with even a lingering fear that either had anything to conceal.

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CLOCK WORK.

"My! no!" said Mrs. Poysett, laughing at the very idea; "we ain't afraid to stay in the house one night 'bout men-folks. Are we Lindy?"

"I guess not," said the black-eyed Linda cheerfully, washing her hands as a preliminary to putting the bread in the pan.

"Frank says when John wrote to him to come and stay over a day in Boston, 'You'll be afraid, mother, with all Lindy's presents in the house.' And he was real put out at first, because I wouldn't have some of the neighbors come in to sleep."

"Well, I don't blame you, if you feels of you could sleep—only two women-folks," said the caller, white-featured Miss Haines, with prominent elbows and emphatically clean collar. "It's only amount to makin' up a bed for nothin'."

"Yes, Mrs. Poysett went on, accompanying the slicing of apples for pies with the regular swing of her rocking chair, while she now and then placed a particularly thin and inviting piece of the fruit in her mouth; "that's what I thought. Ten—leven—Lindy, when you go into the other room I wish you would strike the clock round. It strikes one too many."

A Wild Girl of the Mountains.

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An Insurance Carpenter.

The other day, during a case in the police court, a witness was put upon stand, who gave his occupation as that of a carpenter.

"Where is your shop?" asked a lawyer. "Hav'n't any," urbanely responded the witness.

"Well, you see, I don't need one. I'm an insurance carpenter." "What's that?"

"Well, I'm employed by the insurance companies to estimate damages to buildings. You see, it works this way: A building owner has a fire for a few rooms; or, say, the roof caves in. The company sends me as an expert, and I look around, measure with this tape-line, and do a lot of figuring on a shingle with a big red pencil. Then I say I can repair the damage for \$8.70, or something like that."

"Oh! first rate. The house owner says he'll attend to the repairs himself. He sends in a bill for three or four hundred dollars. The company shows my estimate, and rather than bring suit the man takes one-half, on which I got my percentage, don't you see?" and the expert smiled benevolently.

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