

well, your face betrays you. I wished you could have seen that little affair. Your brother, the infernal dare-devil, had gotten tired of staying under shelter and had gone off to the side to get a better view. He was nipped and fell, and young Langdon broke cover and went out after him. They were just sweeping that place, but the boy went through it, and was carrying your brother back when he received the Spaniard's compliments, and yef he managed to carry his burden to the field hospital. Your brotther would probably have bled to death if it had not been for Langdon reaching him when he did, as we all had our hands full.'

"Then the fever set in and I had my hands full with you. You old boy you used to spend the night calling for me and cursing because they would not permit me to come, and it was then that I learnt that you had loved me since that night at Tampa.

"And now as to your failure here, I am glad that you have failed. Now, don't look suprised. Shortly after our return from Cuba your father evidently suspected our engagement. He called me into the library one evening and talked with me about you. He told how he wanted to gve you a technical education in order that you might be well equipped to take his place at the head of the Langdon Manufacturing Company, and he wanted me to use my influence with you. I attempted to prove to him that you would never make a success as an engineer, that you would not even complete the course, but it was a waste of time. He seemed to think that if you would only get started in that line of work you would like it. Finally he said:

"Tell you what I'll do, Miss La Fere, if you'll use your influence with Bob and get him to go to a technical school, I'll bet my house and lot on Clinton Avenue aganst a box of Huyler's that Bob will complete his course.'

"'But if Bob fails, what will you do for him?' I asked.

"'Humph! I'll disinherit the rascal; but I'll put this into an agreement, if you win the house I'll expect you to take him.'

"Yesterday I received the deed for the house and a note reminding me of my promise. Your father was at the station when we left, and before he thought of what he was saying, said: .