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**ANNE OF
GREEN GABLES**

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And Notice She Did!

Chapter One

The News is Shocking

Mrs. Rachel Lynde was a busybody who lived in Avonlea, a town on beautiful Prince Edward Island off Canada's Atlantic coast.

Now Avonlea occupied a little peninsula that jutted out, with water on both sides. It was impossible for any traveler on the hill road to pass in and out of town without Mrs. Rachel noticing. And notice she did! Every spare minute she had, she sat by her kitchen window knitting her "cotton warp" quilts and watching the comings and goings on the road.

One warm June afternoon, she was amazed

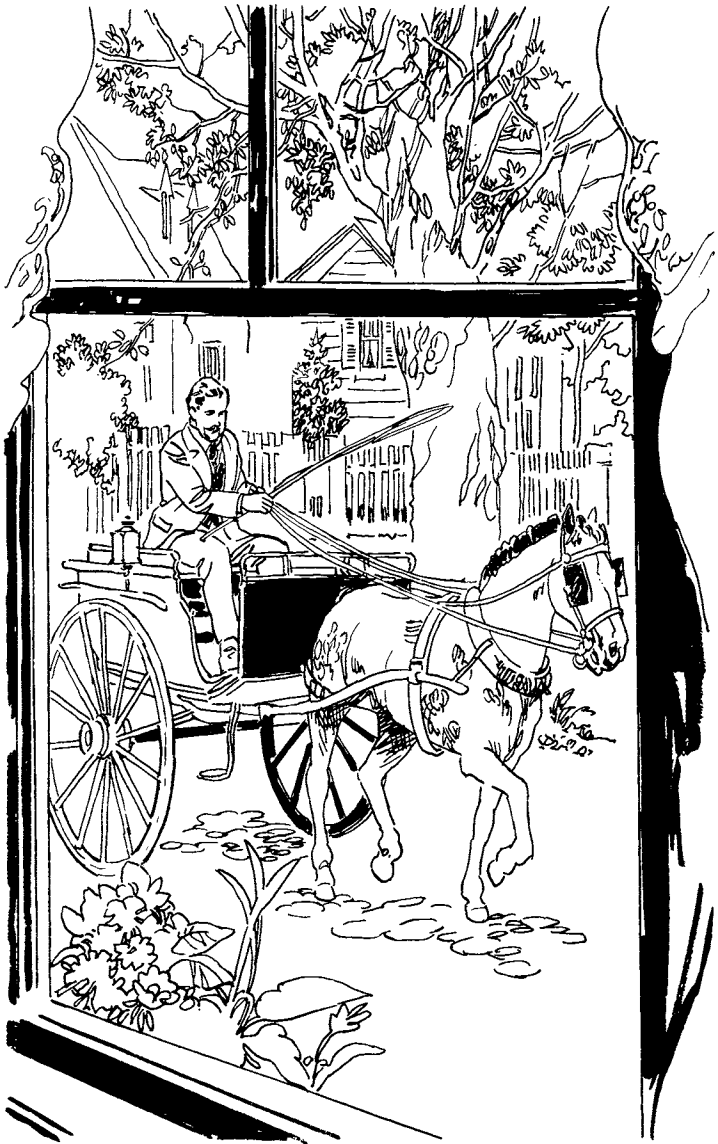
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to see Matthew Cuthbert drive by. Not only was he using his buggy and sorrel mare, but he was wearing his best suit. All this led Mrs. Rachel to believe Matthew was traveling out of Avonlea—a fair distance, no doubt. Now where was Matthew Cuthbert going and why?

If it had been any other man in town, Mrs. Rachel would have known the answer to those questions. But Matthew was different from other folks. He was a shy man who never visited or ventured far from home. She felt certain that Matthew must be on an important mission.

“I’ll just go over to Green Gables after tea and find out from Marilla what Matthew is up to,” Mrs. Rachel muttered. “I want to get to the bottom of this mystery.”

Green Gables, a large, rambling house set amid flowering orchards, was located a quarter mile up the road from Lynde’s Hollow. When Mrs. Rachel arrived there later in the afternoon, Matthew’s sister, Marilla, was sit-



He Was Wearing His Best Suit.