

TAKE MY HAND.

She slept within her little crib,
Beside her mother's bed.

AUNT MARTHA'S CLOCK.

"You know, my dear Herbert," said
my aunt Martha, "that in the prece-
dents of my youth, with my life

ment—"It chimes only twice in the day
at twelve o'clock and at six. I could

"The clock has a history, Herbert,"
she said. "It belonged to our ancestor

"Yes," responded my dear old aunt,
"I have been thinking of that. Girls

"Thank goodness," I said to myself,
an hour or two later, as I drew on my

Susan Miles, my aunt's maid, met
me at the door of her room.

"I bowed my head, whilst a queer
choking sensation in my throat pre-

"Well, no, I haven't," said the Mortimer
have been for some time at the

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rible clamor from the interior of the
black case.

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which made my pulses throb in an ut-
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Some Cranky Matters.
"Here are tricks in every calling it
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Marriage Daughters Off.
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NEWS IN BRIEF.
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"That, my dear boy," she explained,
"it is your grandfather's clock."

"A clock!" I exclaimed. "Is that all?
I thought it was an intricate piece of

"The chime is out of order," said
my aunt. "The clockmaker says it is

"I don't wonder—the brute!" I mut-
tered resentfully.

"I have felt the change," continued
my aunt. "At my age one feels every-

"Yes, you have nothing to reproach
yourself with on that score," I acquies-

"I have had a case made for it," said
my aunt plaintively, as she slipped

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