

mor. You know he might as well submit with a good grace, for I shall be eighteen on my wedding day, and my little property comes into my own hands. So we shall begin life ip the style which we intend to keep up. A handsome bouse, well furnished and in a pleasant part of the city. You sinske your head, but you will see that it will ail end well. And now say-will you grant the earnest wish of Henry and myself, and make your future home with us? I shall need an ad visor and you shall be my second mother."

brings the tears to my eyes. But 1 can't accept your invitation-at least not at present. A few days ago I received an urgent request from an aged relative in England to come to her and be her companion and friend for the remainder of her life. She is wealthy bot lonely in ber riches, and being nearly blind, is much dependent upon the kindness of those around her. At present there are none but servants to administer to her wants. She was the sister of my own dear mother. and I feel it to be my duty to go to fort. I sail in the next steamer."

Fanny, you will not leave us so S000 107

yours, dear Julia, but it is necessary that I hasten my departure as much as possible. Do not forget your old happiness sometimes remember the words of advice which she has so often spoken."

With many tears the young maid- had at length gone home. Once en hade adieu to one who, though in more aunt Fanny's heart turned to reality no relative, had long been a her native land. Friends of her valued friend. Julia Howard had become an or- she longed to meet them again face

phan is early childhood, Her fa- to face. The few necessary arrangether's dying charge placed her under ments were soon made, and ere the care of one who, in many re- many a week had passed she had spects, was worthy of the trust, and had well performed the duty which and was welcomed with kindly devolved upon him.

At seventeen she became attached to Henry Lawrence, a young man of good family and unblemished character.

known and loved.

had heard from her.

vearning tenderness for her child.

Her guardian heartily approved the connection, but as Julia stated to aunt Fauny, preferred the young couple should wait until Henry was established in business, but this prodent advice was not followed. Henry's prospects were good-Ju-

ha had a few thousands. Why not begin the world at once,

So on the very day, when by a peculiar comcidence, the bridegroom home. was twenty-one and the bride eighicen, they stood at the altar and digited they hely yows which usual

she didn't like to answer it. Then, as if to prevent any misunderstandended. That aged relative, to whose ing, the witness took the sudden dewants she had so long ministered. termination to tell the secret. It was only that Ella had teased her about possibly becoming her aunt through a marriage with Ella's earlier years rose before her, and uncle, who was paying her atten-

tions. Counsel for defense :- "What inadam, and you a married woman!' Witness (blushing deeply, but once more crossed the broad ocean, speaking in a merry voice) -"Why, sir, I am a widow." greetings by many whom she had

Counsel-"Oh, crackey, that's it is it ?" and the whole court explod-One of her first inquiries was for ed in a roar of laughter at the coun-Julia, for it was very long since sl.e sel', quaint expletive of disappointment over finding so empty a mare's nest.

News of the failure of Mr. Lawrence in business had reached her, They tell a good story of an old and rumors of various undefined business man who recently found himself cornered financially, and demisfortunes had from time to time sired to go into bankruptcy. He come to her knowledge, but not one applied to a lawyer to know how word of direct information. The much it would cost to have the pamother of Julia had been a very pers made out and the business put through. He was told that the exdear friend, and aunt Fanny felt a penses would be about \$160, and anpearing to be satisfied with the price So she sought out and called at her he told the lawyer to go ahead. The lawyer followed the instructions.

and when the work was done he That day had been a discouraging called for his little \$100. "All one for Julia, even more so than right," said the bankrupt, "you can put your claim in with the others."



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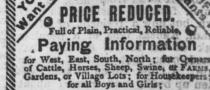
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