KIRK'S CHOICE.

A curious old man was Hamilton Kirk—and a good old man, said those who had the best means of knowing.

Hamilton Kirk had gone abroad when a mere youth, having been thrown upon his own resources by the death of his parents, and he had remained abroad until he was forty-five, or thereabouts. Then he came home, and having found yoman who could love him, he married her and settled down. He built him a spacious, handsome house, and land out his grounds very beautifully, promising himself much comfort in the new phase of life upon which he had entered. But he was doomed to an early disappointment. In one short year his wife the leaving an infant daughter to his care and protection.

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And from that time the child never brought a cloud upon his brow by any act of hers. When she was a maiden, just blooming into well developed womanhood, he was an old man with gray hairs. And she repedd him well for all the care he had bestowd upon her

you please. But you know, as well as I do, that very soon you may be loving somebody, and then it will be too late to

Myra didn't dispute him; but she only hung down her head and thought. So

love, if other things are as they should be; but love is a curious thing, and very often brings bodies together that can have no more harmony in life than free and water. I know that many people seout the idea of exercising reason in conjunction with love; but the ideas of the world are not always safe guides. I the world are not always safe guides. I wouldn't have reason take too much of the ground, but I would have it go ahead and light the way, so that love may go on with more safety. Don't that seem would drive over and come back with the team. He asked the old man if there was anything more he could

"Yes, father."
"And, now, I'm coming nearer home.
There's Joseph Vaughan; don't you
think he would like to propose for your

"Perhaps so."
"Come, come, Myra, be plain with

"Well, I think he would."
"And Henry Walsh, wouldn't he?
"Yes, I think he would."
"And Jacob Lorrimer?"

"Well, well, we'll throw him out, darling. I'm sure, however, that he would very quickly apply for your hand if he thought he could get it. But as I would not have him, and as I don't think you would, we'll consider him disposed of in advance. But there's Chauncey Stewart,

But her father had thought about it, and he fancied that when the erotic dart ame it would come with the heart of ness three, whom he had mentioned, imaled upon its shaft. Later in the afteroon, as Myra walked in the garden, ondering very deeply upon something int had occupied her thoughts ever more her interview with her father, she

"The old man asked for charity.
"I've nothing to spare," said Vaughan.
"But I am in need, kind sir. Help
me, if you can."
"I tell you I can't,' and the old man
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And Myra whispered.

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trembling upon his staff.
"Eh-want help?" returned Walsh, examining the old fellow from head to

"Yes; I am in need."

"Well, how much do you want?"

"I ask not for much, kind sir."

"Here's a dollar. Will that help you?"

"Yes, very much."

"Then it's yours; and see that you make a good use of it." And thereupon the young man returned to his work, leaving the beggar to go when he pleased. Chauncey Stewart was a shoemaker, Chauncey Stewart was a shoemaker, and council, and things were ernor and council, and things were

tones. "To not want to trouble you—I only seek a first aid—such as you can afford to a poor, needy one like me."

Channesy Stewart ran his eye over the old man's form, and then said:

"I must first know what help you need, my good sir, and then I am the better judge of my ability to help you.

Are you penniless?"

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"Have you broken your fast this white

womanhood, he was an old man with gray hairs. And she repuid him well for all the care he had bestowed upon her during her childhood.

But Myra was now nineteen, and the time for new scenes was drawing upon her.

"Myra," he said to her, as they sat in the library one summer afternoon, "I've been thinking."

"Well, father," she replied, looking up with one of her sweet smiles, "what have you been thinking about?"

"I've been thinking that you will be wanting a husband one of these days."

"Then I wouldn't try to think any nore," she said. But she didn't speak with such simple assurance as usual.

"I am serious, my pet," he resumed, "and now let us talk seriously about it. I am not going to give you up, for the man who takes you must take my house, and me with it; or, I'll take him, just as you please. But you know, as well as I do that very soon you may be loving."

"I might find a better way than that," "I might find a better way than that," "I might find a better way than that,"

suggested Stewart. "I shall not use my horse to-day, and I could have you taken ten or fifteen miles on your way without any expense to myself. I can easily find a boy who will be glad to drive for the sake of a ride."

man if there was anything more he could do for him, and when assured that there was not, he bade him good-by and saw him off.

"Well, Myra," said Hamilton Kirk,

"Why, doubtless, that I was what I speared, a poor beggar."
"But—they didn't know you?"

tions of earnest life. So I tried them, would you like to know the result?"

"Yes," whispered Myra, with a slight pallor about the nether lip.

"Then listen: You must know that the pale, wan color which I applied to my features, taken in connection with my eyes, was sufficient to give assurance to any man trobservation that Bwas net trusting me on that accounts the pale upon Mr. Versian first. He to ceived me very color, and turned he pare the pale upon Mr. Versian first. He to ceived me very color, and turned he pale the pale to the pale t

disappointed in him?

"No, father, not at all." She spokes though she felt relieved, in a measure. Well, next I called upon Henry Walsh, His heart opened in a moment, and he three me out a dollar. He was

lorn condition, nor did 'he' betray any sympathy beyond the mere flush of generosity. He gave me of the only fount of charity he possessed—his money. His heart is warm, but the heat would not stand much teating by blasts and storms. In short such a heart would be very apt to prove a spen thrift in its affections. What think you? Are you disappointed?" And Myra whispered:

"No."
"Nart I called noon Channeev Stew—

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pointed. At length Chauncey Stewart, when he saw that she still remained free, tremblingly told her of his love, and ere

Channes Stewart was a shoemaker, and he not only employed quite a number of workmen in manufacturing, but he had quite a store, and sold a great many shoes at retail. He was some three or four-and-twenty; was very fair looking, and had the reputation of being one of the most steady and industrious young men in the village; but his character for generosity did not stand so high among his fellows as that of Henry Walsh.

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Chauncey was in his front shop, packing some boots, when an old beggar-man ontered. the seek were examined in reading, articles were examined in reading articles were examined in a supplication of the proposition of the proposition of the proposition of the proposition articles were examined in all of which the pupils acquirted articles were examined in all of which the pupils are all of which the pupils are all of which the pupils are all of which the pupil times express themselves slowly on account of their slight command of the

> which are generally quite neat outside and inside. Quite a number of the Iudians have acquired considerable prop-erty, and their houses are carpeted and furnished with good furniture, as well as good deal of attention to agriculture, be ing ready to work and raise all they can This tribe has formed a part of the history of the state for nearly 300 years, and a mission post and church has been maintained at Oldtown ever since about 1608, but the population of the tribe has continually decreased from upward of 8000 sonis in 1625, to the small remnant of the present day. Those now remaining have intermarried with white people to such an extent that they have become but to their isolation is undoubtedly due much of their present condition, as they have not mingled enough with the whites to imbibe more than the bad habits, so easily learned, but so difficult to get rid of.

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