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THE SCRUBTOWN SEWING CIRCLE'S THANKSGIVING

An Old Ladies' Sociable

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CHARACTERS.

MRS. TATTLE	A widow. President of the Society
MARY ANN GREEN	An old maid. Secretary
GRANNY NODDLE	A deaf old Lady
BETSEY NODDLE	Granny's Granddaughter
MRS. GOSSIP	The hostess
PERCILLA PRIMP	A new member

LOCALITY.--The Village
of Scrubtown, N.H.

NOTE--Additional time may be filled out
by the introduction of songs and recitations
suitable for the performers.

TIME OF
REPRESENTATION

--About thirty-five minutes.

COSTUMES.

GRANNY Old, deaf and feeble. Dark calico dress,
white handkerchief pinned around her
shoulders. Close-fitting lace cap with ends.
Hair gray. Spectacles. Black mittens. Cane.
Knitting.

BETSEY Old-fashioned dark calico gown. White
mittens.

MRS. TATTLE Black gown and mittens.

MARY ANN Any old style. Hair in a knot at top of
head, corkscrew on each side.

MRS. GOSSIP Any old-fashioned house dress.

PERCILLA Gaudy-colored calico gown. Large common
finger rings, chain, locket, etc.

SCENE.--A quiet country parlor. Mrs. Tattle, the president, seated at left of stage. Mary Ann, the secretary, seated at small table in front of the president. The four others on chairs diagonally at right of stage. Betsey in front, Granny next. All have sewing or knitting in their hands except the president, and are talking energetically.

MRS. TATTLE (rising). This here society will now please come to order.

(The hubbub slackens, but two or three persist in disputing.)

MRS. T. (stamping with foot). Order! ORDER! (All silent) The first thing on the program will be the readin' of the minutes of last meetin'. The secretary will please read the minutes.

MARY ANN GREEN (rises, blows her nose loudly, clears her throat, then reads). Minutes of Scrubtown Sewin' Circle, Nov. 22nd, 1909. Meetin' held at Mrs. Tattle's home; called to order by the president. Minutes of last meetin' read and improved.

GRANNY. Moved! Who's moved?

BETSEY (in a loud whisper). Hush! Granny, she said improved.

GRANNY. Oh! she did, eh?

MISS GREEN (glares at Granny, then goes on). It was moved by Miss Percilla Primp, that seein' as how the new Minister had just lost his wife, that we make him a donation party, to help him in the care of his poor, little, orphan children, and that the secretary be appointed to take note of the proceedings and report at next meetin'. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Gossip, and was adopted by the society.

GRANNY. Yes, we should have more piety in our meetin's. Now, when I was young and belonged to the Pumpkin Ridge Sewin' Circle, we was awful pious. We--
Betsey. Hush! Granny!

GRANNY (holding hand to ear). Hey! Ye'll have ter talk a leetle louder. My hearin' ain't nigh so good as it was fifty years ago.

BETSEY. She said society. Not piety.

GRANNY. Oh! she did, eh?

MISS GREEN (frowning). It was further decided by this honorable society, that as the next meetin' would fall on Thanksgivin' Day, that we each tell what we have ter be thankful for; as it would help us ter have a better spirit of gratitude toward our Maker and each other. After our usual sewin' was finished, and we had eat, we decided, that as there was no further business to come before the society, we would adjourn until Thanksgivin', to meet at Mrs. Gossip's house. (Sits)

MRS. TATTLE. If no one has no fault to find with these here minutes they will stand as read. (Waits a moment) Well as we all seem to think they are correct, they will stand improved. The first business this evening will be to hear our secretary's report of the Donation party.

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Mrs. Tattle. I'm sure the Minister must have been thankful. But Mary Ann, you have forgotten to name your gift.

Percilla. Not much! Nary forget! She laid on the table a paper of hair-pins, ha! ha!

MARY ANN. It's not to laugh. They will come in handy for his next.

PERCILLA. Wouldn't you like the chance to claim 'em?

MARY ANN. You old cat!

MRS. TATTLE. Girls! Girls! For shame!

GRANNY (explosively). What's that? What did you say, Mary Ann?

MARY ANN. Oh! Nothing particular.

GRANNY. Tickle her? Tickle who?

BETSEY. She said, nothing particular.

GRANNY. Oh! She did, eh?

MRS. TATTLE. The next thing in order will be to hear the testimonies of thanks. Mrs. Gossip, as ye are the hostess, we will hear from you first.

MRS. GOSSIP (talking through her nose and in a drawling tone). Wal, Miss President, I ain't got much to be thankful fur; but I'm awful thankful fur what I have got. Wal, first, I'm thankful that I'm alive, and that John Henry is alive, and all of our children, includin' Martha Ellen, and Andrew Jackson, and Daniel Webster, and Samantha Ann, and Thomas Jefferson, and George Washington, and the baby, we ain't named her yit, is all alive, (dropping her voice) for funerals do cost a lot.

GRANNY. Half past five! (Rising feebly) Come, Betsey, we must be arter gittin' fur hum. I tell ye when it begins ter git cool in the evenin's, I want ter be at hum by the fire; fur it jist 'pears like every bit of cold there is, jist gits inter my old jint's. I tell ye rheumatiz is an awful bad thing. (Turns to Miss Primp) Do yer ever have rheumatiz, Miss? (Sits)

MISS PRIMP (snappishly). No! you don't need to think I'm that old.

BETSEY. Granny, what's the matter with you. She didn't say five, she said alive.

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