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THE PRIZE PUMPKIN.

Rosa Proved Hersolf a Good Farm or's Wifo, After All.
"So John is murried! Sort of onex as. in his tay capiselty oagon cor, ho weighed out fourteen pounds of crushed sugar for Mrs. Parmalee, who sut apon
a tall stool on the customurs' side of the counter. "John," continuod the Descon, as he carefuty returned about
a tenspoonful over-welght to ve bar-
me--John always seemed kinder stil when be «ns amongst the gals, and I
calculated be'd be one of ourold lachlors; but there's never any telling." Mr. Parmalee F
"If you feel that way about it, how
must $I$ feelp" she sald. "As for bi
pa. be's a changed man. And Aunt Abby took to her bed. And my daugh-
lers have cried till I thought they'd ry their eyes ou
"I want to know!" ejaculated the al, has "He aint married the hired "I wish he hau," snid Mrs. Parmalee. "She'd have helped about the house." I dunno," said the deacon. "My
rrandmother's youngest son-an uncle of mine, that warn't much older'n me -he married his ma's hired gal, and
he jest folded her hands and wouldn't letch the water to wash'em with arter the ring was on. 'Tisn't one of the
Jorkiness sou've had the famerly quarrel with fur so long a time?" irls," sald Mrs. Parmalee.
"I want to know $?^{\text {" }}$ said the Deacon, in italics "Ib it a widder with suthin gin her character, like Samuwel
Penmelon marriedp" "Mon suid, Mrs. Pa set-up city thing, with all the airs yo aver saw. She's fresh from boarding.
sebool, and talks French, and sings tallan, and plays I must say, like a protessor. "She's all style, and de-
pises us, and hates the house anc the arm; and shelll wean John from us He's said more hateful things since he was married than he eversaid in his
Wife before. We gave him the best Ife before. We gave him the best
vedroom, and she's got him to new furoish it. And I wish it had pleased he Lord to take me years ago. for
on't expect ever to be happy again Aon't expect
while 1 live."
"Pretty badi pretty bad," sald the
Deacon. "But perhaps she"ll turn out better than you calkeriate, as she
rows older. Pr'aps it's childishness. My wife would begin by giviog her a regular seting down,
tor good."
"My spirit is broken," sale Mrs. Parmalee. with a sigh. "Did I say a
pound of ralsins, and a paper of allpound of ralsins, and a paper of all-
spice, and- Oh, yes, I nearly forgot spice, and- one yes,
the nearly lorgot
pound. And pat we always got: a riage Im golng next door to the
miliner's to get my new bonnet. I saw my daughter-4n-law looking sider
ways at my old one leat Sunday;" and, with another groan, Mrs. Parmalee Trimmer, who was even more sympahetic than the Deacon.
Meanwhile, John's new wife was having rather a forlorn time of it at ome Johr was lecturing her. itule more interest in country life, please the family so much. "I do John," said Rosa, with her big lve eyes full of candor. "Tm sure 've sketched every thing. The spring, lossie. the calf. and Tre hot anc bunches of grass",
"Yes-but I don't mean an artistic terest." sald John. "A real solid one Couldn't you feel a little like a country rlif you tried, Rosa? 'I have driven my own pony, and
ever they eat; Ill churn."
"The hired men and the servants do
all that, Kosa," said John, rather se.
verely. "Don't protend to misunder stand me. I'm a plain farmer, ant my wife must not be too much above
things I take an interest fo." "l'm not, John," erled Rosia. What
do 1 do 01 dop John could not say. He only knew
hat his home, which had been a place of peace and comfort in the days when. as the bachelor brother of Aye-andbirty, he had been the adored of the homestead, the idol of his mother, and
the Admirable Chrichton of his The Admirable Chrichton of his
younger sisters, had turned into a sort on cabinet of torture; that the little beauty who had left boarding-school
0 marry bim-and whom he had thought perfect-was spoken of as a
"stuck-up," as a thing of airs and "stuck-up," as a thing of airs and
graces, as one who "put on airs." The family wore the air of having
The been through a trightful trial. Sharp hings were said-bitter ones, aiso
and his aniable parents, his checrful
oid aunt, and bis tively little sister oid aunt, and bis tively little sisters
were changea fnto venigs as solemn an were changed
grand Druids.
The change had been brought about
by him giving them what he supposed
would be a pleasont surprise-in mar. rying Rosa. He had quarreled with
them, now he was lecturing bls wife Shem, now he was lecturing his wife
She was away a tear when
Jne the servant, knocked at the doon and brought in a batch of letters "Speer's folks fetched them from
She ofice," she said, as she dumped them on her master's desk, and
showed by her glances that she plainshowed by her glances that she plain-
Iy saw that his wife had been crving yy sair that his wife had beon and he
nod that ba was the anue nd he
Dent over the letters, pretending to oxamine them.

## Nosa, bowever, was forgiving. She

- to the table. Two for me," she cried. This is
of A mamma, and Anis is from Lilly ney, I know. And what a pretty en-
relope you have there, John-the goddess Pomonia, is it not, amongst her
fruits?" "A notiee from the managers of the Agricultural Fair," suld Jobn. "Father
got the prize for pears last year. We generally get prizes,"
He banded the docum
who perused it carefully, nnd the little who perusec
tif was over
Still life w
Still life was not what it used to be in the old farmi-house. You can im-
agine it all. The detail of days of chilly coldness, of evenings once spent in the general sitting-room passed in up-stairs bed-rooms, of formal meals
and haughty politeness. John often thought that a regular quarrel, like Mike Granburg, on the rallroad borders, where plates and glasses and chair-legs flew about, would be pre-
ferable. He went out as much as possible. And Rosa had asked him for a hitle plece of ground for a garden
her own. He had given it course, and she spent much time there, but she never asked him to look at it.
His sisters avoided it carefully. The spot chosen was an out-ol-the-way one beyond the corn-fieid. They worked
in their own as usual; and even over in their own as usval; and even over
flowers these gifia dld not meet on friendly terms.
His mother rather ostentatiously read the more severe of the relligious
works in the library in her arm-chair works in the library in her arm-chair
on the porch. His tather talked of his time being nearly over. His aunt
knitted as sternly as though she were
one of the Fates in charge of the web one deetiny; and nobody called him Jack
on any more.
He was
He was aware that the ladies spoke
of Roan's remote little garden us the of Rona's remote little gurden us the
open afr "conservatory," or the "Gar-
den of E'en" den of Eden," and once when he asked them why they
it, Edna replied:
"Oh, our glances might blight it."
And Ruth asded:
"It is too
"It is too, too utterly, I prosume
We country girls could not Whereupon he called them ...l1 Whereupon he called them "ill-
natured idiots," and they began to sob violently, and alluded to him as "a brute". And really Rosa did carry herself in stately fashion, and met
their Roland with an Oliver, as tar na coldness went.
It was not a pleasant August, and It was a more unpleasant September. His only comfort was in hls grapeviae. Ho hopod to get the prize for
grapes at the Agricultural Fair. His grapes at the Agricuitural Fair. His
father was doing all he could with his pears for the same purpose. They Would have other exhibits, also, and
the Parmalees hind never falled to get

Th evening of the third day of the vere all going-the family in the carringe, John and his wife in the little vehicle of his own. She looked very
beautiful, and her dress was perfect. beautiful, and her dress was perfect make a sort of rival toilet. and Mrs. Parmalee was very grand, but Johs
felt that he was left out in the cold and Rosa was rather pale and silent; but they all warmed up a little when
they entered the hall.
A sort of proscenium surrounded the
tage at the end of the great, room. amongst rock work, and pots and tubs of rare plants filled in the foreground. A miracle of the scene painters' art arose at the back of the stage, where ains, and in the midst stood Pomona amidst a wealth of the fruits of alf
ountries, while at her feet lay a Yancountries, while at her feet lay a Yan-
kee pumpkin-a veritable miracle-so large, so flawless, so golden, so perfect, lingered. Itdwarfed every other pumppresent.
All the tables were loaded down. $\begin{aligned} & \text { however, and the Parmalee exhibit } \\ & \text { looked well. People walked and }\end{aligned}$ looked well. People walked and
talked, and the hand played and at last appeared upon the stage the firures of appeared upon the stage the figures of
three sages who were to bestow the prizes.
Smiths and Joneses, Williamses an Browns, in turn grew happy. The
Widew'Watkins almost fainted when she received the first prize for onions and the new member, who was a widower, whispered words of comfort.
Farmer Pagindarm thought the committee unjust because they overlooke the merits of his "Jackson-whites, his Katharine pears with calmnesswas used to
His mother felt it to be a judgment and was proud that her tea roses were
One after another the names of the
One after another the names of the
successful were called, but as yet no muccessful ware called, but as yet
mention was made of the great pumpkin. Whose was itp There was o
nuase: the band played "Yankee nause: the band played "Yankee on the pumpkin; the orator waved
hand toward it; all were attentive. "Next to pork and beans," beg the speaker, "our National dish is pumpicin pie. I suppose nobody here
can deny that this pumpkin now before can deny that this pumpicin now before
us is the finest they ever saw. It is as is the finest they ever saw. It is
almost miraculous. It is the first ex-
hibit of its exhbito hibit of its exhibitor, and I am proud
to announce that she is the wife of one of our most esteemed young residents. It is in the family to get prizes at our
annual fairs, and she seems to have got hold of the secret. Mra John
Parmalee, I have pleasure to you the first prize for pumplings John, bring her up to get it You've got a first-class farmer's wite, and no
mistake. The Parmalee family sat motionless, was the result of Rosn's sly gardening
mating then. Her "conservatory," her "Garden of Eden," had produced that
mighty pumpkin. There she was on mighty pumpkin. There she was on
John's arm, with her beautiful uttle face all pale with excitement; and her
she came back again with the she came back again with the medal in mothes
eyes
"Yo
"You can't think I don't take an in she whispered. "Tell me Iam going to be a good farmer's wife."
And there and then the elder Mr Parmaleo kissed her, and said:
"I'm proud of you, my deur."
As for John, he wanted to cry. He know the miserable coldness of the
So 11 was. The girls ealled him Jack egain, his aunt petred him, his
mother mado him little ternorer mother made him little turnover plos girls appealed to him as authority in giris appealed to him as authority in
all things. The miraculous pumpkin had healed the family wounds. They adopted Ross as a favorite sister anc lamily are not so mier the Parmale the Agricultural Fair as uscual. Thoy that there was a baby fair in the county instend. For, assuredly, If thore
were, Rosa's boy, little Juck, though only four weeks old, would win the principal prize. He is more beautiful, more charming, larger for hls age, and
in every way more wonderful, than aven the miraculous pumplin. -M Cady, in N. Y. Ledg.r.


