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DOWN IT CAME WITH ALL ON BOARD.

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THIS BOOK IS DEDICATED  
TO  
MY BELOVED SISTER,  
MRS. WILLIAM HENRY AKIN





## TEN YEARS IN "THE CITY BEAUTIFUL"

"IT'S just ten years ago to-day, Mandy," announced Aunt Phoebe Harrison, "since me and your Uncle Hiram first landed in California. So this morning when we were sitting down to our breakfast I asked, 'Do you know, Hiram Harrison, that this is one of our anniversary days?'"

"Your Uncle looked up from the mornin' paper where he was scanning the headlines for the latest news, and answered me back by asking, 'What do you mean, Phoebe?'"

"'I mean it's just ten years ago today since we'—'landed in California' finished your Uncle, glancin' at the date on the paper and throwing it under the table, and then, continuing in a reminiscent-like mood: 'Sure enough; how time does fly on golden wings in this land of the setting sun; seems more like ten months than ten years, and I've enjoyed every minute of it, too."

"'And Phoebe,' he continued, 'you don't look

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a day older; and now that I take a good square look at you, I believe you look younger, and a whole lot handsomer, than you did ten years ago.

“ ‘This is a wonderful country to preserve women’s looks, provided, of course, they have any looks to preserve,’ he added.

“ ‘Mebby I do look younger, and handsomer, than I did ten years ago, and mebbby I don’t, but all the same such talk listens good to any woman who is picking out gray hairs on the sly and living in fear of a three-ply double chin; especially since dame fashion has wished a lot of juvenile styles on us that we are supposed to wear regardless.

“ ‘Many a man walking behind a woman and admiring her trim, girlish-clad figure has had the shock of his life when he sees a grandmother face peeping out from beneath her flower-laden picture hat; and far be it from me shocking anyone like that if I can help it; and it certainly is encouraging to hear, at least, that you are holding your own, and not at all displeased at the compliment, I answered back:

“ ‘I suppose losing that forty pounds did improve my figure, and I must say the fifty pounds