IN MISS VINEY'S GARDEN.

AS DISCRIBED IN "LOVEY MARY."

"That's exactly what ails her," agreed Mrs. Wiggs: "it's nerves, Miss Hazy. To my way of thinin,' nerves is worser than tumors an' cancers. Look at old Mrs. Schultz. She's got the dropsy so bad you can't tell whether she's settin' down or standin' up, yet she ain't got a nerve in her body, an' has 'most as good a time as other folks. We can't let Lovey Mary go on with these her nerves; no tellin' where they'll land her at. If it was jes springtime, I'd give her sulphur an' molasses and' jes a leetle cream of tartar; that, used along with egg-shell tea, is the outbeatenest tonic I ever seen. But I never would run ag'in' the seasons. Seems to me I've heard yellerroot spoke of fer killin' nerves."

"I don't spect we could git no yallerroot round here'"

"What's the matter with Miss Viny? I bet it grows in her garden thick as hairs on a a dog's back. Let's send Lovey Mary out there to git some, an' we'll jes repeat the dose on her till it takes some hold."

"I ain't putting much stock in Miss Viny," demurred Miss Hazy. "I've heard she was a novelist reader, an' she ain't even a church-member."

"An' do you set up to jedge her?" asked Mrs. Wiggs, in fine scorn. "Miss Viny's got more sense in her little finger than me an' you has got in our whole heads. She can doctor better with them yarbs of hers than any physicianner I know. As to her not bein' a member, she lives right an' helps other folks, an' that't more than lots of members does. Besides," she added conclusively, "Mr. Wiggs himself wasn't no church-member",

The following Sunday being decidely cooler, Lovey Mary was started off to Miss Viny's in quest of yellowroot. She had protested that she was not sick, but Miss Hazy, back by Mrs. Wiggs, had insisted.

"If you get down sick, it would be a orful drain on me," was Miss Hazy's final argument, and the point was effective.

As Lovey Mary trudged along the railroad-tracks, she was unconscious of the pleasant changes of scenery. The cottages became less frequent, and the bare, dusty commons gave place to green fields. Here and there a tree spread its branches to the breezes, and now and then a snatch of bird song broke the stillness. But Lovey Mary kept gloomily on her way, her eyes fixed on the cross-ties. The thoughts surging through her brain were dark enough to obscure even the sunshine. For three nights she had cried herself to sleep, and the "nervous sensations" were getting worse instead of better.

"Just two months since Kate was hurt," she said to herself. "Soon as she gets out the hospital she'll be trying to find us again. I believe she was coming to the factory looking for me when she got run over. She'd just like to take Tommy away and send me to jail. Oh, I hate her worse all the time! I wish she was—"

The wish died on her lips, for she suddenly realized that it might already have been fulfilled. Some one coughed near by and she started guiltily.

"You seem to be in a right deep steddy," said a voice on the other side of the fence.

Lovey Mary gleamed up and saw a queer-looking old woman smiling at her quizzically. A pair of keen eyes twinkled under bushy brows, and a fierce little beard bristled from her chin. When she smiled it made Lovey Mary think of a pebble dropped in a pool, for the wrinkles went rippling off from her mouth in everwinding circles, until they were lost in the gray hair under her broad brimmed hat.

"Are you Miss Viny?" asked Lovey Mary, glancing at the old-fashioned flower garden beyond.

"Well, I been that fer sixty year; I ain't heared of no change," answered the old lady.

"Miss Hazy sent me after some yellow-root," said Lovey Mary, listlessly.

"Who fer?"

"Me."

Miss Viny took a pair of large spectacles from her pocket, put them on the tip of her nose, and looked over them critically at Lovey Mary.

"Stick out yer tongue."

Lovey Mary obeyed.

"Uh-huh. It's a good thing I looked. You don't no more need yallerroot than a bumblebee. You come in here on the porch an' tell me what's ailin' you, an' I'll do my own prescriptin'."

Lovey Mary followed her up the narrow path, that ran between a mass of flowers. Snowy oleanders, yellow asters, and purple phlox crowded together in a space no larger than Miss Hazy's front yard. Lovey Mary forgot her troubles in sheer delight in seeing so many flowers together.

"Do you love em, too?" asked Miss Viny, jerkiny her thumb over her shoulder.

"I guess I would if I had the chance. I never saw them growing out of doors like this. I always had to look at them through the store windows."

"Oh, law, don't talk to me 'bout caged-up flowers! I don't b'lieve in shuttin' a flower up in a greenhouse any more'n I b'lieve in shuttin myself up in one church all the time."

Lovey Mary remembered what Miss Hazy had told her of Miss Viny's pernicious religious views, and she tried to change the subject. But Miss Viny was started upon a favorite theme and was not to be diverted.

"This here is a denominational garden, an' I got every congregation I ever heared of planted in it. I ain't got no faverite bed. I keer fer 'em all jes alike. When you come to think of it, the same rule holds good in startin' a garden as does in startin' a church. You first got to steddy what sort of soil you goin' to work with, then you have to sum up all the things you have to fight ag'inst. Next you choose what flowers are goin' to hold the best places. That's a mighty important question in churches, too, ain't it? Then you go to plantin', the thicker the better. fer in both you got to allow fer a mighty fallin' off. After that you must take good keer of what you got, an' be sure to plant something new each year. Once in a while some of the old growths has to be thinned out, and the new upstarts an' suckers has to be pulled up. Now, if you'll come out here I'll show you round."

She started down the path, and Lovey Mary, somewhat overwhelmed by this oration, followed obediently.

"These here are the Baptists," said Miss Viny, waving her hand toward a bed of heliotrope and flags. "They want lots of water; like to be wet clean through. They sorter set off to theyselves an' tend to their own business; don't keer much 'bout minglin' with the other flowers."

Lover Mary did not understand very clearly what Miss Viny was talking about, but she was glad to follow her in the winding paths, where new beauties were waiting at every turn.

"These is geraniums, ain't they? One of the girls had one, once, in a flower-pot when she was sick"

"Yes," said Miss Viny; they're Methodist. They like lots of encouragement in the way of sun an' water. These phlox are Methodist, too; no set color, easy to grow, hardy an' vigorous. Pinchin' an' cuttin' back the shoots makes it flower all the better; needs new soil every few years; now ain't that Methodist down to the ground?"

"Are there any Presbyterians?" asked Lovey Mary, beginning to grasp Miss Viny's meaning.

"Yes, indeed; they are a good, old, reliable bed. Look at all these roses an' tiger lilies an' dahlias; they all knew what that was goin' to be afore they started to grow. They was elected to it, an' they'll keep on being what they started out to be clean to the very end."

"I know about predestination," cried Lovey Mary, eagerly. "Miss Bell used to tell us all those things."

"who did?"

Lovey Mary flushed crimson. "A lady I used to know," she said evasively.

Miss Viny crossed the garden, and stopped before a bed of stately lilies and azaleas. "These are 'Piscopals," she explained. "Ain't they tony? Jes look like they thought their bed was the only one in the garden. Somebody said that a lily didn't haye no pore kin amoung the flowers. It ain't no wonder they 'most die of dignity. They're like the 'Piscopals in more ways 'n one; both hates to be disturbed, both likes some shade, an' "—confidentially—"both air pretty pernickity. But to tell you the truth, ain't nothin' kin touch 'em when it comes to beauty! I think all the other beds is proud of 'em if you'd come no look into it. Why, look at weddin's an' funerals! Don't all the churches call in the 'Piscopals an' the lilies on both them occasions?"

Lovey Mary nodded vaguely.

"An' here," continued Miss Viny, "are the Unitarians. You may be s'prised at me fer havin' 'em in here, 'long with the orthodox churches; but if the sun an' the rain don't make no distinction, I don't see what right I got to put 'em on the other side of the fence. These first is sweet-william, as rich in bloom as the Unitarian is in good works, a-sowin' theyselves constant, an' every little plant a-puttin' out a flower."

"Ain't there any Catholics?" asked Lovey Mary.

"Don't you see them hollyhawks an' snowballs an' laylacs? All of them are Catholics, takin' up lots of room an, needin' the prunin'-knife pretty often, but bringin' cheer and brightness to the whole garden when it needs it most. Yes, I guess you'd have trouble thinkin' of any sect I ain't got planted. Them ferns over in the corner is Quakers. I ain't never seen no Quakers, but they tell me that they don't b'lieve in flower-in' out; that they like coolness an' shade an' quiet, an' are jes the same the year round. These colea plants are the apes; they are all things to all men, take on any color that's round 'em, but if left to theyselves they run back to good-fer-nothin's. This here everlastin' is one of these here Christians that's so busy thinkin' 'bout dyin' that he fergits to live."

Miss Viny chuckled as she crumbled the dry flower in her fingers.

"See how different this is," she said, plucking a sprig of lemon-verbena. "This an' the mint an' the sage an' the lavender is all true Christians; jes by bein' touched they give out a' influence that makes the whole world a sweeter place to live in. But, after all, they can't all be alike! There's all sorts of Christians: some stands fer sunshine, some fer shade; some fer beauty, some fer use; some up high, some down low. there's jes one thing all the flowers has to unite in fightin' ag'inst—that's the canker-worm, Hate. If it once gets in a plant, no matter how good an' strong that plant may be, it eats right down to its heart."

"How do you get it out, Miss Viny?" asked Lovey Mary, earnestly.

"Prayer an' perserance. If the Christian'll do his part, God'll do his'n. You see, I'm tryin' to be to these flowers what God is to his churches. The sun, which answers to the Sperrit, has to shine on 'em all, an' the rain, which answers to God's mercy, has to fall on 'em all. I jes watch 'em, an plan fer 'em, an' shelter 'em, an' love 'em, an' if they do their part they're bound to grow. Now I'm goin' to cut you a nice bo'quet to carry back to the Cabbage Patch."

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STATEMENT OF THE ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY of Liverpool, to Dec. 31, 1902.

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Total Liabilities	5,351,263
Surplus	2,446,497

STATEMENT OF THE PHOENIX INSURANCE COMPANY of Hartford, Conn., to December 31, 1902.

Capital	$2,000,000
Total Admitted Assets	6,497,612
Total Liabilities	3,159,689
Surplus	3,337,923

STATEMENT OF THE GERMAN AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY of New York to December 31, 1902.

Capital	$ 1,000,000
Total Admitted Assets	10,319,177
Total Liabilities	4,623,296
Surplus	5,695,881

STATEMENT OF THE AMERICAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY of Philadelphia, Pa., to December 31, 1902.

Capital	$ 500,000
Total Admitted Assets	2,534,985
Total Liabilities	1,855,163
Surplus	679,821

STATEMENT OF THE METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY of New York, to December 31, 1902.

Capital	$ 2,000,000
Total Admitted Assets	88,942,172
Total Liabilities	78,579,048
Surplus	10,363,124

STATEMENT OF THE PENNSYLVANIA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY of Philadelphia, Pa., to December 31, 1902.

Capital	$ 400,000
Total Admitted Assets	5,797,584
Total Liabilities	3,200,486
Surplus	2,597,098

STATEMENT OF THE ST. PAUL FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY of St. Paul, Minn., to December 31. 1902.

Capital	$ 500,000
Total Admitted Assets	3,322,902
Total Liabilities	1,527,099
Surplus	1,395,802

STATEMENT OF THE PRUDENTIAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA, Newark, N. J., to December 31, 1902.

Capital	$ 2,000,000
Total Admitted Assets	60,245,340
Total Liabilities	50,723,935
Surplus	9,521,405

STATEMENT OF THE SPRINGFIELD FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY of Springfield, Mass., to Dec. 31, 1902.

Capital	$2,000,000
Total Admitted Assets	6,027 413
Total Liabilities	2,515,343
Surplus	3,512,071

STATEMENT OF THE HOME INSURANCE COMPANY of New York, to December 31, 1902.

Capital	$ 3,000,000
Total Admitted Assets	17,108,635
Total Liabilities	9,672,596
Surplus	9,436 039

STATEMENT OF THE PHOENIX ASSURANCE COMPANY of London, England, to December 21, 1902.

Total Admitted Assets	$3,063 484
Total Liabilities	2,397 218
Surplus	666,266

STATEMENT OF THE UNITED STATES CASUALTY COMPANY of New York, to December 31, 1902.

Capital	$ 300,000
Total Admitted Assets	1,478,935
Total Liabilities	928,935
Surplus	550,713

STATEMENT OF THE INSURARCE COMPANY OF NORTH AMERICA of Philadelphia, Pa., to December 31, 1702.

Capital	$ 3,000,000
Total Admitted Assets	10,664.183
Total Liabilities	5,713,999
Surplus	4,950,189

STATEMENT OF THE UNION CENTRAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY of Cincinnati, Ohio, to December 31, 1902.

Capital	$ 1,000,000
Total Admitted Assets	33,925,816
Total Liabilities	28,878,036
Surplus	5,047,780

STATEMENT OF THE NORWICH UNION INSURANCE COMPANY of Norwich, England, to December 31, 19 2.

Total Admitted Assets	$2,411,475
Total Liabilities	1,685,710
Surplus	725,764

STATEMENT OF THE ORIENT INSURANCE COMPANY of Hartford, Conn., to December 31, 1902.

Capital	$ 500,000
Total Admitted Assets	2,109,516
Total Liabilities	965,421
Surplus	1,144,095

STATEMENT OF THE FIDELITY MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY of Philadelphia, Pa., to December 31, 1902.

Total Admitted Asset	$4,663 276
Total Liabilities	4,033,594
Surplus	629,682

STATEMENT OF THE UNION MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY of Portland, Maine, to December 31, 1902.

Total Admitted Assets	$9,608,116 71
Total Liabilities	8,946,546 92
Surplus	661,569 79

The State of Maryland.

OFFICE OF THE

Secretary of State,

ANNAPOLIS, March 20. 1903.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Notice is Hereby Given, That application has been made to His Excellency John Walter Smith, Governor of Maryland, for the pardon of J. HERMAN GALE, who was convicted at the October term, 1899, of the Circuit Court for Kent county, of burglary, and sentenced to be confined in the Maryland Penitentiary for four years.

The Governor will take up the said case for final decision, on or after Monday, the 30th day of March, 1903, until which time protests against such pardon will be heard, and the papers filed open to inspection, at the discretion of the Governor.

By order of the Governor,
WILFRED BATEMAN,
mh28-tf. Secretary of State.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Kent county letters of administration on the estate in Kent county, Md., of

SAMUEL MERRITT,

late of Kent county, Md., deceased.

All persons having claims against said deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the proper vouchers thereof, to the undersigned on or before the 17th day of September, 1903, otherwise they may be excluded by law from all benefits of said estate. All indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the subscriber.

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