

IN SEARCH OF A WIFE

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 "Now, Ezra, remember, you are making a brand new start in life."

"Yes, ma'am," assented Ezra in his usual homely, old-fashioned way. He regarded his mother in a wistful manner. For the first time in his life she did not seem to him like his mother. The old familiar dimity gown had given place to a showy brocade. The iron-gray hair showed traces of walnut stain. There was even a suspicion of powder about the sunken faded cheeks.

Then, too, the meal on the table. Mrs. Rachel Tuttle had hired a servant girl only that week.

"Now I'm going to enjoy life," she had declared with vim. "I never saw Niagara falls, nor the White House, nor the ocean. I'm going on a tour, Ezra, and take in some relatives in New Hampshire and sort of spread myself on all the money I'm going to get. You say you don't want to jine me, that you don't like rummaging around. All right, Ezra, you've been a good son and you shall have your own way. Make yourself comfortable and have a good time. Here's some money, and spend it freely. I suppose when brother William's estate is settled up there'll be a big plum for us. And now, Ezra, remember you're making a start in life. You won't be plain plodding Ezra Tuttle any more. You're a gentleman of means, now."

"Yes, ma'am," said Ezra, more depressed than ever, with a longing glance at his discarded homespun hanging on the clothesline.

Immediately upon hearing that she was an heiress, Mrs. Tuttle had drawn a goodly amount from the bank and had planned out her "grand tour."

"I'll have one grand breathing spell, after all my years of drudgery," she declared, and Ezra was silent, but he mourned in spirit. Three days of the slatternly new cook had given him indigestion. Certainly his mother had been a model housekeeper. How he missed the homemade sausage and buckwheat cakes, and neighborhood pure maple sirup, the nectarlike coffee for breakfast.

"I am lonesome and out of sorts," he ruminated, "and it will be an experience, anyhow, and if mother is going to wander about and break up the home, why not a wife? Maybe I'll find one in my travels—who can tell?" and he smiled quaintly.

Ezra was no elod, only homespun. He knew fully how to conduct himself in company and made a good impression with the Mantells. His rumored fortune it was, however, that made a better one. He was soon aware of this, judging from the specious inquiries of Mr. and Mrs. Mantell. Then they threw Helena at his head.

She was an only daughter, tall, stately, cold as ice. Amid her staidness, however, Ezra soon discerned that she was bent on capturing him. The family were truly aristocratic, that was their bent and pose. They were selfish, skimping, sacrificing comfort to make a show.

"Three days of these people was all I could stand," soliloquized Ezra as, gracefully as he could, he took his departure, feeling that he was lucky to have escaped still a bachelor.

Then Ezra tried the Moores. They had money and lived at a private hotel. There were two girls here, one a blue stocking, the other a languishing sentimentalist. They played their arts alternately. The flimsy feeding at the table d'hote did the rest for Ezra. He made his adieux and struck off for a rural jaunt feeling free once more.

Then came the crisis in Ezra's life. He was passing a field hedge when his quick ear caught a moaning sound. He brushed aside the orange bushes to locate a man lying exhausted to faintness. Beside him lay a scythe. It was dabbled with blood. Then Ezra saw that he must have stumbled, and one limb had fallen athwart of the keen blade.

The man's eyes closed as Ezra sprang to his side. The latter saw at a glance that the victim of the accident was bleeding to death. It was a question of a speedy emergency service. Within a few minutes Ezra had stanchied the ebbing life tide, bound up the limb at the cost of his coat, and had the satisfaction of seeing the man come back to consciousness.

"Home," he just whispered, and pointed up a near rise. Ezra ran to its top to discover a handsome farmhouse a few hundred yards distant. He took up the man in his arms and proceeded towards it.

"You saved my life," declared Robert Wadham that evening, as he and his daughter Elinor and Ezra sat in the comfortable best room.

The daughter—ah! there had come a revelation to Ezra. Perhaps her pretty gratitude had stirred him more deeply than common, or her tender devotion to her father.

Four months later, a tired-out, disappointed woman, Mrs. Tuttle got off the train to receive a royal welcome from her waiting son.

"Oh, just to get back to the comforts of home! I'm tired of trapezing!" she cried. "House all in disorder, I suppose?"

"Neatest you ever saw it," her son responded. "Got a new housekeeper."

"What!"
 "Yes, my wife."
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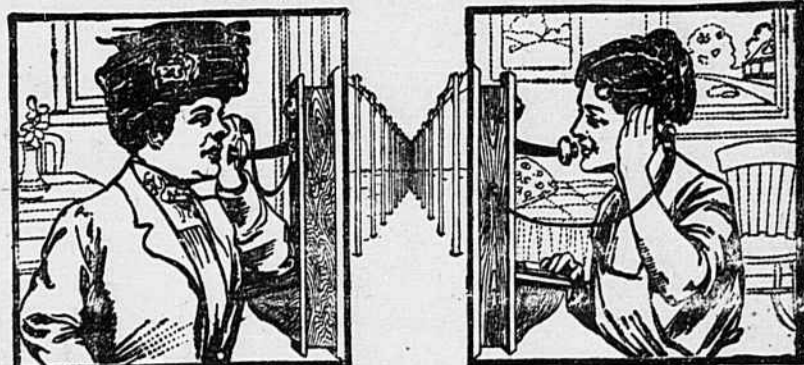
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