

IT WAS A NOVEL.

"He will never marry you!" A pair of startled eyes, blue and beautiful, and a pair of gray eyes, hard and cold, met, and Lea and her step-

Where Dr. Danton could have searched to find a parent, avenger, or petting girl, it was his own stepmother who knew that the pale perfection of the girl's face had won her favor in the eyes of the summer boarder; but more than that she would not admit.

Dr. Danton was a rich city gentleman. He had a fine house on the corner of Broadway and Madison street, and he was a member of the best clubs in the city.

He threw himself upon a rustic seat at last, and, unconsciously his hands clasped, he was walking in the garden and casting glances at the south piazza, where Lea generally sat with her sewing in the pleasant autumn days.

"Good afternoon, Dr. Danton. Am you going to the picnic?" "If Lea goes," was the composed response.

In fact the gentleman had so much the air of a man who knows his own mind that Mrs. Caxton was at a loss to proceed. The former, however, cut the interview short by saying:

"If Lea is at leisure, Mrs. Caxton, I wish you would ask her to come into my sitting room."

"There was no responsive smile and blush. Lea's fine black brows contracted, and the young man was surprised.

"What is the matter with you, Lea?" she said. "It is just as you said, waited poor Lea in her misery."

"Oh, I never want to see him again," she cried. "I would die if I could! But I must go while he stays here. You will be willing, won't you?"

"All right; but of what use are the insects?" "The insects? Why they serve as food for the lizards."

The Young Man who Showed Off

The other day a young man about twenty years of age accompanied by a girl two or three years younger, reached the depot and bought some sandwiches for lunch.

"Well, suppose me and her walk out to see the river. I leave her for a moment. Some chap comes along and begins to chide to her. I rush back and knock him into the middle of next week."

"Yes, they do. You pick out some chap around here and let me see him. I'll take you to the river."

"Oh, I guess not," carelessly replied the other. "Base scoundrel! I am here to rescue this young girl from your clutches!"

"The young man made a dash. He had to or to die. He rushed at the big chap with arms unraised and heroism in his eye, and the next minute he was picked up and tossed over among a lot of green hides as carefully as if he had been glass.

"I know he can't," muttered the passenger, but he does, doesn't he?" "But he can't ride any longer," shouted the brakeman.

"But he can't ride any longer," said the brakeman, showing signs of irritation. "No," replied the passenger, opening his eyes wide, "he has to get out of the ride the old man can give him any."

"That's what book-keeper says at the office," worriedly ground the sleep passenger, "and he sleeps under the desk when he isn't scratching for rats under the safe and in the waste-basket."

A few years ago buffaloes were more plentiful on the great Western plains than they are to-day or ever will be again, they were ruthlessly slaughtered by sportsmen and hunters, who gained the name of "skin-strippers."

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"I made the best of the situation, and managed to get on good terms with the sheriff—a typical Georgian, and, by the way, a pretty good fellow. One day I discovered the incident that it was a great faro bank fraud."

"John, I'll tell what I'll do. You have won everything I can move, except the kids and the old woman, and now I'll play you a game of seven-up for all I have lost against your liberty."

"That puts you out," said the sheriff unlocking the door. "Now get out." "He claimed that the conditions of the game did not bar him from taking a shot at me, and if I was absent for the fence he let off a young cannon in my direction."

"If crickets sing louder than usual, it will rain. If frogs and toads croak more than usual, it will rain."

"If water levels seem more than usual and plunge into the water, there will be rain. If the leaves of the trees move without any perceptible wind, rain may be looked for."

"If a peacock and guinea fowls scream and turkeys gobble, and if quails make more noise than usual, there will be rain. If horses stretch out their necks and sniff the air and assemble in the corner of a field with their heads to the leeward, it will rain."

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