

that I do not require your services any longer."

"All right, Amy," said Jack. "It don't matter. Ethel is going to marry me, so, of course, any way she could not have remained on."

"Jack, are you mad?"

"Not quite—only nor-nor-west, as somebody said. Come, you might kiss your sister-in-law!"

"Miss Patterson!" gasped Mrs. Spark.

The girl slipped her arm through that of Jack. There were tears in her eyes. "No, not Miss Patterson," she said. "Coming down here last Thursday I met an old schoolfellow of mine who had fallen on evil times. Jack travelled with both of us. When I saw that he took me for the—the governess I thought it would be a good joke to carry it on. But I never thought that you would propose, Jack. So—so I sent my friend on to Lady Belton's and came on here myself just to see what it would be like."

"And—and you—you—" began Mrs. Spark tremulously.

"I am Ethel Vavassour."

"The wealthiest woman in the States."

"I suppose I am," was the calm reply.

Jack Spark had had his hand round the speaker's waist, but now he slowly withdrew it.

"I—I'm sorry I've made a fool of myself," he said quietly.

The ex-Miss Patterson turned to him.

"You are just the sort of fool I like," she said. "And now, Jack, let's go out in the garden. Mrs. Spark looks as though she wants time to get over it."

### Farms of Saskatchewan

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