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Carpenters are moving along rapidly with Judge Hancock's addition to his hotel. If the weather continues favorable they will get the work closed in during the next ten days.

A Kentucky Romance.

BY J. E. MURRELL.

[The following story is founded upon an incident that happened in Adair county many years ago. "Aunt" Lizzie Sharpe is a real character. The statement that a young woman was left at her house and subsequently becoming a mother is true, as is also the statement that the woman mysteriously disappeared from "Aunt" Lizzie's house, leaving her child. The boy grew to the age of 13 years before he left the county. Capt. N. G. Butler, of this city, and other citizens of the county remember distinctly of seeing him upon several occasions. If the story should prove of interest to the readers of the News I will be amply paid for writing it.—The Author.]

In the year 1842, in Adair county, Ky., there resided in an unfrequented portion of it an old lady who was familiarly known as "Aunt" Lizzie Sharpe. She was the midwife for all the married ladies living within five miles of her humble home, and perhaps at her death she had been present at more births than any other woman in Kentucky. She was a remarkably kind old lady, a strict member of the Baptist church, and in all her undertakings she called upon her God to aid her in carrying them to a successful termination. She lived alone, about seven miles from Columbia, her home being a double log house. It was furnished with old time furniture, and she had a number of comfortable feather beds, two cows, one horse, a few hogs, and a well supplied poultry yard.

One Thursday evening in the month of May, 1842, just as the sun was setting, a gentleman, elegantly dressed, driving a spirited span of horses, accompanied by a young woman, stopped at "Aunt" Lizzie's gate. The gentleman alighted and walked to the door and knocked. It was soon answered by the old lady who appeared in a nice home worn dress and wearing a white cap.

"Is this where 'Aunt' Lizzie Sharpe resides?" said the gentleman.

"Yes, sir; I am that lady; will you walk in?"

Accepting the invitation the gentleman entered the building, and after a short consultation with the old lady, he returned to the buggy, said a few words to the young lady, who stepped from the vehicle and accompanied the gentleman into the house. The team being cared for, tea was soon ready and the two weary travelers sat down to a comfortable meal. It was splendidly cooked and was very much enjoyed after a long day's journey.

Supper over and the dishes cleared away the trio conversed for two hours, the gentleman never giving his name to the young lady's name. "Aunt" Lizzie suspected that they were on a very important mission, still she did not undertake to draw them out, believing that that their object in paying her a visit would soon be made known.

Finally the gentleman asked "Aunt" Lizzie to show the young woman to bed. She was carried to an adjacent apartment, given a nice berth, "Aunt" Lizzie returning to the room in which the gentleman was sitting. Upon re-entering the room the gentleman gave "Aunt" Lizzie to understand the object of his mission. The young lady belonged to a wealthy family in the Blue Grass section of the State; she had been betrayed, and was soon to become a mother. In order to hide her shame and save the family to which she belonged from disgrace, she desired to board her until after the critical hour of her life, promising to pay a liberal sum for her comfortable care. The agreement was made, and the gentleman retired, occupying a different room from the one in which the young lady was sleeping.

The next morning after a very early breakfast the gentleman had a few words with the young lady, handed "Aunt" Lizzie a large roll of bills, hooked up his team and left in the direction he came. Before starting, however, he cautioned "Aunt" Lizzie to see that the young lady did not want for anything, saying that money would be regularly furnished to meet all demands.

CHAPTER II.
"It is strange," said Aunt Lizzie, one

morning soliloquizing to herself, "that I cannot learn the name of my boarder. She is educated, refined and exceedingly agreeable, but she has never intimated her name, although I have done my best to catch it. Perhaps she knows best, and I will not longer weary her with my curiosity. For convenience I will call her Cora, a very pretty name to which she surely will not object." So from that time on the young lady went by the name of Cora in "Aunt" Lizzie's house. Cora soon became acquainted with several persons in the neighborhood, and made a fast friend of every new acquaintance, her ladylike appearance justifying the belief that she was honorable. "Aunt" Lizzie became perfectly devoted to her, and Cora took great delight in assisting about the house duties.

About four months after the departure of the gentleman from "Aunt" Lizzie's house Cora was taken sick and a son was born unto her. It was a beautiful child, and every woman in the neighborhood called to see it. The mother did well, and in two weeks she was going about the dwelling. Two months after the child was born, when everything seemed to be getting along smoothly, Cora was called one morning to breakfast; Aunt Lizzie receiving no answer, went into her room. In the bed the babe was quietly sleeping, but its mother had departed.

"Aunt" Lizzie, distressed almost out of her mind, set out to find her, visiting all the neighbors, but not a word as to her whereabouts did she receive. For days and weeks the disappearance of Cora was the talk of the country around. Some supposed that she had gone to the river and drowned herself others held to different opinions. Up to this time the boy baby had not been named, and "Aunt" Lizzie believing that she would have to rear, christened the child Walter, his surname being for his godmother, Sharp.

From the day of Walter's birth "Aunt" Lizzie experienced but little trouble with him. He seldom cried and for hours he would lie quietly in his little bed, nursing the bottle. "Aunt" Lizzie's heart was set on seeing him grow to manhood, believing that there was a mystery in connection with his birth that would ultimately be explained, and that, Walter would some day become a great man. No mother could have given a child more attention than this was received from the hands of "Aunt" Lizzie.

One night in February, 1843, "Aunt" Lizzie was sitting by her comfortable fire, knitting, the babe lying its crib beside her. She was thinking of Cora, and wondering where she could be, when suddenly there was a knock at her door. She arose, took a candle and went forward. Upon opening the door she beheld a man about thirty years of age and in his hand was a white piece of paper. Speaking gently, he said:

"Is this the home of 'Aunt' Lizzie Sharpe, and are you that lady?" Receiving an affirmative answer, he handed "Aunt" Lizzie the piece of paper, and without another word took his departure. Returning to the fire "Aunt" Lizzie opened the note and it read:

"Take care of the little one; heaven will reward you. "CORA"

There was but little sleep that night for "Aunt" Lizzie, so startling was the mysterious stranger and the note which he bore. "But time will set matters right," said "Aunt" Lizzie, "and all I can do is to patiently wait for developments."

The reader now has an idea of the character of my story, hence I will go back in the following chapter and take up individuals who are to play important parts in my narrative. [TO BE CONTINUED.]

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