

TAKEN AT HIS WORD.

A Pleasant Love Story.

Nellie Palmer was lying on the lounge in her pretty bedroom, crying and looking very unhappy. And yet she had been married only six months; and to such a "nice, handsome man," as all the young ladies declared, that surely she ought to have been happy with him. And so she had been, until—until, to tell the truth, Mr. Bob Palmer, forgetting, or seeming to forget, that he was a married man, had recently taken to flirting with these very young ladies, at all the parties in Middleton, leaving his wife to take care of herself. Surely it was enough to make any six-months' wife cry—especially one so sensitive as Nellie.

dressed Mrs. Palmer. She answered mechanically, unable to withdraw her attention from her husband and his companion, until, seeing something in Miss Baden's glance at herself which she did not like, her pride again awoke, and she turned, as with a sudden determination, to the gentlemen at her side. He was a recent comer to the town—very pleasant and handsome—and Nellie Palmer forthwith began to try and make herself agreeable to him. He looked so pleased, and was himself so agreeable, that it soon cost her no effort to converse; and then her old lively spirits returned; and, to her surprise, she found that she was enjoying herself. Her husband didn't much notice this, but Miss Baden did; and her flirtation with Mr. Palmer lost much of its charm, now that his wife did not appear mortified and jealous, and that people couldn't see that she was so. Wherefore Miss Baden grew indifferent, and Mr. Palmer bethought himself to look after his wife. Not finding her looking over the photograph album, nor talking to deaf old Mr. Brown, neither in any of the "hobnobbing corners" which she was wont of late to frequent, he became rather puzzled.

Lovell. He is constantly in my house; and last evening he scarcely left your side, while you stood, for two hours, the center of a group of chattering, grinning popinjays, like himself.

FOR THE FAIR SEX. Fashion Notes. Alsatian bows, lace edged, are worn. Mother-of-pearl buttons are exceedingly stylish.

HOME DOCTOR. BURNS AND SCALDS. These injuries are not essentially different in their nature, the difference being simply that one is caused by moist heat, and the other by dry. They are often so slight as to be of little moment, but occasionally they are so severe as to require the most prompt and energetic treatment.

PITH AND POINT. RACY reading—News of the turf. THE early fruit fetches the worm. THE hair crop is very short this season.