A HEADSTRONG MA.

"Isn't it queer how small the world is, after all?" said the shorter of the two men as they steered each other down the aisle of the smoker, while the car seemed to be doing its best to joint them both over the shoulders of other passengers in the seats. "I'm always running into somebody I have not seen for a long time. Now, who would have thought of meeting you coming into this sucker-in this see." coming into this smoker-in this sec-tion of the country?"

"Yes," said the taller—he with the new tweed travelling cap—"but then the world is big enough to keep old acquaintances like us apart. Lets sit down here—apart for years. How many years is it?"

"Must be a good ten," said the first speaker, a dark, wiry man, with small side whiskers.

small side whiskers. "Quite that—I hadn't heard of you for quite a long while when Scobel told me about that desperate love af-fair of yours, and that was—" "Ha, bal: Yás, that was more than four years £50. Did Scobel ever tell you the end of that? No? Got a cl-gar?" The small man wriggled his week with ab air of complete self sat-isfaction. "Well, I dont mind telling you, knowing that it won't go any further, of course—" "C tourse, that's understood." "I don't mind telling you that I al-

"I don't mind telling you that I al-ways thought myself well out of that affair-yes. You see, she went away from Galena one summer to spend some time at a small watering place where an aunt of hers was staying. of course we kept up correspondence -very sweet and all that, you know-but all of a sudden the letters stop-ped. Well, I didn't know what to make of that. Just as I was begin-ning to get fidgety a letter came from her tailing ma that she had not with her, telling me that she had met with her, telaing me that she had met with a frightful accident, slipped from a limb of a tree into a creek. It so hap-pened that some feilow was standing near, fishing, and this man managed to crawl out on the same limb of the tree just as she was losing her hold. Oh, perhaps Scobel told you all that?"

"No," said the other man, looking at the ash of his cigar, "Scoled didn't tell me that. I was only smilling at the thought of how anych alike all of

"Oh yes, all alike, you know. And these romantic resease are." "Oh yes, all alike, you know. And so far as I can make out, this fellow didn't do anything particularly brave, either. Just held his hand out to her and pulled her in. Anybody could do that, you know." "How did he get to her?" the man

"How did be get to her?" the man with the tweed cap asked. "Climbed out on the limb, I believe. Well, then there was some sort of mystery about the inan for some days. He didn't tell his name and she didn't find it out until after she got quite well. But you see, Trappes, I didn't care to have my fiances writing to me every day aboat some other fellow I didn't know." "Of course not." said Trappes. every day about some other feilow I didn't know." "Of course not," said Trappes. "So I very soon took an opportunity ber to-to tast drop that

to request her to-to just drop that here of the limb. Told her I didn't want to know his name, even if she did find it out." "And that put an end to your affair,

"That? Oh no. That was only the beginning of the end, as it were." Here the smaller man-his name was Bradley-seemed to fall into a retro-spective reverie, and Trappes respec-ted his feelings by smoking aud study-ing his cigar ash is sience. "You know, Trappes," Bradley at hast resumed, "there's no question about it. Eloise-Miss Jennings-was a very nice girl at that time. But she was very young." Trappes nodded gravely. "I guess she must have been," he beginning of the end, as it were.'

"I guess she must have been," he said, "to judge by what Scobel told me. You always were a man of some taste, Bradley; I always thought so." "Yes, that's all right," said Brad-ber

ey. "Pretty and all that. I wonder in "Pretty and all that. I wonder in "Hetty and an trat. I wonder it she is still as graceful as she was." "I should think so quite," said Trappes. "Eh? What did you say? Gi., I didn't quite catch. This road seems very hadly ballasted."

very hadly ballasted."
"But there's one point that I've al-ways put my foot down on," Brad-ley continued, "I hold that when a man takes to himself a wife it is his to command and hers to obey."
Trappes nodded his assent.
"That was the rock that Eloise and I split upon. She wrote me rather a huffy letter, telling me she was going to Bnd out this fellow's name-this limb man, you know-for her own sat-isfaction. If not for mine, and have him call upon her. Well, that was too much." much

"Was rather sassy," Trappes remarked

marked. "Oh yes," said the little man, "I simply wouldn't stand it. I said to myself, 'If I'm pet her master now, I

if she hadn't been told expressly to let it alone." Trappes was still smiling.

"Anyway she insisted that she must see the man-gratitude and all that-and the end of it was-"

"You broke it off?" "Oh, of course the lady must al-ways have that privilege," said Brad-ley, with a courtly smile. "But, it ended there."

"And you never married at all, did you, Bradley?" "I?" said Bradley, suddenly pulling a: said brancy, suddenly puring out his watch. "Oh yes—by jingo! I must be getting back. You must let me introduce you to my wife—she's a splendid woman—a most sensible wo-man. Come on."

Trappes had not quite finished his cigar; neither, for that matter, had Bradley. Seeing his friend's sudden enthusiasm, however, to present him —Trappes—to Mrs. Bradley. Trapper could not in honor appear to value the introduction at less than the worth of a half smoked eiger. They rece

of a half smoked clgar. They rose, and the smaller man dragged the big-ger into the parlor car. The two had no sooner passed through the vestibule and closed the

of the vestione and closed the door behind them than a very distinct voice of low register said: "Here, where are you going to? Is this what you call five minutes, De-metrius Bradley?"

"Oh! That you dear?" said Bradley, in some confusion. "Yes, dear, let me introduce-I met a friend in the smok-er-Mr. Trappes."

"Delighted to meet you, Mrs. Brad-ley," he said. "Your husband interest-ed me so in his conversation, Mrs. Bradley, that we hardly knew how time was flying." "Men seldom do when they are in-

Bradley, that we hardly knew how time was flying." "Men seldom do when they are in-dulging in tobacco," and Mrs. Brad-ley drew herself up to her full height which was considerable. "Sit down, please. What was it that interested you so?" The question was addressed to both

The question was addressed to both The question was addressed to both and in a manner that planip showed that these two naughty boys were to be investigated under the searchlight of discipline. Trappes was silent, only sufficed pleasingly.

"Oh, nothing, dear," said the iron-willed Bradley, with a look at Trappes that might have meant either appeal or reproach.

Trappes had not yet obeyed the or-der to sit down. He was standing with one hand on the back of Bradley's chair

"Mrs. Bradley," he said, "I'm afraid "Mrs. Bradley," he said, "I'm afraid I must hurry off now to look after some-matters, back here-have to change cars at Indianapolis, you know we are nearly there-see you later."

Aud Trappes really seemed to antici Aud frappes reary seemed to antici-pata much pleasure from the future meeting, for he was smiling in unnis-takable enjoyment as he moved away. Bradley sat silent, while the sensible woman discoursed, her discourse be-

ginning: "When I say a thing, I mean it. You should follow the same maxim, Demetrius."

A few minutes later this discourse was interrupted by the cry, "Indian-apolis—change cars for the Vandalia," at which Bradley rose mechanically.

"Sit still, Demetrius," said his wife, "We don't change here." Just then a voice behind the culprit's

chair said: "Isn't this Mr. Bradley?" and he turned to face a remarkably pretty, flushed, smiling girl.

"It's a long time since we met, isn't it?" and she held out her hand. "Eloise!" gasped Bradley. "I-I beg your pardon-Miss Jennings!"

"Mrs. Trappes now," she laughed. Then as the tall man with the tweed cap came up behind her, she added: "Let ma introduce Mr. Trappes-the man on the limb."

"Oh," Bradley stammered. "So leased to meet you, Mr. Jennings-"Oh," Mrs. Eloise.

"Glad to meet Mrs. Elweese," said the sensible Mrs. Bradley, severely ac-tnowledging a pleasant bow from the rounger woman

"All out for the Vandalia?" the conductor shouted.

"You don't get ou' here, Demetrius," Mrs. Bradley repeated. "How-how dog have you been-married?" Bradley asked, slowly set-ling into his choir.

thing into his choir. "Just three weeks," said the young bride. "So glad to have met you," Mrs. Bradley. Your husband is quite an old friend of hithe. You must keep a firm hand on hich, he's dreadfully headstrong. I wish I had time to te'll you. Good bye!".-St. Louis Star.

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LOT NO. 1.—Beginning at a stake, corner in line of Lad of Daniel Whitenight, and in east line of E. 8 K. R.; thence north sventy and one-halt degrees east ninety-one and eight-tenths perches along ind of said Whitenight to a corner, in line of land of James and Warren Coleman; thence along said Coleman land north forty-seven degrees west fifty-linee and six-tenths perches to a white oak; thence along same land and other land of the John Zaner estate, north twenty-three and one-half degrees west one hundred and seventy-nine perches to a stone corner; thence along same Zaner estate seventeen and one-half degrees east forty perches to a stone corner, on east side of B. & S. R. R.; thence along land of Dan-lel McHenry north seventy-two and three-quarters degrees west seven perches to a stake; thence along land of stid McHenry south thirty-four degrees west seventy-one and seven-tentins perches to a corner stake; thence south thirteen degrees west twentytwo and six-tenths perches to a corner stake; thence south one-half degree east tity-nine perches to a or original maple corner, common corner, of land of T. H. Edgar, Ellis Stoker, and said Zaner es-tate; thence along land of Tilty-four degrees east eighty perches to a corner; there eas outh thirty end three-perches to a corner in public road, near the west end of bridge across the main branch of Fishingcreek; thence west fity and three-puarters degrees and three twonty-inte and five LOT NO. 1.-Beginning at a stake, corner in ne of land of Daniel Whitenight, and in eas grees west one hundred and seven perches to the place of beginning, containing 79 RORES and one hundred and six perches, strict meas ure, and also adjoining thereto and part there-of, a tract of land, bounded and described as follows, to wit: On the north and east by land of John Zaner, south and so buthwest by lands of Geo. Pealer, and public road, leading from Fishingcreek to Rohrsburg, containing Fishingcreek; thence west fifty and three quarters degrees east twenty-nine and five tenths perches to spike in public road, and in line of B. & S. R. R. (right of way); thence north the of hards A. A. (right of way); there of the electronic electronic electronic east four perches across said railroad to a stake; thence along the said railroad south six and a quarter degrees east ifty-six and four-tenths perches to the place of beginning, containing

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