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My Little Strategem.

Jessie Hale was the merriest, prettiest, most provoking daughter Eve had ever existed. At least I thought so—though perhaps I was not an impartial Judge, as I must confess I was deeply in love, and, in fact, I don't think I can remember the time when I was not in love with her. I first ventured to ask her company from church, when, after four years of absence, I returned to my native town and set up as a surgeon. The people felt afraid of trusting their lives in the hands of such a young scapegrace as they had known me to be, for somehow my horse and gig found more employment in carrying Jessie Hale to ride than any other profitable business, yet of all the tantalizing little wretches that ever fascinated and provoked a poor fellow until he could not have told whether he was in the body or out of it—she was the worst.

And there was I—Wallard Tremaine—standing six feet two inches tall, stockings, lead about by that elf, coming and going at every beck and call, as if I was a great simpleton, as in truth I must have been, for after playing "vours devotedly" for about six months, I was no nearer winning her than at the first. Open-hearted and candid she was on any other subject; but just let me speak of love or marriage, and I might as well talk to a stone wall. "All is fair in love and war," or at least I thought so, and resolved to try the suit of strategy on my little lady-love.

One fine morning, as we were about starting for a ride on horseback, and I assisting Miss Jessie into the saddle, her horse commenced rearing and kicking at an alarming rate; of course the jagged bits of iron I had cautiously inserted beneath the saddle had nothing to do with it. By the time she was fairly seated he had become perfectly unmanageable, throwing her violently from the saddle, of course I caught her before she reached the ground. No sooner was she in perfect safety, than, with a deep groan, I staggered back against the fence, my right arm hanging helplessly at my side. I looked nicely for Jessie was beside me in a moment.

"O, Will," she said piteously, "that terrible horse has broken your arm; what will you do? Poor Will! Poor Will!"

How like a villain I felt at sight of her distress; but I was not going to give it up then; so I answered faintly, "It is nothing, dear Jessie, I would suffer a thousand times more to feel that I had saved your precious life."

"But, O, I am sorry! What can be done for you?" she said, in touching accents.

"Only tell me that you love me, Jessie, darling; it will soothe my pain more than anything else in the world." And then, like the great right arm, that was, I put that right arm around her, and, not discovering my mistake till she sprang suddenly away.

"Wouldn't a little brandy and water do as well, Mr. Tremaine?" she asked, archly. There don't seem to be any brandy here; the injury was internal, I should think. What would I have sold myself for a sixpence? But there was no help for it; so I had to own the trick, and went home wishing I had broken my arm or neck, I didn't care much which. After that, with a quick start, I was rather shy of the love subject, for I didn't fancy hearing of my last attempt; but one morning, however, I went over the way, resolved that the matter should be decided before I returned. Jessie was sitting by the parlor window, busily sewing and humming softly, as I knew herself as I entered. She was looking prettier than ever; and I found it hard work to begin.

At last I broke in upon some of her careless nonsense with, "Why in the world, Jessie, don't you say whether you love me or not? I believe you do—in fact, I know you do."

Here I was again making a simplification of myself.

"O, you know then, do you?" she said, coolly, with a merry twinkle in her eye. "Then of course there is no need telling you."

"No, I did not mean it, Jessie," I said. "But do you love me? Will you answer me yes or no?"

"Yes or no," she answered demurely.

"O, Jessie Hale!" I exclaimed, impatiently, "you will drive me crazy."

"A terrible misfortune, surely," she said, with a laugh, throwing down her work, and stepping through the low open window upon the lawn.

"Now, Will, I will tell what I will do if you will promise never to plague me again about this."

I will promise anything if you will only give me an honest answer," I said, eagerly.

"Well, then, if you can catch me before I reach that elm tree, I will give you a decided answer."

I thumped my head against the window sash, and away I went, racing over the green sward with ten times more eagerness than I ever displayed playing catch in my boyhood days. I caught her before she was half way to the old elm.

"Now for an answer," I said, eagerly.

"O! but can't you wait until I get my breath?" drawing it in quick, spasmodic jerks. "Let me see; what was it I promised to tell you?"

"Whether you love me or not, you provoking little wretch!" I said, fairly out of patience.

"Now look here, Mr. Will, if you don't leave off calling me names, I won't answer you, now see if I do. And sure enough, no answer could I get from her."

The next day I received a letter

Terrible Disaster near Walla Walla.

From Walla Walla, under date of Jan. 23d, we learn the following particulars of a most sad disaster:

The family of Mr. Cummings, living on the Walla Walla road, below the mouth of the Touchet, Walla Walla county, seems to be particularly unfortunate. We have the case of a terrible accident that happened to one of the sons, a young man aged eighteen years. In some manner he jumped against the handle of a pitchfork with such force that the handle passed almost through the body, on a line with the pelvis, and passed almost through to the back-bone. Dr. Babcock was called to the relief of the young man, and thinks it possible that he may recover. The shock of this accident is supposed to have hastened the death of his mother, who passed away very shortly after its occurrence. The accident happened on Monday last, and up to this writing the unfortunate youth is still alive.

We have been furnished some of the particulars of a most terrible calamity which has resulted in the death of a woman and two of her children. It seems that a man named Late, living about eleven miles from this city, was returning from his home between Ivy Creek and Blue Creek, left his house on Tuesday morning to assist a neighbor with some stock, leaving his wife and three children, aged respectively seven and five and a baby. When he returned in the evening he found his house leveled to the ground and buried under the snow, a snow slide having occurred, probably soon after the husband and father's departure, carrying everything before it. Search for the wife and the other two children, and two children were found in the stable, while the baby, who had been in bed at the time of the catastrophe, was found still snugly covered up in the bed, and buried in the ruins, as long as the dead bodies of his wife and two children were found. The whole family had been buried up, and that the mother had first extricated herself and then rescued her two eldest children from the ruins of the house. Whether the father was dead or only injured is not known. But the mother had carried them to the stable, which was unharmed, and had laid them down side by side. She had then attempted to go to a neighbor, probably for help, but the snow being very deep she had found it impossible to go, and had returned and laid herself down beside her two children, where she was found as above stated; all three dead. It is not exactly known, but it is probably the case, that she had been once or twice injured by the snow slide, and that her exertions in rescuing her children and in attempting to go to the neighbor's, joined in causing her death. These are the outlines of the affair as detailed by a neighbor of the unfortunate family, and is one of the most heartrending casualties that we have ever been called on to chronicle. The ill-fated house was situated at the foot of a high and steep hill, and the snow drifted to a great depth, but as such accidents are very rare, it is not here, no one ever dreamed of danger from that source.

From all directions we hear of more or less loss of stock. In some instances owners made little or no provision for the winter, and had to look to the chances for an open winter to carry them through. In most cases, however, there is plenty of feed, but there are a great many whose stock had strayed away and they have been unable to find them and get them home again. In some cases, however, the stock is generally the ones that suffer most, and are dying off the fastest. We also hear of quite a heavy loss among sheep, but the ones that die are generally old ones or those that have been brought into the country from abroad last summer and have not yet been acclimated. In the aggregate the loss of stock is likely to be considerable, and especially so if we are to have much more bad weather between this time and the opening of spring.

"Who is Governor of the Detroit Free Press," that he should receive a larger salary and greater perquisites than Washington, Jefferson, Jackson, or Lincoln? Oh, he's no body in particular. The old fogies to whom you refer were Presidents for the honor of the position, and not for the money the office paid. Grant would rather be town marshal of Shirlitailband with a salary of \$50,000 a year, than President with a salary of half the amount.—*Courier Journal.*

An Eastern editor had a billie sent to him by some one who thought he needed it, probably, and thinking it a new book sent in for notice and review, proceeded to do justice in the following notice: "The story is somewhat disconnected, but contains many sensational passages, and, in the whole, he found quite interesting."

GOES INTO CONVULSIONS.—When the Duchess of Edinburgh wants to talk nicee-ticee to her boy baby she has to say, "And was it its own nuzzy's blessed little Albert Alexander's earnest William?" And then that overburdened infant goes into convulsions that would twist the backbone right out of a plebeian baby.

A New Hampshire woman, when dying, made her husband swear on the Bible that he would never marry a woman with a sharp nose.

If a girl has a turn-up hat and reddish nose, is she a vegetarian?

Whisky Will Fetch 'Em.

The other day, two old gents, who had been reared boys together in London county, Virginia, met after a separation of fifty years. Their names were respectively Mr. Brown and Mr. Shacklett. After the usual greetings and congratulations, they fell into a dialogue a portion of which we produce as follows:

Brown—By God, captain, how is my old friend, Glascock? I haven't heard from him for thirty years?

Shacklett—He's dead, sah. Died at the early age of 75.

Brown—Dead! George Glascock dead? And only 75! Dear me? What was the supposed cause of his death?

Shacklett—(shaking his head mournfully)—Whisky, sah.

Brown—Captain, have you heard of Major Payne lately?

Shacklett—Yes, sah, the Major is dead, sah. Only 79 when he went off.

Brown—What was the supposed cause of his death?

Shacklett—Whisky, sah, was the supposed cause.

Brown—How is your old friend, Colonel Blackmore, down at the manor