

THE LEAP YEAR REFUSAL.

'Tis very kind, indeed, of you To offer to become my wife; To say you love me as you do And wish to share my simple life...

HIRAM'S SON-IN-LAW.

Old Hiram Dabney was a man of few prejudices, but their fewness in number was amply made up for by strength of sentiment toward each.

'Look here, Mr. Dabney,' he said, 'I am hired to teach your school, I intend to be the teacher. I am going to do things exactly my way or not at all. I guess you understand.'

old alike, as she passed out, it seemed to Stephen that a part of his spirit went with her. Her personality so dominated him that he would almost speak aloud to her after she had been gone for hours.

when I say that I am not going to marry him," she asserted. "Oh, get out," sneered Hiram.

'Dear Pa and Ma, I have eloped. Pa once said I would if I wanted to. Mrs. Dabney had no objection to her daughter's marrying, and thought she had chosen well; also, this bit of romance appealed to her, but it was quite natural, of course, that she should go into an attack of hysterics at the news.'

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN. DAILY THOUGHT. A light heart lives long.—Shakespeare. The teacher was young and enthusiastic; moreover, she was well beloved by her pupils.