 By MATIE BARNEs. Sparville was grateful to Henry Gria
wold. Not alince the engagement of MeMation's minstreis two montha b fore had th
talk about.
Nine years ago Hank Griswold had
gone to the city in tis Suday perper gone to the city in bis sunday pepper
and salt sult, with cowide boots aud eloth cap to complete his costume.
Now he hind returned Henry Griswola, and to the splendors of well tatlored
clothes be added the mangilicance clothes be added the magnilicence of
a fur lined cont and shoes and hat equally gloseny.
Sparville was
and Saprille was aceustomed to fur
coata, but with the fur outside, whlle Henry sbowed ouly the clothide, watent
lenther nhloes, too Heary sbowed ouly the cioth. Patent
lenther nhoes, too every day in the
week were rogarded with nwe not unEven more Interesting was the ev1
dent Interest Griswold displayed in Nellte sorrison, They bad been sweet
bearts io the old school daya not kept up at correspondence, a fact dis seminated by the postmaster, but it otme with the intention of cutting out
en Plerce. who escorted Nell home en Plerce. Who escorted Nell home
om church sunday ovenlogs and ont
owhe gave evidence of ultimate nerl. rwise gave evidence of ultimate serl-
Pus intetions. Publle nentiment was largely in f
Yor of Ben. Had Spartlle been
frivoloualy mladed as to tndulge frivolounly mladed as to indulge betting the odds would have been
about three to one In his favor for
Heary had seemed to lose fatereat in Heary had seemed to lose tnterest in
akattng and coanting and other winter aports in which Sparville dellighted.
He visited the pond and the consthg
bill, but merely as a spectator, and hill, but merely as a spectator, and at
vuch tines Nell, fully consclous that the exerctive brought a sitronger glow
to her cheeks and an added sparkle tor him.
Griswold ancribed her treatment to

"Who catouss max xazs," me quotro
 at her in dismay,
"Irss this way,"
clously, clously, seeing his bewliderment. "I
Ilko you, Harry, but you are so differ
ent now, When you wis ent now. When you were a boy ther
was no one who could beat you th a
ekating race, and you used to go dow
 found other amusements.s.". I have
Nell smiled and changed the subject and Griswold went home feellng miser-
able. He loved Nell, and this refusal It was Ben who tugged Nells's sled
up Beeman's hill the follow noon and found Griswold gloomily re-
garding the coasters. The hill swung
In a rough half clrcle declivity. Usually the rondway was
beaten Into a glare of fce by the consters, for it was the only grood coastin From the brow of the hill the entire Henry Beeman bud been cutting the
thlck growth of plnes which had cove ed the hillisfe, and now only a broa With the pline stumps remaned.
It was a pretty speetacle, and Gris
wold wold enfoyed it in spite of the evilent
favor with which Nell regarded Ben
who accompanicd

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