

GOING INTO PARTNERSHIP.

Mrs. Nottingham, being unable to get the means from her husband to supply her necessities, at last informed him that she should resume her profession of teaching, so as to be as independent as she was before she married.

"You're not in earnest, my dear?" said Mr. Nottingham. "Of course I'm in earnest. Why not? Do you suppose I intend to go on this way, begging and praying for every farthing I spend? I've been independent once, and can be so again."

"No; but look here!" Mr. Nottingham had risen, and was pacing up and down rather nervously. "My wife can't go to teaching. What is it you want?"

"What I can earn," proudly replied Mrs. Nottingham. "But put it into words."

"Well, then, look here," said Mrs. Nottingham. "I have always done my own work and sewing. Considered as a demand that weighs a month; as a seamstress, one pound; as your wife and lawful mother of your children, at least ten pounds more. And then I shall not consider myself adequately compensated."

"Where's the money? Let me see—it's nearly twenty pounds a month!" "I consider my services as worth that, at least," said Mrs. Nottingham, with dignity; "but if you would rather hire a housekeeper, I will prosecute my original idea of opening a select school."

Mr. Nottingham walked up and down the room once more, rumpling his hair into porcupine fashion with his fingers. "I will consult Uncle Wetherbee," he said. "Very well," said Mrs. Nottingham. "I'm quite willing to abide by his decision."

Uncle Wetherbee, a bronze visaged ex-sailor, who was comfortably smoking his meerschaum up-stairs, was summoned at once. He came down rather slowly, on account of a wooden leg, and listened to the pleading on either side with the utmost gravity.

"Dye want to know my opinion?" said Uncle Wetherbee, when they both had finished. "Certainly," said Mr. Nottingham. "Of course," said his wife. "Then look here," said Uncle Wetherbee. "Marriage is a co-partnership of joys and sorrows, and it ought to be of money as well. My advice is, Nephew Nicholas, that you divide even with your wife."

"Divide—even?" blankly repeated Mr. Nottingham. "Or, better still," went on Uncle Wetherbee, "take on third of the money yourself, lay aside one-third for household expenses, and then give the other third to Phoebe."

"Of course I have. Do you suppose I spent all the money? Not a bit of it. I put the best part of it out at interest, always following Uncle Wetherbee's advice in my investments, and I've bought a house with it."

"What house?" "Mr. Nottingham's eyes opened wider and wider. "The Filkirk house," said Mrs. N., her lips and cheeks dimpled all over with satisfaction. "I completed the bargain to-day. My dear," stealing one arm around her husband's neck—"how do you think I have held up my end of the business partnership?"

"Better than I have done myself, Phoebe," said Mr. Nottingham, with a curious moisture coming into his eyes. "My plucky little wife, I am proud of you!"

"It was your money, Nicholas," said the wife in a faltering voice. "It was your prudence and economy that stored it up, Phoebe."

"Then you don't regret the terms and articles of our partnership?" she answered, inquiringly. "So the young couple moved into the Filkirk house when the first of May came around, and the cozziest room, with a south window and an open fireplace for a wood fire was reserved for Uncle Wetherbee."

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