A TRUE WOMAN.

"It can never be," said Ethel interrupted me with: Guffey sadly. "I have no desire Stranger, is any of our boys to give you pain, but I must tell mixed op in this dispute?" you, once for all, that I can never "Oh, no," I replied with a smile, be your wife."

Harold McPartland sat silent under the blow for a full moment. it then." Then, heaving a great sigh of despair, he asked:

me? I want to know so that I in: may make myself, if possible, the kind of man you could love."

"Oh, I cannnot go into details," the girl answered. "You are not not be your wife."

young man.

"I know it," said the girl.

"Or gamble, or go about nights," habits, I give close attention to my ole Davis?" business, and I am rapidly making a fortune."

"That is all true," she replied wearily, "but my decision is made Jenkins, in Grayville, was hitched and is unalterable."

Harold McPartland went away in despair. Next day, however, he felt impelled to make a confi- did they tell yo', when you were in dent of his sister. She listened to Summerville?" his story and gave her opinion | "No, they didn't mention his with sisterly bluntness.

After receiving instructions Har old hastened to the Guffey residence and sought enother interview with room he began to speak his piece. said. "I just want to ask you to forgive me for saying some things night. My love for you and my desire to win you made me picture myself as a better man than I am, and now I feel remorseful. I told you that I did not drink. The fact than is good for me lately, and the I did not gamble. The fa t is that I put in two or three nights a week at poker, and have suffered losses that may ruin me. Moreover, I have been neglecting my business, and I fear our house will go under before long. All this is of no interest to you, I know, but I could not rest until I had corrected my misstatement. Now Ethil, say a kind good-bye to me and I will never trouble you again."

"Good-bye! No!" no cried the girl. "I will take back the cruel werds I said that night. I will be your wife and make a better man of you. For my sake you will give up drinking, gambling and other bad habits, won't you, dear? Yes, Harold, I will be your wife." And the girl's eyes shone with the light of love and of a noble determina-

"Women are a rum lot," Haroid McPartland mused as he walked home that night. "Ethel is going to marry me to make me what I am already "-Welcome.

"Stranger," said the old fellowa typical Arkansas mountaineer whom I encountered on the rough mountain read-"stranger, I've bin working up yere fur the last six months without seein' a fellow critter or a newspaper in all that time. and I'd be mighty thankful for the news of the kentry-just the important news."

and taken a seat on a log by the policy.

roadside I began on the settlement! of the Venezuelan dispute' but he

'you see"-

Wall, I don't keer anythin about

I rtarted on the Cuban truble. and was giving him, as I thought. "What are your objections to some startling news when he broke

"My ole woman wont be in this

furse, will she, stranger?"

"Why, certanily not, only"-"Then I recken it haint o' much at all what -I mean, I cannot, can-account. What towns have yo' cum through on yo'r trip?"

"I do not drink," pleaded the I named over some of the places I had stopepd in over night and then he asked:

"Wall, when you were in Beebe he continued. "I have no bad was ole Perkins still feuding with

"Not that I heard of," I answer-

"Didn't hear whether the widder yet, did yo'?"

"No, I didn't."

"Have they hung ole man Hunt,

name to me." He continued his questioning for abut five minutes longer, but when I couldn't even tell him if Lim White's dog, in Ethel. As soon as she entered the Huntsville, had been licked yet he gave it up, and there was a look of "I have not come to annoy you deep disgust on his face as he further with my attentions," he knocked the ashes out of his pipe

"This dawg-goned kentry seems that were not strictly true the other to have gone to sleep since I've bin up here, fur if there'd bin anythin' goin' on yo'd certainly have heard of it. Shoo! but if this state o' things keeps on the newspapers will bust up fur wan't of news! Wall, is that I have been taking more s'long, stranger. I'm goin' back to tewn purty soon, and I'll put a liquor habit is gaining a stronger leetle life in these United States if hold on me daily. I also said that I have to pick a furse with the ole woman herself."

> St. Louis Humorist: The lay of one old hen is far more valuable than all they lays of forty poets. When a women is in great trouble she cries, but when a man is deeply distressed he drinks whisky. It is said that the Tartars take a man by the ear to invite him to drink? In this country, when a tartar takes a man by the ear, it is generally to remedy for Consumption. By its time, y use get him away from drink A Flori- r da man cut down a bee tree and sehoney, and in the top of the tree found a crane's nest containing 140 T. A. SLOCUM, M. C., 183 Pearl St., New York. dozen eggs. He seemed to be greatly disappointed that the tree didn't also pan o ta dozen sugarcured hams and a few hundred loaves of bread.

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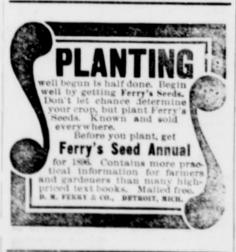
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