

'Easy as A. B. C.'

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JIM WELLS, from the kitchen, called to his wife, who was entertaining the school teacher and the minister's wife in the front room:

SHORT "I'm goin' down ter the store fer a leetle spell, Rissie!"
SHORT "Land, Jim," Rissie snorted, "run along!" Turning to her guests, she exclaimed: "Jest as if he hadn't been goin' ter the store reg'lar three nights a week for the last 20 years."

Jim muttered, "Thought I'd tell yer," and sat down in the kitchen to pull on his rubbers. He could hear Rissie (who thought that he had gone) still talking.

"I can read Jim jest like an open book. My birthday's next week, and I can tell yer right now what he's goin' ter give me! One of the 'lectric lamps Dave Hall's got in his store! With a blue shade. I seen him fingerin' the fringe whenever I've been in the store with him, an' he's asked 'all manner o' pointed questions. He's as simple ter read as ABC!"

Jim slipped quietly out, muttering to himself. In the road he stopped a moment, then laughed and hurried on.

On his wife's birthday, Jim went down to the lower end of the village to work. When he reached home, Rissie commanded him: "Wash up good and proper! Mis' Dennett and Miss Wendell are comin' over fer my birthday supper."

Jim's eyes twinkled. "S'good," he muttered, and disappeared into the bedroom.

When he heard Rissie at the door admitting her guests, he slipped out and tucked a large box under the table just beside her chair.

When they came to the table, Rissie, with well-feigned surprise, picked up the two packages which she found at her place. Admiring and exclaiming, she opened them, while the donors simpered in embarrassment.

"A tatin' doiley an' an embroidered towel! Ain't they jest handsome, Jim? Land, I can't thank you ladies enough!"

Rissie looked a little questioningly at Jim, who made no sign, and they sat down. Rissie felt the box beside her, jumped up, and pulled it out.

"I declare!" she exclaimed. "Is this a present from you, Jim?"

Jim nodded.
Rissie exchanged a knowing glance with her guests. With shaky fingers she tore off the papers and opened the carton. While the other two women stood with bated breath, she reached in, made a startled movement of her hand, and drew out a plain glass candle-holder and a long, ugly, over-decorated yellow candle! The two women looked at Jim and then back at Rissie's flushing face.

"How—how lovely!" they gasped, at last.

"Jest about fit your parlor mantle, won't they, Rissie?" Jim piped. Rissie gaped despairingly in the carton and drew out the other candlestick.

"A pair!" said Mrs. Dennett, trying to be tactful. "Two always look so nice, one on each end."

When the meal was finished Rissie announced: "I'm goin' ter make you folks right ter home now. It's colder in the front room, so we'll stay right here in the sittin'-room."

Jim drew his rocker up to the stove and sat down with his feet on the hearth.

"It's Wednesday night. Ain't you goin' down ter the store, Jim?" Rissie asked.

"Nope!" Jim answered. "Guess I'll stay ter home."

"What's got inter yer!" Rissie exclaimed.

Conversation lagged. Rissie fidgeted. At last she jumped up.

"I declare! I b'lieve it's nicer in the front room, after all."

Her guests followed her, and shivered involuntarily as they passed out of the warmer room. They made an effort to be cheerful but the creaking of Jim's chair startled them, and the front room grew colder. It was early when they prepared to leave, and Rissie hardly urged them to stay. There was a tone of pity and condescension in their good-night to Rissie.

Rissie came back from the door and dropped into a chair. Jim, smiling and bearing a large box, came from the bedroom.

"I've got another present fer yer, Rissie," he offered.

"One's enough!" she snapped.

"It's—it's somethin' you'll like."

He drew out a lamp with a soft rose-and-blue shade.
"It's somethin' like what Dave had at the store," he went on, "but it's nicer. I sent ter town. I knowed you wouldn't want Mis' Dennett ter see it. She'd be makin' half a dozen jest like it by tomorrer."

Rissie turned. As she gazed at the lamp, her eyes softened with delight.

Jim chuckled wickedly, "I can read you jest like a book, easy as ABC!"

Rissie gave a little sigh of defeat and reached a caressing hand toward the silky shade.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all concerned, that J. A. Hance, Administrator of the Estate of MILDRED A. KEEGAN, sometimes known as MILDRED A. JOY, deceased, has filed in the County Court of Josephine County, State of Oregon, his Final Account in the administration of said Estate, and said Court has set Friday, the 31st day of January, 1941 at 10:00 o'clock A. M. in the forenoon of said day, in the County Courtroom at the Courthouse in Grants Pass, Josephine County, Oregon, as the time and place for the hearing on said Final Account and in objections thereto.

J. A. HANCE, Administrator of the Estate of MILDRED A. KEEGAN, sometimes known as MILDRED A. JOY, Deceased. 34-38

NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY COURT OF JOSEPHINE.

In the Matter of the Estate of JOHN P. JOHNSON, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned M. E. Wilcox was on the 19th day of December, 1940, appointed Administrator of the Estate of John P. Johnson, deceased. All persons having any claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same, duly verified, to W. T. Miller, Attorney for said Administrator, at his office in the United States National Bank Building, Grants Pass, Oregon, on or before six (6) months from the date hereof.

Dated this 21st day of December, 1940.

M. E. WILCOX, Administrator of the Estate of John P. Johnson, deceased.

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