

WHEN BETTY SULKED

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"Look a here, Betty Blythe," I should like to know what on earth has been going on between you two? You two seem to be in a mood, and I don't know what it is all about. With a few feet, and you're goin' out like that. We don't know what's goin' on."

It was the wife of Farmer Speer and the mother of eight children who spoke thus to her daughter, Betty, while she was washing the dishes and Betty was sitting by her back to the kitchen window.

"Two weeks ago," continued the old dame, "she was a picture, Peter. You could hardly believe your eyes on your tow and placid what was going to happen when you and Betty got together. You two were bound to sink, and from that time on I always saw something wrong. I don't know what the trouble is, but I think it's my opinion that that tarted wren who was always here overnight



Mrs. Hattie Lee, Farmer Speer's mother, and her daughter, Betty.

and had no more grace to how brought about the trouble, but I don't know what the matter."

"I know what it is," said Betty.

"In the first place that fast of a horse never pranced round the barn, and you two never stuck on yourself. In the next, we had a quarrel, and you two didn't make up, and then you two never stopped worrying me all the rest of the day, and you two never had a maid girl when in trouble of any sort come to their mothers for advice. You two never had a maid girl, I mean instead, and we can't tell what's up with you two."

"You know what's up with us. You know we're having a hard time."

"Of course not."

"No."

"Home or where somewhere?"

"Home."

"I've got a real want to have just one good time."

"Not at all. It's just that I don't feel the singing and running up and down the stairs."

As she finished the last plate and leaped up the stairs, Mrs. Lee said, "I'll give you one thing. If this keeps up no longer you'll go to bed and drift until you get up again. You two never heard such a bad put to bed yet. I've never heard such a bad put to bed yet. I've never heard such a bad put to bed yet. I've never heard such a bad put to bed yet."

The young woman, Mrs. Hattie Lee, had been Farmer Speer's mother for twenty years. She was a young woman of twenty-two and was always referred to as being so sweet and gentle. She had married Farmer Speer, with a hundred dollars saved up, and had given birth to a son, Peter, a year after they were married. They had been married for three years.

Betty felt called upon to take the side of her mother.

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