

A Sailor's Wooing.

CAPTAIN SETH TILLER, returning from his weekly fishing voyage in the good bark Tickler, was surprised to find his domicile shut up and apparently neglected. Still more surprised was he upon being informed by a sympathizing neighbor, who delivered to him the door-key, that his sister Nancy, who had been since his mother's death his sole housekeeper, had formed a sudden attachment for a traveling tinner of a neighboring town, and had on the previous day walked off, or rather ridden off, with the same in his wagon. Nancy had left her love and a good piece of roast-beef ready for her brother, together with a message to the effect that she "hoped he would think better of it and come to see her and Joseph, which nothing would please them more."

It's only nature after all. What'd become o' the world if everybody took to leadin' single lives, I'd like to know. "Well, I guess there's some sense in that, widder," quoth the Captain, scratching his head under his son's wester, "and I'm rather rejiced to hear you express them sentiments, seein' as it'll likely help us to an agreement on a pint I've come to propose."

of her sun-bonnet and a short laugh. "Well, I must say this is a queer way to come a-courtin'!" "Oh," said the suitor, a little crest-fallen. "I don't set up to be much in the courtin' line, like the young sparks hereabouts. You and me ain't neither one of us chickens, you know, Miss Fuller; so we can arrange sensible-like without any nonsense of that kind."

Miss Hester Bittings' small servant, bearing in her arms a very large tea-tray, laden with good things. There was a pitcher of steaming coffee, a plate of hot, buttered cakes, a nice steak, with onions, and other good things all done to the point of perfection. Poor Captain Tiller's heart warmed at the sight even in the midst of his astonishment.

Miss C. Hobson's—and hopes he will excuse Blinks, which she knows and believes his intentions was not to be rude to her, and a mistake on C. H.'s part—I will be pleased to see him. C. H.

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