

tional marriage, and left the young couple to their own resources for a time. This fact, together with the devotion of his pretty wife, aroused Harry to his best exertions, and he developed an amount of capability for which I had never given him credit. Doting Mamma Winstead, however, could not hold out against her boy, especially as his bride was of an aristocratic family, which, to her mind, was better than wealth; and at the expiration of a year she paid them a visit, and went home in raptures with her pretty daughter.

Rachel and I were married at Easter-tide. Her engagement with the school officials had been for a year, but the old bachelor principal, understanding the case, took a prearranged trip to Oregon during the Christmas holidays, and brought back a lady assistant, whom he

laughingly declared he had placed under bonds never to desert him, and Rachel was released from her engagement, the professor's stately bride taking her position.

I can say, without fear of successful contradiction, that I have the cosiest home and most adorable wife in the territory, or, in fact, in the world.

Good Mrs. Tasselton has married a wealthy mine owner, lives in the finest house in our now flourishing town, and sends her little daughters to Sunday school clad in satins and laces. She, with old Joe Jeffrey, the Maxwell brothers, and our other old friends, often spend an evening at our fireside; and it is plain to be seen that they are as much in love with my wife as ever, and for my part, I do not see how they can help it.

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SISKIYOU COUNTY, CALIFORNIA.

EXTENDING from the mountain ridge between the Salmon and Trinity rivers on the west, to the famous Modoc lava beds on the east, and from the Sacramento divide on the south, to the Siskiyou mountains, which form the Oregon line, on the north, the county has an average length of one hundred and twenty miles and a width of fifty-seven miles, the superficial area being about seven thousand square miles. This is essentially a region of mountains and valleys. The entire western end is mountainous, while the southern and northern borders are mountain ridges, occupying, on the south, considerable of the county's area, and embracing Mt. Shasta, the great snow peak of the Sierra Nevada. Northerly, almost through the

center of the county, runs a mountain ridge, on either side of which lies a broad and fertile valley, through each of which flows a considerable river. Across the eastern end stretch the Butte Creek mountains, beyond which, for a number of miles, the county breaks in gentle hills to the lava beds, through which runs the line separating it from Modoc county. Through that section it has easy communication with the great interior basin between the Cascades and the Blue mountains, extending clear to Walla Walla and Snake river, in Washington Territory. It is by this route that the Southern Pacific proposes to reach the famous grain fields of Walla Walla.

This region has a system of water courses distinct from the remainder of