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SABINA WILKINS.

Miss Sabina had finished her morning intics, had dressed the butter, swept he back porch and turned the broom up a the corner, as near house keepers do, had athered flowers and seed and eggs and now seated herself by the window to each of n the cos

now seated herself by the window to rechet. But the fingers moved laggardly. She rus clean sickened out of fancy work, if nursing the sick sitting up with other people's children, going to funcerals and a church pionics to see young people in low enjoying themselves. She was tired, ise, of being asked why she didn't get married. She had been literally joked is death on the subject. But to look in the little room where this Sabina ast one would think she might be tolerably happy. Old Puss surred kindly at her feet, ready to fol-new enry step. On the manuel stood rases of gay flowers, and between them is old clock, ticking and striking the surposed, to the sensitiveness of Miss fabina, who fain would linger awhile anger at the rosy gate to the temple of dime. On a table lay the family Hile, a which, however, was recorded one fate that addened Miss Sabina—her age. Near by hung a birdcage whose occu-pant, with head askew, perceived his owner, smilancholy and forthwith began being.

Between the windows stood an old fishioned burean, whose mirror kept Mass Sabina informed of all the changes in har face, which she prayed Father Time to touch gently, as it might yet be her fortune

Feeling lowelier than ever before in her life, she looked about her, sat for some moments in deep meditation and then

"Is this all there is in the world for

me?" Here was the key to her discontent. Miss Sabina was right pretty, hadn't a sharp tongue nor a long neck and was well off. Now, why did she have to live alone? God's original plan must cer-tainly have included her happiness. Way not? What could Providence possibly have against her? She had never harmed my body and never talled spitefully of men-aremarkable thing in a single wo-man of 40. When Miss Babina contem-inted the sirrow, thuredhead, the femilated the shrews, the redheads, the femi-The prese hoursenses, and with husbands, and with children to spare, she just estiled it that there was a hitch somewhere— something out of grar in the world's marriage machinery—and it never oc-curred to her that it is always darkest before day.

maringe machinery-and it never oc-courred to her that it is always darkest before day. As Mass Sabina sat musing on life and its inequalities she heard the sharp whis-let of a train which passed right in front of her house. Something must have hap-pened. The whistle did not usually sound so far from the station. Looking soul, Miss Sabina saw the train at a standatill, men running back on the track and passengers looking excitedly from the car windows. Seizing her sun-bannet, she dashed down the yard to and out what had bappened. Four men were approaching, bearing senity a gen-fisman who had been hurt. Attempting to walk from one car to another, he had made a misstep, lost his balance and fallen. The result was a badly muti-lated foot. Miss Sabina's house being the sarrest one in sight, he was taken to it, a surgeon summosed from town and the train moved on.

the train moved on. Amputation was at once pronounced mensaury, and David Ware would not preach the next Sunday in the city to which he had accepted a call. He lay monaning on a cost in Miss Sabina's next little parter. She never had anything to fonce her feelings quite so much in her for the state of feelings in the to brown buch her twomage quite so much in her if as his sufferings and his big brown eyes, which she caught sight of now and then through the door. David Ware's foot was taken off, and a trained nurse umployed to attend him. Miss Sahina had nothing to do in the case but to fur-much fresh flowers and dainty edibles to David. She was relieved of much em-harmsoment when she heard that it was a minister under her roof. People wouldn't be so apt to joke about a man being in a house that never had such a thing before. being in a house that never had such a thing before. As David, in his pain, any the little woman moving through the hall and heard her giving orders for his comfort, he thought of the cloud with silver lin-ing about which he had so often preach-ed. A realistic vision was passing be-fore him. The third day that he lay in the little parlor, the more left him while he was also ping and compade Miss fabins in generation on the porch. It was its played by that David was an m-compasses, the After that the flowers apposing that 'this greater care, the and the north, wild more daintity, and are, he was steern t, he was st

brown. Woman's wiles often hide un-der just such covers. David, when he was not sleeping, spent most of his time watching the door. Sabina, when she was not cooking or making bouquets, spent most of her time gliding stealthily by the door, for of course the was too modest and prop-er to enter it except occasionally with neighbors who called upon the unfor-tumate minister.

or to enter it except occasionally with misiblors who called upon the unfor-tunate minister. Mrs. Tabitha Topp, a neighbor and a great believer in the law of compensa-tion, male Sabina blush herself nearly to death by saying: "Well, Sabina, the Lord took the minister's foot, bat-he'll be sure togive him aomething in place of it. You've been good enough to let him have the little parlor you don't even open for most folks, and maybe you'll get your pay in some manner you're not expecting." Sabina pretended not to be thinking about pay, but she was already thinking about pay, but she was already thinking about possibilities. Well, there's no situation in life but changes somer or later. David Ware, minister, could not he forever in that little parlor being waited on, and Sabina Wilkins could not go on forever broiling chickens and arranging sweet flowers for a strange man. David was at last able to limp ont to

chickens and arranging sweet flowers for a sirange man. David was at last able to limp out to the porch, where he caught Miss Sabina atting under the vinage; Bar was asleep on the doormat. Sabina blushed like a girl of 16 and was afraid to sit with the minis-ter for fear a neighbor might come and catch her. She was afraid to get up and leave for fear she would be losing an opportunity, and a woman at 40 can's afford to be reckloss. David rocked; Sabina rocked. Then he said, "Plensant evening, Miss Wil-kins." "Yes, very," she answered.

"Yes, very," she answered. David rocked: Sabina rocked. Then he said: "Sweet little home for you here,

he said: "Sweet little home for you here, Miss Wilkins. Suppose you never get lonsly, do you?" "Yes, vory," she answered him. It announced to him that here was a ten-der, loving woman robbed by some bro-ken law of the love and sympathy to which she was entitled. Modest and re-fined as David was he was endered. on get married?" Poor little Sabina felt for her salts bot-

tle. She had never been attacked that way about marrying! And she never dreamed that love and conrtship could be condensed or reduced to one sentence. Recovering herself, after a prolonged quiver of joyous surgrise, she came back at David facetionaly: "Mr. Ware, i think you are the nicest man I ever saw. Why don't you get married?"

"Because I can't find a woman with my name in her hand, Miss Sabina." "Oh, my! What do you mean, Mr. Ware?

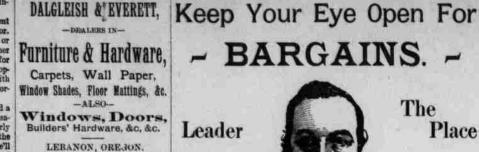
"Don't you know, Miss Sabina, some

"Don't you arow, also should solve y painistry pillosophere chain that every woman's hand has a man's initial in it?" "Do tell" gasped Sahina, with eyes affare and palms instantly upturned, while blashes chassed with burning hope over her checks and throat. "Would own mind my looking at some hand you mind my looking at your hand, Miss Sabina?" David asked, construing Miss Sabina" David asked, construing favorably her excitement. Sabina ex-iended her hand. David examined it closely, looked up into her eyes, thun apelled slowly, "W-a-r-et There it in!" Sabina gauged, held her salts bottle to her nose, having jerked her hand from him with a counctish way that said, "Take it again." "You musch't fly in the face of Providence, Sabina. Be-warot" A pun and proposal in one word. Seeing that Sabina was unspeak-ably happy, David continued: "Only as my wife, Sabina, can I repay your kind-ness. You and I are a pair of scissors, divided and lonely. Come, let us unite and after this cut the fabric of life to-gener." gether." Sabina

Sabina's head drooped, Rez barked, and the minister and maiden kissed.— Cincinnati Post.

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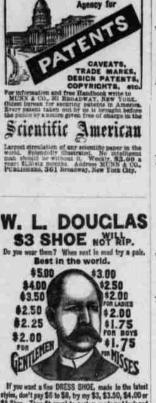
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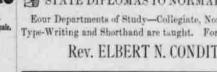


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