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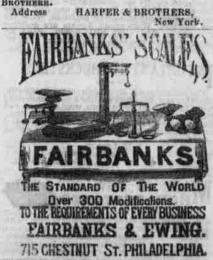
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The dashing woman and other passen-

gers who had overhead the conversation

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round and wants to get resurrected,

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"It is time you were in bed, my son."-

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When a young farmer's wife made her first boy's pants precisely the same before as behind, the farmer exclaimed: 'Goodness! he won't know whether he is going to school or coming home!"