THE SQUIRE'S PROPOSAL.

When the city visitors who swarmed around Maple Centre, and registered their names by the score in the books of the village hotel, strolled out on the Maple road they always stopped at the Bubble farm and cried: "How exquisite! How picturesque!" And, for the life of her, Miss Belinda Bubble did not know why.

"It ain't as if I could afford to paint the old house," said she. "It's just a slate brown, with winter storms and summer suns with the grape arbor all a-tumblin' down for lack of a brace or two of solid timber and the well-sweep and half as convenient as Mrs. Claghorn's new chain pump, no way you can fix it; and the stun' wall's all overgrowed with them pesky runnin' vines and briars! To be sure, the four o'clocks and mornin' glories are sort o'pretty by the fence, and there aint no prettier hollyhocks in the country than them dark-red and cherry-colored ones jest this side the pear tree. As for the beehives, I always did like beehives, even if it wasn't for the honey. My mother set a heap o' store by them beehives, and there they've stood, nine of 'em in a row, ever since I could remember. And there ain't no honey in all the country as has got the flavor of our'n. I don't know wether it's Squire Carbuncle's buckwheat field or that there clover medder of Mr. Darnell's as does it. But you can fairly taste the sunshine and the flowers in it!"

It was a genuine sight, at swarming time, when Miss Belinda issued forth into the black and blooming clouds, all gloved and veiled and tied up in a mosquito netting, with a tin pan and skimmer in her hand.

"I ginerally have first-rate good luck with the swarms," said Belinda. I don't know when I've lost one, if only folks would let them alone. But it's the meddlin' people that come to offer their help that upsets me and the bees. Squire Carbunkle, now he's real sensible. He don't never come 'round interferin.' If he sees the bees making up their minds to swarm, he jest gets off his garden chair and goes into the house. For bees, they're dreadful sensible. They have their likes and dislikes, jest as human creaturs have—and they never could get along with the Squire."

Squire Carbuncle was a quiet, grizzle-headed man of fifty, who farmed model farm, with all the new machinery patents liberally oiled with gold, read the agricultural papers, and was always "just going to" write an article for the Gentleman Farmer. Miss Bubble herself was not much younger. She supported herself in a genteel way by vestmaking for a factory in the neighborhood.

"I s'pose," said Miss Bubble, "Squire Carbuncle 'll get married some day, and I do hope he'll choose a sociable wife that I can take comfort with, exchanging patterns and chatting of an evening over the garden fence."

"Belinda Bubble is a sensible woman," said Squire Carbuncle in his deep, sonorous voice. "To my certain knowledge she has refused one or two shiftless fellows who wanted to marry her merely to be supported. She's a good deal better off single than married."

Miss Belinda never said a word when Squire Carbuncle's superb livercolored setter killed her favorite Muscovy duck—and the Squire, on his part, condoned the offense when Miss Bubble's chickens scratched up all his early lettuce and made havoc with his seeding pansies and pinks.

"Neighbors orter be neighborly," said Miss Belinda. "And dog's nature is dog's nature!"

"I must stop up the cracks under the fence," said the Squire. "Of course Belinda can't help her chickens getting through! No woman could."

Thus matters were when Miss Belinda's cousin, Fannie Halkett, came to visit her—a plump, peach-cheeked young woman who was cashier at a glove store in the city.

"Cousin Bubble," said Fannie, "why don't you marry Squire Carbuncle?"

"La, Fannie!" cried the elderly damsel, starting back so suddenly that she stepped on one of the velvet-white paws of the pet kitten.

"Yes, truly, why don't you?" said Fannie. "He needs a wife and it would be very nice for you have a husband. Now wouldn't it?"

"Go 'long," said Miss Belinda. "I never thought of such a thing! Nor him neither. Go out, Fannie, and pick a mess o' white Antwerp raspberries for tea and don't let me hear no more such nonsense."

"Nonsense?" echoed Fannie, laughing as she went off with a blue-edged bowl in her hand. "But I think it isn't nonsense at all!"

Among the raspberry vines she talked the matter over with Julian Hall, Squire Carbuncle's nephew, who had come to the farm for a week's troutfishing, and who had developed a very strong propensity for reading novels under the old pear tree that overshadowed Miss Bubble's garden fence.

"Wouldn't it be nice?" said Fannie.

"Splendid!" Julian answered, leaning over to put a handful of raspberries into the blue-edged bowl.

Whether he leaned too far and lost his footing or how it happened he did not know; but certain it is that just at that moment, one of the beehives fell—crash!—over among the raspberry bushes. Fannie fled in wild fright, and Julian himself, recovering his balance as best he might, was driven to ignominious flight.

"Who did that?" said Squire Carbuncle, issuing out of the door.

"I'm afraid I did, sir!" confessed Julian.

"Such a thing never happened before in all the years that we have lived as neighbors to each other," said Mr. Carbuncle. "Of course the bees have got away and the glass honey boxes are broken?"

"I am very sorry, sir," said Julian.

The Squire, an eminently just man, harnessed up his gray pony and drove to town next day. That evening he called at the Bubble farm house with a square package, neatly done up in brown paper in his arms. Fannie Halkett came to the door.

"My dear," said Squire Carbuncle, "is your cousin at home?"

"Yes, sir," said Fannie, fluttering all over and showing the way into the best parlor, where the blue paper shades were down and the stuffed owl on the mantel transfixed the chance visitor with its eyes of glittering green glass.

"Tell her I've called on very particular business," said the squire sonorously.

"Yes, sir!" said Fannie, and away she ran.

"Cousin Belinda, take your hair out of those crimping pins at once, said she, "and let me fasten this blue ribbon bow at your throat. He's in the parlor. He's come to propose."

"Nonsense, Fannie!"

"But he has! He as good as told me so!" cried Fannie, standing on tiptoe to kiss Miss Belinda's withered cheek. "Do make haste! Don't keep him waiting. Men don't like to be kept waiting." She fairly pushed Belinda Bubble into the best room."

"Miss Bubble," said the Squire solemnly, rising to his feet, "I have called to ask if you will accept——"

"Yes, dear Seth, I will. Fannie told me you was going to propose to me, but I didn't believe it, and I'll be as good a wife to you as I know how. Oh, Seth, I've always loved you since you and I were young people and went to singing school together!"

The Squire opened and shut his mouth as if it were some curious piece of machinery.

"Eh!" said he staring mechanically at the owl.

"I hope," faltered Miss Bubble, "you don't think I've been too hasty in accepting your offer?"

"No Belinda, no, no," said Mr. Carbuncle, swallowing down a lump in his throat. "I am much obliged to you for saying 'yes," and am quite convinced my dear, that you will be a good wife to me."

So this autumnal couple became engaged, and the Squire never told Belinda that it was the colony of Italian bees he had brought her, not himself, to lay as an offering at her shrine.

"But it's just as well," said the Squire to himself. I ought really to be settled in life, and Belinda is a most worthy woman. It is best at times to abandon oneself entirely to circumstances."

"Didn't I tell you so, cousin Belinda?" said Fanny exultantly.

One wedding makes many, and neither of the elders was surprised when Julian and Fanny became engaged shortly after.

"The humming of bees will be the sweetest music in all the world to my ears after this," said Julian fervently.

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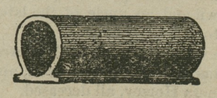

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7.15	HEPBRON	11.40
7.28	KENNEDYVILLE	11.27
7.41	BLACK'S	11.14
7.54	LAMBSON'S	11.01
8.08	MASSEYS	10.47
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