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The revolt of mother

by Mary E. Wilkins FreemanJ. Alden Weir, New England barnyard, 1904 J. Alden Weir, New England barnyard, 1904 FATHER! What is it? Why are there men digging in the field? Suddenly she agreed and enlarge the lower part of the old man's face, as if some heavyweight had settled in him; he closed his mouth tightly and continued to eat the large bay mare. He pressed the collar around her neck with a jerk. Father! The old man slapped the saddle in the back of the mare. Look, Father, I want to know why these men are going to dive in the field, and I'm going to know. I wish you'd go into the house, Mother, and take care of your own business,' the old man said at the time. He led his words together, and his speech was almost as insaus sense as the growl. But the woman understood; it was her most budget language. I'm not going into the house until you tell me what these men are doing in the field,' she said. Then she stood and waited. She was a small woman, with a short and straight waist, like a child in a brown cotton dress. Her forehead was slight and benevolent among the smooth curves of gray hair; humble lines are coming down around her nose and mouth; but her eyes, fixed on the old man, looked as if humility were the result of her own will, never by the will of another. They were in the barn, standing outside the open door. In their faces appeared spring air full of the smell of growing grass and invisible flowers. The deep courtyard at the front was dotted with farm wagons and piles of wood; at the edges, near the fence and house, the grass was live green and there were some dandelions. The old man looked doggedly at his wife as he tightened the last harnesses. It seemed as motionless as one of the rocks on his pastures, tied to the ground with generations of blackberries. He slapped the reins over the horse and stormed out of the barn. Father! she said. The old man stopped. What's going on? I want to know why these men are going to 200 in that field. They're digging up the basement, posing, if you must know. A cellar for what? Barn. Barn? Aren't you going to build a barn where we went to have a house, Father? The old man didn't say another word. He hurried with the horse into the wagon and rushed out of the yard, running like a hefty boy in his seat. The woman stood and looked after him for a while, then walked out of the barn through the corner of the yard to the house. The house, standing at right angles with a large barn and a long range of shelters and out-buildings, was infinitesimal in comparison. For people, it was barely as spacious as a small box under the gutters of a dove barn. A pretty girl's face, pink and soft as a flower, was looking out of one of the windows of the house. She followed three men who were digging in field that bounded the yard near the road line. When the woman walked in, she turned quietly. What are they digging up for, Mother? she asked. Did he tell you? They're digging a basement for a new barn. Oh, Mother, he's not going to build another barn? That's what he's saying. A boy stood in front of the kitchen glass, combing his hair. He combed his hair slowly and carefully, arranging his brown hair in a smooth hill over his forehead. He didn't seem to notice the conversation. Sammy, did you know your father's going to build a new barn? the girl asked. The boy was scouring desperately. Sammy! He turned around and, under a smooth comb of hair, showed the face his father had. Yes, I did,' he said reluctantly. How long have you known? his mother asked. A three-month match, I think. Why didn't you say so? I didn't think 't would anything good. I don't know what my father wants another barn for,' said the girl in a sweet slow voice. She turned to the window again and stared at the excavations in the field. Her tender sweet face was full of gentle suffering. Her forehead was bald and as innocent as a child's, with her light hair taut in a row of curly papers. She was quite large, but her soft curves didn't look like they covered her muscles. Her mother looked at the boy sternly. Is he going to buy more cows? she asked. The boy did not answer; he tied his shoes. Sammy, I want you to tell me if he's going to buy any more cows. I'm the pose that it is. How much? Four, I think. His mother can't do anything anymore. She went into the pantry and there was a rumble of dishes. The boy got his hat off the nail behind the door, took the old arithmetic off the shelf and started going to school. It was lightly built, but clumsy. He came out of the yard with a special strand in his hips, which his loose romenade jacket tilted at the back. The girl went to the sink and started washing the dishes that had accumulated there. Her mother immediately came out of the pantry and pushed her aside. You wipe them,' she said; 'I'll wash up. There's a lot of them, there's a lot of them. The mother plunged her hands violently into the water, the girl slowly and ate her plates. Mother, she said, don't you think it's a shame father's going to build that new barn, even though we need a decent house to live in? Her mother scrubs the dishes wildly. You haven't found out we're women yet-- Nanny Penn,' she said. You haven't seen enough men- people. One day you'll find out, and 'then you'll know that we only know what men- people think we're doing in terms of whatever use we can, and 'how we should count male-people in with Providence' don't complain about what they're doing any more than we weather. I don't care. I still don't believe George is anything like that,' said Nanny. Her soft face turned pink, her lips sulking silently as if she were about to wait and see. I guess George Eastman is no better than the other men. But you shouldn't have judged your father. He can't help it because he doesn't look at things that are the way we do. In the end, we felt pretty good here. The roof doesn't leak - it's never, but once - that's one thing. My father kept it in reserve. I wish we had a lounge. I don't think George Eastman's going to get hurt coming to you in a nice clean kitchen. I don't think many girls have a place as good as this. No one's ever heard me complain. I'm not complaining either, Mother. Well, I don't think you should be a better, good father and a good home, as you have it. Your father's pose made you go out and work for your life? A lot of girls have to say she's not stronger and 'better than you. Sarah Penn washed her pelvis with convincing air. She scrubbed it from the outside as faithfully as the inside. She was the masterful guardian of her lodge of the house. It seemed that her only living room never had dust in it, which creates the friction of life with inausive matter. She swept, and there seemed to be no dirt in front of the broom; cleaned and there was no difference. She was so perfect as an artist, she probably doesn't have any art. Today she pulled out a bowl and a plank, was selling cakes, and the flour was no more than her daughter, who was doing a better job. The nanny was supposed to get married in the fall and sew some white cambric and embroidery. As her mother cooked, she laboriously sewed, her soft milky white hands and wrists showing whiter than her soft work. We need to have the stove moved in the shed soon, Ms. Penn said. Talk about not havin' stuff, it was a real blessing! to be able to put a stove in that shed in hot weather. My father did one good thing by repairing the stove pipe. Sarah Penn's face as she rolled her cakes had that expression of humble viability that could characterize one of the New Testament saints. She made mince pies. Her husband, Adoniram Penn, liked them more than anyone. She baked twice a week. 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A load of sena from the western field slowly came down the cart and made its way to the new barn. Mrs. Penn ran away. Stop! she screamed - stop! The men stopped and looked; Sammy rose from the top of the load and stared at his mother. Stop! she cried out again. Don't put hay in the barn; He put it in the old one. Why, he told me to put it here, replied one of the hays sykam. He was a young man, the son of a neighbor, whom Adoniram hired for a year to help out on the farm. Don't put hay in the new barn. There's plenty of room in the old one, right? Mrs. Penn asked. Enough room, replied the hired man in his thick, rustic tone. He didn't need a new barn, noja, as far as the room was. Well, I suppose he changed his mind. He took the reins of the horses. Soon the windows in the kitchen darkened darkened, and a small like warm honey appeared in the room. The nanny put her job down. I thought my father wanted them to put hay in a new barn? she asked thoughtfully. It's all right,' said the mother. Sammy slipped off the load of sena and came to see if dinner was ready. I'm not going to have regular dinner while my father's gone,' his mother said. I let the fire go out. You can have bread and cake. I thought we could get along. She put bowls of milk, bread and cake on the kitchen table. You should eat your dinner, she said. She made mince pies. Her husband, Adoniram Penn, liked them more than anyone. She baked twice a week. Adoniram often liked a piece of cake between meals. She was in a hurry this morning. It was later than usual when she started, and she wanted to put the cake baked for dinner. No matter how deep her resentment of her husband, she would never fail to pay any attention to his wishes. The nobility of character is manifested in loop holes, when it is not provided with large doors. Sarah Penn showed up today in a flaming pantry dish. 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I've never complained, and now they're not complaining, but I'm going to be clear. You see this room, Father. You look at it well. You see that there is no carpet on the floor, and the 'droppin' from the walls. For ten years, we didn't have any new paper on it, and then I put it on, and it wasn't worth it, but nine pence for the part. You see this room, Father. It's all I had to work in 'eating in' to sit in the sence we were married to. There's no other woman in town whose husband doesn't have half the resources you have, but what's better. It's all The nanny must have company. One of her friends isn't here, but what's better, and their fathers aren't as capable as they are. It's all the room she's going to have to get pregnant in. What would you think, Father, if we had our fiancées in the room no better than this? I was married in my mother's drawing room, with carpet on the floor, stuffed furniture, mahogany card table. This is all my daughter's going to have to get pregnant with. Look, Father! Sarah Penn walked over the room like it was a tragic stage. She opened the door and revealed a small bedroom, big enough for a bed and an office, with a way between them. Here, Father, she said, there's all the rooms I've had to sleep in for 40 years. All my children were born there, I was sick with a fever there. She approached the next door and opened it. It led to a small, poorly lit pantry. Here, she said, everything is buttery that I have - every place I have for dishes so I can take away my food and keep my milk pans in them. Father, I took care of the milk of six cows, and now you're going to build a new barn, hold more cows, and give me more to do. She opened another door. A narrow crooked staircase wound upwards from it. Here, Father! she said; I want you to look at the stairs that lead to them two unfinished chambers, which are all places where our son and daughter have had to sleep all their lives. There's no prettier girl in town, no more lady than Nanny, that's where she has to sleep. It is not as good as a stable for horses; it's not that warm and tight. Sarah Penn came back and stood in front of her husband. And now, Father, she said, I want to know if you think you're doing the truth and what you know. Here, when we got married, forty years ago, you promised me we should have a new house built on that property by the end of the year. You said you had enough money, you wouldn't ask me to live in a place like this. It's been forty years, and you've been makin' more money, and I've been savin' it for you ever since, and you haven't built any house yet. You built shelters, cow houses, one new barn, and now you're going to build another. Father, I want to know if you think this is the right thing to do. You're better than your own blood. I want to know if you think it's right. I have nothing to say. You can't say anything without noticing, it's not right. Father. And there is one more thing - I did not complain; I've been together for forty years, and I'm featuring I'd be forty more if it's not for that - unless we have another house, the nanny can't live with us after she's married. She's going to have to go somewhere else to get away from us. Now he's saying it, Father. She's never strong. It's a lot of color, but there's never a spine to it. I've always taken everything from her, and she's not able to keep the house and do everything on her own. It'll be all worn out in a year. Think of how he does all those washin' and ironin' abakin' with those soft white hands and hands, and 'sweepin'! I can't get it right, Father. Mrs. Penn was on fire, but Mrs. Penn. her soft eyes gleamed. She begged for her little thing like Webster; ranged from severity to pathos; but her opponent used this stubborn silence, which makes eloquence futile with mocking echoes. Adoniram got up clumsily. Father, do you have anything to say? Mrs. Penn asked. I have to go after the gravel. I can't talk all day. Father, you're not going to think about it, and you're going to build a house instead of a barn? I have nothing to say. Adoniram's out of his notches. Mrs. Penn went into the bedroom. When she came out, her eyes were red. It had the role of un whitened cotton fabric. She spread it out on the kitchen table and started carving out some shirts for her husband. The men in the field had a team to help them this afternoon; heard their halloos. She had a measly pattern for shirts; she had to plan and a piece of sleeves. The old woman came home with embroidery and sat down with a needle. She took off her tresses and had a soft coil of light hair on her forehead like an aureole; her face was as soft and clean as porcelain. Suddenly she looked up, and a gentle red burned all over her face and neck. Mother, she said. What can I say? I was thinking, I don't see how we could make a get married in this room. I'd be ashamed if his parents came if we didn't have anyone else. Mebbe we can have some new papers in the meantime; I can wear it. I don't think you'll have the right to be ashamed of your belongings. Maybe we could get squeezed into a new barn,' said Nanny, with gentle pettiness. Why, Mother, why do you look like that? Mrs. Penn began, staring at her with a strange expression. Again, she turned to her work and carefully spread out the pattern on the fabric. Nothing, she said. Adoniram immediately poured out of the yard in his two-wheeled folding cart, standing proudly upright like a Roman wagon. Mrs. Penn opened the door and stood there for a moment, looking out, the halloos of men sounded louder. Throughout the spring months, it seemed to her that she had heard nothing but halloos, and the sounds of drank and hammers. The new barn grew fast. It was a great building for this little village. 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