

THE MAIDEN'S OATH.

Health she "My hand take; hear the oath... Wait for you, love! As if I could... Aught else do even though I would!

WINNING A WIDOW.

"Jotham" quoth Mr. Wiggleton, to his chief fiancée. "Well, what's wantin'?" lazily responded Jotham Hardecastle...

"All right," observed Jotham, philosophically, and his master resumed the perusal of his newspaper once more.

"Well, what now?" "I wonder if that was the Widow Palmleaf I saw gathering blackberries into a basket by the south wall of the cottage garden?"

"Kind of slim and tall?" "Blue eyes and hair as shiny as satin?" "Yes."

"And a little white parasol, lined with pink?" "Yes."

"Reckon likely it was," said Jotham. "But," persisted the puzzled landowner, "she doesn't look at all like a widow."

companionship of his own cogitations. There are times in which solitude is said to be the best company; perhaps this was one of these special occasions.

"Jotham" said Mr. Wiggleton to his farm hand one evening; it was the first time they had had a fire on the wide, old-fashioned hearth.

"I'd advise you to turn the thing all over in your mind, Jotham," said Mr. Wiggleton.

"I am engaged!" owned up the charming widow, playing with the ribbons at her belt.

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