"Yes, ma'am; too bad, but can't be helped; harness will give out some-times, you know," said he sympathiz-

"When is the next western train

due ?" "Not till six o'clock; you've five hours to wait. Be dreadful tiresome, ma'am. There's a nice family that lives in t'other part o' the house-s'pose I tote you a bite o'suthin' to eat, and she'll be proud to let you rest on her spare bed. Fine woman, Mrs. Holly is-I know her. Won't you go in and see her, ma'am f

"No, thank you, sir; I dare say that I'll be quite comfortable here."

"Waal, jes' as you please. But now I must be goin'. Hope you'll git to your journey's end, safe, ma'am. Good-

And Farmer Brown left the room, mounted his wagon, and soon disappeared down the dusty road.

I had been visiting a friend who lived in a country settlement, some five or six miles from the solitary building dignified by the name of depot; and, when the time came for me to return home, she placed me in care of a neighboring farmwould pass the station.

During our ride we met with an accident. Part of the harness gave way, and we were detained such a length of time that, as the reader knows, I was too late for the train.

After Farmer Brown left me, I amused myself by reading a newspaper which some one had left lying on the seat.

Finishing this, I studied the design of the wall-paper, counted the panes of glass in the little window, and wondered at the tidiness of the whole apartment.

vile, dirty places; wonder why this is an exception?" I said to myself. Then a thought struck me, "Oh, probably the place is kept clean by Mrs. Helly, over whose virtues Farmer Brown was so enthusiastic. Wonder if this same worthy female would give me a glass of water I

And I tapped on the door communi cating with the other spartments. "Come in," said a cherry voice, and,

entering, I found myself in one of the prettiest, cosiest rooms, I had ever seen. And, most charming of all, there lay in a white-draped cradle a rosy baby, fast asleep, with rings of golden hair falling over his white brow, and a great, red, velvet rose clasped in his dimpled

Over him bent a woman of twentytwo or three years-a little mite of a colored, big black eyes, and wondrous me to call on you this evening!" dark hair wound in heavy braids about "Well, I scarcely think I shall be at "Well, Jack said he would, and we her stately head.

for a glass of water ?" I said "No trouble at all, ma'am. Pray be

seated. Excuse me." And she left the

and containing a glass of water, a glass varges call at the same time. of creamy milk, a sancer of luscious light as yellow foam. "Pardon me," she said, smiling, "if I

Farmer Brown told me of your being obliged to wait so long, and I thought you might be hungry." "Why, how very kind you are " I ex-

claimed, in pleased surprise.
"Not at all. It's a pleasure to me. If

you are hot and dusty, perhaps you'd anxiously waited his coming. like to bathe your face. If so, just step "Seven o'clock! eight o'clock!

ing from the cross, dusty, hungry mortal | past ten! No use waiting any longerwho had sat in the hot waiting room. I he wouldn't come.

"I have lived in this little depot all | "I shivered out with a nameless agent here; and he served the company bed and cried myself to sleep. with Jack-Jack Holly, my husband," form ! and Mrs. Holly looked up and smiled.

on the road (and is now, too), and ev- one in the house ! erybody considers him an honest, likely I silently arose, and just then almost

"A weak girl held all his heart-strings its fierce throbs. in her small, white hand?" I said.

"Yes; and I dare say I often pulled Jack's heart-strings rather hard; but he it, and glanced into the sitting room.

"This Clarence Devarges, as he was myself, and thus lose honor and posicalled, was handsome, well dressed, and had that polished indescribable air that "Under the stove was a large iron

"One morning, looking somewhat steely light.

had stopped to take freight.

last I" said Jack. "What thing?" I snapped out. "Why, this affair with Devarges; I see it is going beyond a mere flirtation."

"Pray, what of it !" "Only that I do not wish my future wife's name joined in with that of a-Jack paused here, and added earnestly: Well, I warn you against this fellow. Who knows what he is !"

"Mr. Devarges is a perfect gentleman, and that is more than one can say of some others," I said hotly. "And, Mr. you in there. I know Mrs. Holly'll give Holly, in regard to your future wife, I believe I do not aspire to that honor- fainted. and amt here is your ring. I drew off the golden band and handed it to him." "Nell, do you mean this!" inquired Jack, with white lips.

"Yes, I do. I'm tired of your carping and criticizing; the affair may be ended now and forever," I said, pet-

"So be it then. Good-bye," said the room.

"To tell the truth I hadn't meant half I said, and every minute expected that Jack would kiss me and we'd 'make up.' A mist came over my eves as I watched his fast disappearing train, and I would have indulged in a good cry, but just then 'the special' came putting up, and the president of the road came in. He er who was going to a distant village, and was a kind old gentleman, whom I had known since I was a wee girl.

"Good-day, Miss Nellie. Everything prosperous, I hope; Will you do a favor for me !

" 'Certainly, sir, if I can.'

"Well, you see, when we were comtake the money with me; will you take ed, was false, and fell off in our scuffle." "Country depots are generally such charge of it while I'm gone?"

"If you'll trust me. "Bless my soul yes, of course; here is the money. Must hurry away. Good morning.

"Scarcely had portly Mr. Sayre gone away before Mr. Devarges came saun- her say she was going to her grandtering in.

"Got quite a little sum there, have'nt you, Miss Nellie I eyeing the bills in my "'Yes,' I replied, laughing, 'Mr. Sayre has made me his banker. Look'.

Six hundred dollars ! How rich I should feel if it were mine." "'You deserve to have much more;

and doubtless that pretty face 'll win it." "Somehow this bold compliment failed and conscaled myself in the closet, and to please, and it was with coldness that -well, you know all the rest." I said:

"Take a chair, Mr. Devarges. "No, thank you, Miss Nellie; I have

She arose with a smile when I en- Lulu are away, and I little while ago I is my story, ma'am-my only romance. got word from grandmother saying, per-"Excuse me; but may I trouble you haps, I had better come and stay all night with ber."

"It was true that I had received such word from grandma, but I had not thought of accepting it. I had hoped Presently she returned, bearing a sal- that Jack would come and make up, and ver covered with a snow-white napkin, of course, I didn't care to have Mr. De-

" What will you do with your money, strawberries, and a plate of sponge-cake Miss Nell f carelessly inquired Mr. De-

" Oh, I shall put it right here in this take too great a liberty, but, you see, drawer. No one knows about it, and it will be perfectly secure." "'Dare say good morning,' and, with

a courtly bow, my admirer left. "All during the Lay I busied myself about my duties, and when night came I put on the dress Jack liked best, and

"Seven o'clock ! eight o'clock ! nine o clock? The last train had come and And she led the way into a little white gone, and my duties for the day were bedroom-the very heart of cleanliness over. I put out the light in the ticket office, went into the sitting-room, and In a little while I was a different be sat and waited. Ten o'clock! Half-

found Mrs. Holly a perfect little gem of "I went to the door, opened it, and a woman; and after the manner of our looked out. There seemed everything sex, we soon became as well acquainted weird about the whole landscape. Even as if we had known each other for years. the shadows seemed alive. The sky was And while I was lying languidly upon | becoming overcast, and the moon peeped her comfortable sofa, and she seated in out of an inky-black cloud. The frogs her low chair stitching away at her baby's down by the river were croaking disdress, she told me the one romance of her | mally; the wind seemed to whisper and

my days," she began. "My father was dread, and closed the door; went to

so long and so well that, when he died "I had slept an hour, perhaps, and they kindly allowed me to remain in his then awoke with a sudden start, feeling place, with the same wages, too. For, a great difficulty in breathing. A part you see, I was seventeen, and my father of the quilt lay across my mouth, I had long before taught me telegraphing thought, but on reaching my hand to reand all the other work. About a year move it I found that it was a handketafter father's death I became acquainted chief saturated with-what! Chloro-

A thrill of terror passed over me. "Jack was one of the best engineers | Who had done this ! Was there some

young fellow. He thought the world of screamed in fear when a sudden sound me, and we became engaged. But you smote upon my ear It was only the know how girls are! The weakest of clock striking the hour of midnight! I them can make a strong man tremble."

was gentle and patient when I flirted No one was there, but some one was in with the country lads, and when I was the ticket-office, for I saw a light and wild and wayward he didn't remonstrate | heard a voice! What did they want But one day there came along a city The money !- oh, the money left in my chap, who engaged board for the sum-mer at a farm-house in the neighbor- what should I say to Mr. Sayre! My God, I might be accused of taking it

is so fascinating to most silly girls. Jack poker. Seizing it carefully, I started was kind and well-mannered, but he slowly toward the office door. The didn't have a bit of 'style' about him, light fell upon the mirror, reflecting my but 'style' was what I doted on in those figure, and I've often thought since, days. So I snubbed Jack, and smiled with a sick feeling of horror, what a on Mr. Devarges when he offered his attentions. I flirted most dreadfully with him till even generous Jack was diseyesdilated and glittering with a strange,

grave and sad, he came into the ticket- "God aid me." I said, with white | 100 Im PORTLAND, OREGEN.

office. The last passenger had gone, and lips; and then opening the door of the the train was moving out. Jack's train office, I stole softly in. A man with his back toward me was at the otherend "Well, how long is this thing going to of the room. He had forced open the drawer, taken out the money, and was looking gloatingly at the crisp green bills, when I stole behind him. I had just raised the poker to strike him when he glanced around.

> "Hang it! Now I suppose I'll have to kill this pretty-' He seized me by the throat and, uttering a faint cry, I sank down. Just then Jack, my own Jack, rushed in. I heard outlis, blows,

"My God! It was Clarence Devai-

herce struggling-then all was dark. "For the first time in my life I

"When I recovered Jack's face was bending over me, and Jack's voice uttered loving words. I put my arm about his neck and cried like a weak

" 'Arn't you hurt, Jack ? "Not a hit, dearest. Devages is disabled, though, with a pistol wound in Jack ; and without another word he left his leg. Tisn't very severe, but it will prevent his escape.

"But how came you here !"

"Why, you see, when we parted this morning, Nell, I thought I'd never see you again, but to-night after I came home, I made up my mind to come around and try and make up. It was pretty late, between nine and ten, when I came, and who should I see prowling around but Devarges. Thinks I, 'What does he want! If he's coming a-courting, why don't he go in instead of peeping in at the window."

"I rather thought he was a scamp, because when I was in the city vester day, the Chief of Police told me that ing down I met a gentleman that owed they had reason to think that a noted me some money; paid me \$600, and gambler and black black leg had come now I don't know what to do with it, as up in these parts. He gave a descripwe are going up into the woods to see tion, and it suited Devarges perfectly, all about laying out a new railroad. We except a mustable. And, by the way, shall be gone two days. Don't want to Nell, that silky mustache you so admir

"'Well, as I said, I saw Devarges prowling about, and I thought I'd see what he was up to. He looked in at the window at you, and I heard him mutter. The deuce take it | She is at home, after all ! What the dence made mother's? Now I suppose I'll have to wait till my pretty bird's asleep.

"So he sat down under one tree and I sat down under the other. We both saw you when you opened the door and looked out. After you had been in best about an hour, Devarges forced open the sitting room window and crawled in. While he was in the office lighting the houp, I also got in at the window

"Jack, said I, tearfully, 'you'll forgive me for being naughty and wayward, and you'll believe me when I say woman, with a bright, dark face, vividly an appointment. But will you allow that I loved you all the time, won't You ...

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