

THE DEACON'S DAUGHTER.

"It's dreadful curious that ministers' sons and deacons' daughters should always be greater trials than other folks' children. I wouldn't have believed, when Sylvie was a child, that she would have grown up to such a thorn in your side, sister Sarah. But you'll have to bear it as the Lord's will, and trust that she'll be brought some time to see the errors of her way."

very soon, Syl," said the young man, in a bitter, reckless tone. That and his white face frightened Syl so that she trembled and could not speak. Will reached through the window and caught her hands, and almost crushed them in his grasp.

The keys of the store door had been in Will's possession, and that told against him, as the thief seemed to have entered that way; at least, according to Silas Daggett, though Deacon Rankin did remind him that somebody discovered that a window in the back part of the store was unfastened. And then that half of the broken key found in Will's pocket! For herself, she had not the slightest doubt as to how it came there; but could the public ever be brought to believe that Silas Daggett had been guilty of so base an act?

guess at the truth, and Syl trembled with fear until she saw Silas Daggett's face. That proved his guilt so conclusively that doubt was no longer possible. He made no resistance, and when the coat was opened the bonds and bank notes which he had stolen from himself were discovered.

REAL ESTATE At Private Sale. The undersigned will sell at private sale his valuable farm situated in Juniata township, Perry co., Pa., adjoining lands of George Tittel, George Jokes and others, containing 81 ACRES.